



Nadine Fern Dunker

June 25, 1929 - June 5, 2020

Nadine Fern (Asche) Dunker, of Bennington, NE passed away peacefully in Omaha, NE on June 5, 2020 at the age of 90 years, 11 months and 5 days.

She was born on June 25, 1929 near Leigh, NE to Emil and Ida (Schutte) Asche. She grew up on a farm near Leigh with her four brothers and graduated from Leigh High School in 1947. Nadine went on to attend Bishop Clarkson Memorial School of Nursing. She was crowned Miss Clarkson and graduated in 1954 with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. After graduation, she began her career as a Registered Nurse at Memorial Hospital in Schuyler, NE. There she worked with (and adored) her future mother-in-law, Caroline Dunker, before she had even met her future husband.

She was married to Laurance "Larry" Dunker on September 29, 1956 at Christ Lutheran Church near Columbus, NE. They were blessed with five children during their marriage. After briefly living in Nebraska City, Lincoln, and Omaha, the family settled near Bennington, NE in 1963.

Nadine was a stay-at-home mom when the children were younger, and was always involved with their activities, including music lessons, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, 4-H, hunting and sports (basketball, football, track, volleyball, trapshooting, etc.). Somehow she managed to prepare breakfast and pack lunches each morning, and have a hot meal on the table each evening.

After the kids were grown, she returned to nursing, most recently at the Thomas Fitzgerald Veterans' Home in Omaha, NE.

Nadine truly enjoyed being a wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. She was an avid reader and shared that passion with her children and grandchildren. She was also a master children's story teller and would get lost in a book's characters (Dr. Seuss books were one of her specialties), to the delight of her audience.

She had a special gift as a compassionate caretaker and was beloved by her patients for her bedside manner. She often received sincere commendations and gratitude for the kindness and professionalism she demonstrated throughout her nursing career.

She also was a faithful member of Zion Lutheran Church in Omaha, NE, enjoyed volunteering and delivering Meals on Wheels, gardening, canning, polka music, and dancing. She had a great sense of humor and loved to tell some corny jokes. They were especially effective when she could remember the punch line. She was always ready to enjoy a cold beer with family and friends.

Nadine was married to Larry for 56 years, until he passed away in December 2012.

Nadine was hospitalized in September 2019 with a fractured hip. Other complications followed and contributed to increasing weakness and declining general health. Since March, she lived in her daughter's home where she was fortunate to have the care of family and the company of loved ones.

Nadine is survived by:

Son – Todd (Barb) Dunker
Granddaughter – Jordan (Brian) Doney
Great Grandsons – Wyatt and Colton
Granddaughter – Justine (Mark) Grimm
Great Granddaughter – Anna
Granddaughter – Taylor Dunker (Luke Johnson)
Great Granddaughter – Adeline
Granddaughter – Sarah Dunker
Son – Lance (Michele) Dunker
Grandson – Cannon Dunker
Granddaughter – Eva Dunker
Son – Clark Dunker (Lorie Jenkins)
Grandson – Keaton Dunker
Daughter – Laurel (Mitch) Keebler
Granddaughter – Morgan Keebler
Son – Curt (Anna) Dunker
Grandson – Grant Dunker
Brother - Eldon Asche

Nadine was preceded in death by:

Husband – Laurance Dunker
Brothers - Norris Asche, Merlin Asche and Lowell Asche

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Clarkson College of Nursing or Visiting Nurse Association.

Private graveside services will be held on Wednesday, June 10 at Flower Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Clarkson School of Nursing or Visiting Nurse Association. Condolences to www.reichmuthfuner

alhomes.com

Hadan-Golden-Reichmuth Mortuary

Bennington, NE 402-289-2291

Cemetery Details

Flower Hill Cemetery-Omaha

144th Street, N. of Fort St.
Omaha, NE 68164

Tribute Wall



“ *Nadine Fern Dunker*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *7 files added to the album Clarkson College - Alumni Archives*



Chris Shives - June 12, 2020 at 12:45 PM



“ *Nadine and her family were wonderful neighbors. She always had a smile and a very caring heart. Prayers and comfort to the family.
Donda (Harding) Bissen*

Donda Bissen - June 11, 2020 at 06:08 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.*

Jeff and Joann Pruess

joann - June 10, 2020 at 12:57 PM

DK

“ *Our sympathy! So glad we got to meet her years ago.
A lovely lady indeed!!
Denny & JuLee Kallenbach*

