



## Nola Jean Rhoades

November 16, 1930 - March 5, 2009

Nola Jean (Saunders) Rhoades was born on November 16, 1930 in Elkhorn, Nebraska to Loren and Winifred (Osborn) Saunders. She grew up south of Waterloo and in South Omaha. She attended grade school at 3J country school and Omaha grade school and graduated from Omaha South High School in 1948. As a young girl, Nola enjoyed horse back riding, tormenting Velva, camping with her family and fishing. Nola was involved in youth activities at the South Side Baptist church in Omaha.

Nola married Don Rhoades on March 15th 1950 at the South Side Baptist church in Omaha, Nebraska as part of a double wedding with Velva and Merlin. Nola moved to Waterloo, Nebraska where she has continued to live all these years, raising her three sons and being active in the community. Nola had worked at the IGA, Post Office and El Bee's restaurant all in Waterloo. She loved gardening and tending to her flowers. Nola also enjoyed quilting, sewing, making her homemade chicken noodle soup for fundraisers and canning. She loved her family. Following the boys sporting activities she was at peace in her garden. Nola was a member of the Waterloo Fire Auxiliary and United Methodist Church. She was active in Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and PTO.

Nola passed away on Thursday, March 5, 2009 at the Arbor Manor in Fremont, Nebraska at the age of 78 years, 3 months and 17 days. She was

preceded in death by her parents Loren and Winifred and sisters Velva Gerch and Linda Magnuson. Nola is survived by sons and daughters-in-law Mick and Kathy of Fremont, NE, Charlie and Loretta of Byhalia, MS and James of Fremont, NE; 11 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren; brother and sister-in-law Lee and Eunie Saunders of Waterloo, NE; brother-in-law Gary Magnuson of Lowry, Minnesota;

# Tribute Wall



“ *Nola Jean Rhoades*

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December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *Don and I extend to you our very deepest sympathy on the loss of Nola.*

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**Don and Diane Bell** - February 15, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am writing to extend my deepest sympathies to you and your family. I am so sad to hear about Nola, she was such a wonderful woman.*

*Sincerely,  
The Kirchmeyer family*

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**Tom Kirchmeyer (son of Audrey Osborn)** - March 10, 2009 at 01:21 PM

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“ To the family of Nola Rhoades:

*It is always sad to loss a very dear member of the family and of the community. It causes so much sorrow. It is my hope as a volunteer to bring to the family a comforting thought. In the Bible book of John 11:11,14, Jesus likens death to sleep. Thinking of our loved ones as in a deep sleep can bring us peace of mind and heart. We know they are not suffering. Further words of Jesus point to a happy future for our loved ones. He says at John 5:28,29: "Do not marvel at this, because all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out." Yes, the Creator longs to bring back to life those who have fallen asleep in death. What a wonderful promise and sure future for our dead loved ones. Now, though, we wish to express our deepest sympathy to all the family.*

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**Jackie** - March 07, 2009 at 09:40 AM