



Mavis Irene Klassen

November 16, 1932 - March 30, 2020

Mavis Klassen, age 87 of Elkhorn, NE died on Monday, March 30, 2020 at Elk Ridge Assisted Living in Elkhorn. She was preceded in death by: her parents; husband, Jerome Klassen; brothers, Lyle, Max (her twin) and Ernie Bahr; sisters, Wanda Teet, Betty Carter and Mrytle Lugsch; grandson, Ben Jarose; great-grandson, Zachary Ruhr and son-in-law, Wayne Langemeier. Mavis is survived by: her children, daughters, Diana Langemeier of Wayne, NE, Julie Jarose and Chris (Bill) Larsen both of Elkhorn; sons, Jerry (Marcia) Klassen of Arvada, CO, Mike (Jackie) Klassen of South Sioux City, NE, Rob Klassen of Sioux City, IA and Marty Klassen of South Sioux City, NE; Twenty-three grandchildren and Twenty-six great grandchildren; brothers, Rex Bahr of Portland, OR and Wayne Bahr of Vancouver, WA; sisters, Ruby Munkel of Midvale, UT and Phyllis Buzzelle of San Antonio, TX.

Mavis was born on November 16, 1932 in Pine Camp, Nebraska to Ora C. and Sylvia V (Baker) Bahr. Mavis was one of 11 children. Mavis and her twin brother, Max, were the middle-children. Mavis grew up in West-central Nebraska and graduated from High School in Albion Nebraska in 1951. She rented a room from a lady in Albion while in high school, only seeing her family a weekend or two each month. In Albion, Mavis worked at a local restaurant as a server. It was there that she met Jerome V. Klassen. As they say, the rest is history. The two married in January, 1952. Jerome & Mavis had 7 children, Diana, Julie, Jerry, Mike, Chris, Rob & Marty. Those children

generously gifted Mavis & Jerome with 26 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren Mavis enjoyed being a mom, wife and Grandmother. She was very involved with her children. Mavis never missed an opportunity to play baseball, kickball, monopoly etc. She also loved music and dancing, especially to Family tradition.

Mavis' life was centered around her husband, her children, grandchildren and serving others. Mavis & Jerry were married for 60 years and truly enjoyed being together. She enjoyed anything that involved family, music and dancing. Klassen Christmas was an annual celebration of family held every summer for 30+ years. She enjoyed gardening and had a prolific green thumb. Mavis' work life included several years of caring for children and the elderly. She worked at Regency Care Center in South Sioux City for many years and at Cardinal Elementary. She volunteered for Hospice, her church, and was a member of the Catholic Daughters. Mavis also was a cub scout leader and a girl scout leader.

Mavis would say her greatest accomplishment was being married to Jerome for 60+ years to see her children grow up and be successful, caring adults raising children of their own. The saddest day of her life was when her one true love passed in December of 2012. Her life changed forever on that day. Her advice to others would include "Love One Another, Set Your Dreams High, Explore the World, Don't Forget to Stop & Smell the Roses."

Visitation will be held on Thursday, April 2, 2020 from 6 pm until 8 pm at the Reichmuth Funeral Home in Elkhorn, keeping in mind however, due to the Covid19 requirements, friends are reminded that only 10 visitors per room will be allowed, therefore some of the family may not be at the funeral home at the same time. Memorials can be made in Mavis's name and left or mailed to the funeral home for designation at a later date by the family.

Graveside services will be held at 11 am, Saturday, April 4, 2020 at St.

Michael's Catholic Cemetery in South Sioux City, NE with Fr. Anthony Weidner officiating. The Reichmuth Funeral Home of Elkhorn is caring for the Klassen family at this time.

Cemetery Details

St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery

South Sioux City, NE

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 2. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn
21901 W. Maple Rd.
P.O. Box 711
Elkhorn, NE 68022
402-289-2222
services@reichmuthfuneralhomes.com
<https://www.reichmuthfuneralhomes.com/>

Graveside

APR 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery
South Sioux City, NE

Tribute Wall



“ *Mavis Irene Klassen*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *Rex and Mai Bahr Portland Oregon purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Mavis Irene Klassen.*



Rex and Mai Bahr Portland Oregon - April 01, 2020 at 10:46 PM



“ *I loved when Uncle Jerome and Aunt Mavis came to visit us in Minnesota. Here is a picture of them at my wedding 6/12/1993. So sorry for your loss. Mavis will be remembered. Tammy*



Tammy Bengtson - April 01, 2020 at 10:38 PM



Thank you for sharing tammy. Grandpa loved that shirt and bolo tie. :)

Jenn Coast - April 04, 2020 at 08:02 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mavis Irene Klassen.



April 01, 2020 at 10:26 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Mavis Irene Klassen.



April 01, 2020 at 09:47 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Mavis Irene Klassen.



April 01, 2020 at 09:03 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of Mavis Irene Klassen.



April 01, 2020 at 12:44 PM

JC

“ So many wonderful memories to choose from. Grandma was my go to for recipes and was always willing to share relationship advice. :) She was a huge help after my son’s surgeries. Snuggling my boys, playing cards and teaching the dogs to get on the couch. Love you Grandma.

Jennifer Klassen Coast - April 01, 2020 at 12:28 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mavis Irene Klassen.



April 01, 2020 at 12:22 PM

CW

“ Cindy Wiest lit a candle in memory of Mavis Irene Klassen



Cindy Wiest - April 01, 2020 at 11:09 AM

CW

This is such a hard time for all of you. You were there for us when Max (Dad) died. I am so sorry that I can not be there for you. Remember Philippians 4:6-7 "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Cindy Wiest - April 01, 2020 at 11:13 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Mavis Irene Klassen.*



April 01, 2020 at 10:10 AM



“ *Joan Reilly purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mavis Irene Klassen.*



Joan Reilly - April 01, 2020 at 09:59 AM



“ *Mavis left an incredible legacy of so many wonderful children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Our deepest sympathy to all. May the Lord bless you and comfort you in your grief. God bless, Ed & Kathy Boyd*

Ed an Kathy Boyd - April 01, 2020 at 09:37 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mavis Irene Klassen.*



April 01, 2020 at 09:34 AM

JK

“ You and your family are in my prayers ❤️ Joan Krause

Joan Krause - April 01, 2020 at 09:17 AM

SB

“ Scott Bolin purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Mavis Irene Klassen.



Scott Bolin - March 31, 2020 at 05:28 PM

SB

“ My sincere sympathy to the Klassen family and friends. May Mavis rest in peace and her family find love and comfort at this time. God Bless you all.

Scott Bolin

Scott Bolin - March 31, 2020 at 05:15 PM