



## Bonnie J. Heath

May 16, 1944 - May 29, 2019

A Memorial Graveside Service for Bonnie will be held on Thursday, June 6, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. at the Geneva Public Cemetery with Pastor Doug Griger presiding.

No visitation - cremation.

In Lieu of Flowers - Memorials are to be directed to the family for a later designation.

Bonnie Jean Heath was born to Hubert Herman Koehn and Helen (Girmus) Koehn on May 16, 1944, in York, NE, and passed away on May 29, 2019, at Windcrest Assisted Living in Lincoln, NE, at the age of 75. She was the second oldest of 6 children.

Bonnie was raised on a farm near Grafton, NE. She attended school at Sutton High School and Fairmont High School. She was married to Ronald Gene Heath of Geneva, NE, on November 25, 1961, in Geneva. To this union three sons were born: Clayton James, Brian Lee, and Bradley Allen.

From 1961 to 1982, Ron and Bonnie lived in Geneva, NE. While being a stay at home mother, Bonnie worked on her GED and was a typesetter for the Nebraska Signal. In 1982, Ron was transferred to Hershey, PA. While in

Pennsylvania, Bonnie worked a variety of jobs before working as a typesetter for the Patriot in Harrisburg, PA. In 1989, Ron and Bonnie moved to Horseheads, NY. After moving to Horseheads, Bonnie suffered her first stroke and began the long road to recovery to regain her independence by learning to walk, talk, read and write again. In 1992, Ron passed away and Bonnie returned to Geneva, NE, where she built her own home. She lived in Geneva until 2007, when she then moved to Lincoln, NE, to be closer to family.

Bonnie enjoyed a variety of social activities throughout the years including being a member of the United Methodist Church in Geneva, NE, joining in 1961. She was also a member of the Women of the Moose in Horseheads, NY, was a past member of the Suburbanite Extension Club, and did volunteer work at the Senior Center while living in Geneva. Bonnie also spent many enjoyable hours following her sons and grandchildren's activities and was an avid Husker and Royals fan. Bonnie enjoyed crafts of all kinds including creating beautiful quilts, sewing clothes for her grandchildren, as well as knitting, crocheting, card making, and stamping. Bonnie also enjoyed expanding her collection of tea pots and American Girl dolls. Above all, she enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren who she loved very much. She also enjoyed traveling with her sisters when she was younger and visiting her sons and their families in Tennessee in later years.

Bonnie was preceded in death by her parents, Hubert and Helen Koehn; her brothers, James and Leon Koehn; her husband, Ron Heath; brother-in-law, Butch Schall; sister-in-law, Roine (Heath) Anderson; brother-in-law, Rodger Anderson; nephews, Ronald and Rodney Anderson; and grandson, Seth Crawford.

Bonnie is survived by sons Clayton Heath and wife Wendy of Lincoln, NE, and their daughters Charli, Jami and Jami's fiancé Peter Nguyen; Brian Heath and Laresha Bland of Nashville, TN, his son Brady and their daughter Celia;

Bradley Heath of Dickson, TN, and his children Josh Crawford, Alicia Heath (James Sutton) and their son Brayden; sisters, Judy Gibson of Lincoln NE, Karen Schall of Pierce, NE, and Sharon and Dennis Bossen of Damascus, OR; sister-in-law, Ardis Koehn of Lincoln, NE; and her many nieces and nephews.

# Cemetery Details

## **Geneva Public Cemetery**

Geneva, NE 68361

# Tribute Wall

AO

“ I am her niece , and my name is Annette Odvody. I want the family of Bonnie Heath to know I'm so sorry for your loss. I didnt know she had passed away. I just didnt know who to get ahold of to see how she was doing? I remember when I would go visit her and she would teach me to sew and that was not my strongest thing. But I sewed with and her only. It's so sad. Here is my phone number 402-759-6815. And here is my address; 1719 Road 8 Grafton ,Ne 68365. Love you all , You always have been in my prayers and always will.

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**Annette Odvody** - July 19, 2019 at 06:32 AM



“ I remember Bonnie very well at our NE Senior Center. She was so talented with her left hand, even though she had a stroke with her right side. She could sew doll clothes and cook just to name a few. She will be missed.

*Cheryl Frederick*  
*Aging Partners Northeast*

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**Cheryl Frederick** - June 08, 2019 at 05:36 PM



“ 6 files added to the album Flower Arrangements



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - June 06, 2019 at 01:53 PM



“ Jerry & Karen Snodgrass lit a candle in memory of Bonnie J. Heath



Jerry & Karen Snodgrass - June 05, 2019 at 02:23 PM



“ Coach Heath, sorry for your loss.

Shawn Helmstadter - June 05, 2019 at 12:29 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bonnie J. Heath.



June 05, 2019 at 09:25 AM

TB

“ Remembering the cold winter mornings in the 1970s at the Heath house. Ooter's job was to watch TV and have intermittent wrestling matches with his friends. Punk had two jobs. The first job was to yell at B until he started the Maverick and defrosted the windows. Then Punk could drive to the grocery store to pick up supplies including Marlboro reds and Parliaments for Ron and BonBon. Ron and BonBon would read/inspect the Nebraska Signal, start dinner, enjoy their smokes and manage Ooter, B and Punk - mostly Ooter and B. The Heaths and Hubey and Helen Koehn were all very generous and tolerant people who let kids have fun. They were all a great part of the Geneva experience. I am glad to have known them all.  
Tony Buhr

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**Tony Buhe** - June 03, 2019 at 10:47 PM

BH

“ I remember vacationing (camping) with Ron & Bonnie and I used to babysit for their boys. What a wonderful family. Clayton, Brian & Brad and your families, of course, I am very sorry for your loss.  
Love, BJ

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**BJ (Pekar) Hromas** - June 02, 2019 at 12:24 AM

TR

“ I will never forget the memories of hanging out with Brian. The many times that we would sneak out and wander the streets of Geneva. Bonnie always knew. Especially when the upstairs floors always creaked and there was only one bathroom in the house. She would never say anything and the next morning she had that look of what were you guys up to last night and where did you go? The entire Heath family was great to be around and I am glad they took a kid like me in. Tony Reinsch

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**Tony Reinsch** - May 31, 2019 at 07:34 AM

RS

“ *Rhonda Schlick lit a candle in memory of  
Bonnie J. Heath*



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**Rhonda Schlick** - May 30, 2019 at 10:54 AM