Denny & Julee Kallenbach - June 10, 2020 at 12:47 PM

RB

“ *Ronald Beauchamp purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Nadine Fern Dunker.*



Ronald Beauchamp - June 09, 2020 at 04:56 PM

RB

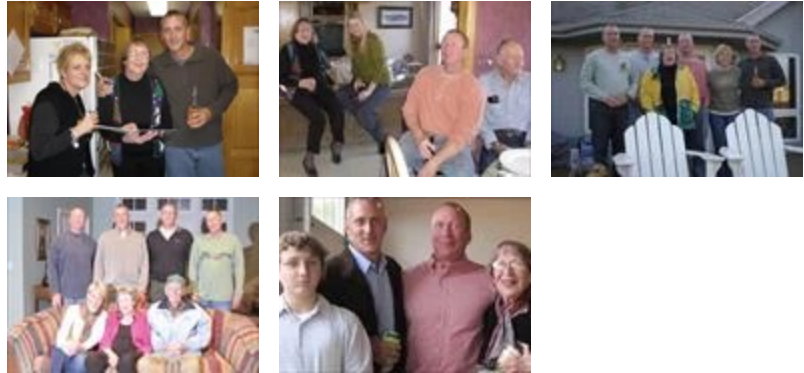
“ *Ronald Beauchamp purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Nadine Fern Dunker.*



Ronald Beauchamp - June 09, 2020 at 04:45 PM

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Anna Dunker - June 09, 2020 at 03:36 PM

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“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Nadine Fern Dunker.



June 09, 2020 at 12:07 PM

TD

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Taylor Dunker - June 08, 2020 at 04:39 PM

AD

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Anna Dunker - June 08, 2020 at 02:15 PM

VM

“ Dear Dunkers, Sorry to hear about your mom. Glad for her life, and your dad's, having all of you so that Curt could grow up a fun and loved Dunker to marry our Annie and have Grant Laurence. Your mom's legacy lives on. Love, Ginny and Sam

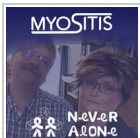
Virginia Manning - June 08, 2020 at 12:49 PM

MM

“ Mida and Billy Milligan purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Nadine Fern Dunker.



Mida and Billy Milligan - June 08, 2020 at 10:29 AM



“ She was a sweet lady. She will be missed. I look forward to seeing her again in heaven. She cherished her faith in Jesus.

Laura Lehfeldt Deardoff - June 07, 2020 at 12:56 PM

KD

“ *Nadine was a great person. Her demeanor was no nonsense, but she had a large heart. Her son and I caused her some troubles when we were in HS, as most teenagers do. She joked about blowing up the Papio Creek bridge to slow the traffic down by her house. I respected her very much*

Ken Dornacker

Ken Dornacker - June 07, 2020 at 10:01 AM

PS

“ *I will never ever forget the kindness your mother has shown my family. Your mother was amazing! I remember when she helped care for my grandfather that was battling cancer at his home. She would give him inspiration and hope. Also growing up with her as my neighbor, she shared the joy of living and great friendship to our family. She had been my mother's friend for 50 years. I will always have fond memories of her and your father together. When seeing them together you could feel the love they felt for each other. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

*Love,
Pam(Board)Schmeits*



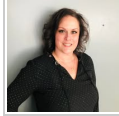
Pam Schmeits - June 07, 2020 at 09:28 AM

LK

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Laurel Keebler - June 07, 2020 at 06:37 AM



Laurel - I am so sorry for your loss. Sending thoughts and prayers to you and your family.

Kim Medina - June 08, 2020 at 01:28 PM



To Nadine's family: We are saddened by the loss of your dear Mom. My Dad, Milton Dirks, and her were cousins. I remember how she lit up a room, her beautiful eyes and smile. May God give you comfort and peace! Love, Kathy (Dirks) Siefken and Fred

Kathy Siefken - June 10, 2020 at 09:49 AM



*To the family of Ms. Nadine Dunker;
On behalf of the Clarkson College Administration, please accept our
sincere condolences for your loss. Also, thank you for your kind
continued remembrance of Clarkson College.
Sincerely,
Aubray Orduna
President*

Aubray Orduna, President Clarkson College - June 11, 2020 at 05:54 PM



*To the family of Nadine Dunker,
On behalf of the Alumni Association of Clarkson College, we are truly
saddened to lose one of our own. Please know that you are in our
thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.
Sincerely,
Trish Weber, President, Alumni Association of Clarkson College*

Trish Weber - June 12, 2020 at 01:08 PM