



Beatrice Vavra

May 11, 1924 - May 10, 2020

A Memorial Service for Bee will be held on Saturday, June 27, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. at Farmer & Son Funeral Home-Kotas Chapel in Milligan. Pastor Brian Tuma will officiate the service.

A book signing will be held on Friday, June 26, 2020 at Farmer & Son Funeral Home-Kotas Chapel from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with family present from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Memorials in lieu of flower are directed to Fairview Manor in Fairmont, Nebraska.

Beatrice Bernice Vavra was born in Milligan, Nebraska on May 11, 1924 to Henry and Albina (Korbelik) Rischling and passed away in Fairmont, Nebraska on May 10, 2020 at the age of 95 years, 11 months, and 30 days.

Bea, as she preferred to be called, attended Milligan Public School and graduated with the class of 1941. After graduating, Bea moved to Lincoln, Nebraska where she found employment as an elevator operator in both the Sharp and Stuart buildings. In 1942, she married Sgt. John R. Dodson of Caney, Kansas who was stationed at the Air Force Base in Lincoln. Bea followed John to various Air Force Bases where he was stationed, and she enjoyed meeting new friends and learned their habits and customs. When John was discharged from the Air Force, they moved to Kansas City, Missouri where they made their home for several years. In 1954, they moved to Milligan, Nebraska. Their marriage ended in divorce.

Bea stayed in Milligan, and in 1956 she married Donald F. Vavra of Milligan, Nebraska and the family moved to the farm north of Milligan. While living on the farm, she also found employment at the Heritage Nursing Home in Geneva, working there for 10 years. In 1979, Donald passed away and Bea went to work as a dispatcher in the Fillmore County Sheriff's office in Geneva as a dispatcher. She held this position for 12 years and retired in 1992. She later took a job as a librarian in the Milligan Library, working in this capacity for

10 years. She always enjoyed working with people, visiting, and playing bingo with friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband Donald F. Vavra; 2 infant sons; her parents; sisters Viola Marker, Sylvia Hamouz, and Ruby Belemsich.

She is survived by her children Don L. Vavra and wife Marie of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, Vicki Spilker and husband Robert of Fairbury, Nebraska, Mike Dodson and wife Kim of Odessa, Missouri, and Steve Vavra and wife Patty of Beaver Crossing, Nebraska; grandchildren Ranae Vendel and husband John and their children Case and Olivia of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, Jaime Bowlin and her child Aubrey Bowlin of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Chad Spilker and wife Alicia and their children Bailey and Brayden Spilker of Cortland, Nebraska; Stephanie and Preston Barton and their children Connor and Quinn of Highlands Ranch, Colorado, Cody Vavra and wife Sara of Aurora, Colorado, and Cacey Vavra of Omaha, Nebraska; and many relatives and friends.

Previous Events

Book Signing

JUN **26.** 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Farmer & Son Funeral Home-Kotas Chapel
Main Street
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<https://farmerandsonfuneralhome.com>

Family Present for Visitation

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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

SH

“ So sorry to hear of the loss of Bea. What a lady she was, and as everyone has commented, she had such a contagious laugh!

I have such good memories of her in the old neighborhood. I also have great memories of going to District 6 country school with her kids so many years ago. I was the youngest, and I remember the older kids always watched out for me. I've never forgotten that.

Our deepest sympathies to the entire family. Take care and God Bless,

Shelli (Kuska) and Jeff Krupicka

Shelli - July 02, 2020 at 04:09 PM



“ 6 files added to the album Flower Pictures



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - June 27, 2020 at 11:40 AM

MB

“ I groomed Bea's little poodle for years. I always enjoyed visiting with her when she would come out to the farm. My sympathies to the family.

Mary Brinkman

Mary Brinkman - June 16, 2020 at 09:20 AM

KF

“ Bea was a fun loving lady and good neighbor along with her dog Buffey. We lived across the street from her when our kids were little. A lot of years have passed but we will always remember her laugh. Our deepest sympathies to your family.

Dean and Karen Filipi

Karen Filipi - May 24, 2020 at 10:30 PM

GH

“ We remember Bea as a good friend to Irma. They had alot of fun times and good laughs. They don't come any better. Although we haven't seen her in years we will always remember her contagious laugh. Please accept our deepest sympathy. Gaylen and Barb Havel

Gaylen and Barb Havel - May 13, 2020 at 05:20 PM

JU

“ Janine Uldrich lit a candle in memory of Beatrice Vavra



Janine Uldrich - May 10, 2020 at 06:43 PM