



## Arlene V. Kassik

July 24, 1925 - January 10, 2022

Arlene Venice Kassik was born to Joseph R. Vnoucek and Ella (Eret) Vnoucek on July 24, 1925 at Friend, NE, and passed away January 10, 2022, at Heritage Crossings in Geneva, NE at the age of 96 years, 5 months and 17 days. She was one of 6 children in the family.

Arlene grew up on a farm northeast of Milligan. She attended Country School District #100 and stayed at her Grandmother Eret's home in Crete to attend High School where she graduated with the Class of 1942. After graduation, she worked at the Bruning and Fairmont Airbases during World War II from 1942 to 1946. After her children were in school, she worked at Milligan Public School as a cook, at the Formfit Plant at Crete, and then worked at the Youth Development Center in Geneva, NE from 1981 to 1991.

On May 21, 1946, Arlene was married to Leonard Kassik of Milligan, NE on her family's farm and to them 3 children were born: Michael Leonard, Dean Albert, and Patricia Marie. Her family farm was a place where she held an abundance of memories like the one Christmas Leonard rode on horseback due to large amounts of snow to deliver her Christmas gift which was a brown fur coat. She first met Leonard when Arlene's brother Loren, along with Leonard, came to get her and Dot for the weekend at Crete while they were staying at her Grandmother Eret's.

Arlene was a member of the Milligan United Methodist Church and UMW spanning over 50 plus years. Since 1945 she was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary Post #240 where she held offices at the local and county level. Arlene was also a member of the WFLA and Senior Citizens Club in Milligan. Her talents of Czech cooking, sewing, crocheting, knitting and embroidery were weaved throughout her whole life. Family and friends, time and time again, enjoyed her kolaches and dumplings. Her children donned her talents of homemade costumes and clothes. Her handwork of blankets and towels is a gift that will never be forgotten. As a witness of all of these things, Arlene's passion in life was her husband, her family, dancing and music, which lead her to support Leonard with The Milligan Czech Brass Band.

Arlene was preceded in death by her parents Joseph and Ella Vnoucek; husband Leonard Kassik; grandson Dean M. Kassik; brothers and sisters in law Loren Vnoucek and Arnold Vnoucek and Evelyn, Anna Vnoucek, Ray Soukup, Leslie Skrivanek, Marian and Emil Beranek, Albert and Neva Kassik, Fred and Mary Kassik, and niece Nancy Soukup; nephews Loren Skrivanek, Leonard (Magee) and Dennis Beranek, and Sam and Tom Kassik.

She is survived by sons Michael and wife Debbie Kassik, and Dean and wife Laura Kassik of Milligan; daughter Patricia and husband Timothy Remmers of Bruning; sisters Dorothy Skrivanek of Geneva and Betty Soukup of Lincoln; brother Joe A. Vnoucek of Farimont; 8 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

A Funeral Service for Arlene was held on Friday, January 14, 2022 at 2:30 p.m. at the Milligan Auditorium. Pastor Murry Johnston officiated the Funeral Service. The recorded selections "The Old Rugged Cross," "Happy Memories," and "In The Mood" were played during the Funeral Service.

Pallbearers for the service included Evan Remmers, Alan Skrivanek, Robert

Vnoucek, John Kassik, Richard Kassik, Jeff Andrews and Justin Jorgens. Honorary pallbearers included Jaymie Sebek, Jennifer Rutherford, Julie Koethe, Abbey Ballentine, Ashley Havel, Miranda Tipton, and Justina Yound.

A Graveside Service was held in the Bohemian National Cemetery following the Funeral Service.

Farmer & Son Funeral Home was in care of the arrangements and online condolences can be left at [www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com)

Memorials are suggested to the United Methodist Church, Milligan American Legion Auxiliary, or the Milligan Auditorium Window Project.

# Cemetery Details

## Bohemian National Cemetery

Milligan, NE 68406

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 13. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Farmer & Son Funeral Home-Kotas Chapel  
Main Street  
Milligan, NE 68406  
(402) 759-3617  
<https://farmerandsonfuneralhome.com>

## Family Present for Visitation

JAN 13. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Farmer & Son Funeral Home-Kotas Chapel  
Main Street  
Milligan, NE 68406  
(402) 759-3617  
<https://farmerandsonfuneralhome.com>

# Tribute Wall

KS

“ Our deepest sympathy & prayers to Arlene's family. She was always had a smile on her face & was always a pleasure to visit with. She will be deeply missed.

*Frank & Karla Slezak*



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**Karla Slezak** - January 15, 2022 at 10:39 PM



“ 70 files added to the album Flower Pictures



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**Farmer & Son Funeral Home** - January 14, 2022 at 05:32 PM

BM

“ Hugs and Prayers to the Kassik family. So sorry for your loss. Beverly Mohlman



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**Beverly Mohlman** - January 14, 2022 at 10:23 AM

LE

“ *Dean, Laura and family,  
We were sad to hear of your loss. May the many good memories  
that you have be with you now and forever.  
Our sincere sympathy.  
May God Bless!  
Larry and Barbara Eichelberger*

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**Larry L. Eichelberger** - January 14, 2022 at 08:50 AM

PJ

“ *She and Leonard were a great introduction to life in Milligan as my  
neighbors when I moved to Nebraska many years ago. R.I.P.*

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**PJ** - January 13, 2022 at 10:15 PM

BM

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family!!*



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**Brenda Motis** - January 12, 2022 at 07:45 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for  
the family of Arlene V. Kassik.*



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January 12, 2022 at 04:56 PM

KC

“ *Kelsey & Jill Chaney purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Arlene V. Kassik.*



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**Kelsey & Jill Chaney** - January 12, 2022 at 03:01 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Arlene V. Kassik.*



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January 12, 2022 at 01:19 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Arlene V. Kassik.*



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January 12, 2022 at 09:19 AM

MH

“ *Pat, Tim & family - so very sorry for your loss. Thought & prayers to you all.*



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**Mike & Lynne Houser** - January 12, 2022 at 08:49 AM

MB

“ *Merle Buzek and Marlon and Judy Buzek purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Arlene V. Kassik.*



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**Merle Buzek and Marlon and Judy Buzek** - January 11, 2022  
at 04:07 PM