



## Bonnie B. Kness

March 4, 1929 - November 15, 2021

A Memorial Service for Bonnie will be held on Friday, November 19, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. at the Fairmont Community Church in Fairmont, Nebraska with Pastor Monica Magoola presiding.

No visitation - cremation.

Memorials are to be directed to the American Red Cross or ASPCA (American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals).

Burial of Ashes will be conducted following the Memorial Service in the Fairmont Public Cemetery in Fairmont, Nebraska.

Bonnie B Novak Kness was born March 4, 1929 to Joseph Novak and Anna (Hamouz) Novak near Milligan, Nebraska. She lived on a farm between Milligan and Geneva and spoke only Czech until she started school. In 1937, her family moved to a farm north of Fairmont, Nebraska where she attended District 4 and graduated from Fairmont Public School in 1946. She took care of the home and her sister when her parents were in the fields. She attended UNL and then worked at the Lancaster County Courthouse, in Lincoln, Nebraska.

She and her Aunt Betty Novak enjoyed going to the famous Burrese dances,

where she met the love of her life, Ken Kness, who she married in 1949. To this union 2 children were born, Gary and Karen. They lived on a farm near Fairmont and eventually moved to town.

She was one very busy lady, milking cows, raising chickens (turning them into great fried dinners), helping the elderly stay in their homes, and if you were lucky you may have enjoyed her baked items, especially kolache and pies. After a long day at her job, you usually could find her relaxing in one of her many flower gardens. Bonnie lived up to her name, which means beautiful, as she was a friend you could count on if you needed help, and she really enjoyed her circle of “going out to eat” ladies.

When they moved to town Bonnie took on various jobs, bookkeeper at the Co-op, Fairmont utilities, and then at Fairview Manor for around thirty years. She was presented a statewide award for her dedication for her work at Fairview Manor.

Bonnie was a member of the Methodist church, helped teach Sunday school classes, sang in the choir and provided food whenever needed. She really enjoyed going to Gary and Karen’s musical programs and was very proud of their talents and accomplishments in their careers.

Bonnie and special friend, Diane Swerczek, spent many fun times visiting into the wee hours, while their husbands played in a dance band.

Trips to Arizona for the winter and just general travels around the country with friends were high priority; she especially loved seeing the fall colors in the eastern states. Of course, Taco, the Yorkie was always a passenger on these trips.

She is preceded in death by parents, Joe and Anna Novak; husband Ken

Kness, son Gary Kness, and sister MariAnn Novak.

She leaves to mourn her daughter, Karen Kness of Kalamazoo, Michigan, daughter-in-law, Deb Kness Novak of Geneva, Nebraska, sister, Rosalie Kleinschmidt of Shickley, Nebraska, sister-in-law, Germaine Kness of Arizona and many nieces, nephews and friends.

## Cemetery Details

### Fairmont Public Cemetery

Fairmont, NE

## Previous Events

### Memorial Service

NOV 19. 10:30 AM (CT)

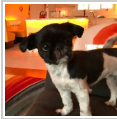
Fairmont Community Church  
705 F Street  
Fairmont, NE 68354

# Tribute Wall

MZ

“ I was sorry to read of Bonnie’s passing. She was such a great lady! Always had a smile on her beautiful face! I hope your memories bring you much comfort Karen ❤️  
Michelle Moul Zimmerli

Michelle Zimmerli - November 19, 2021 at 10:17 PM

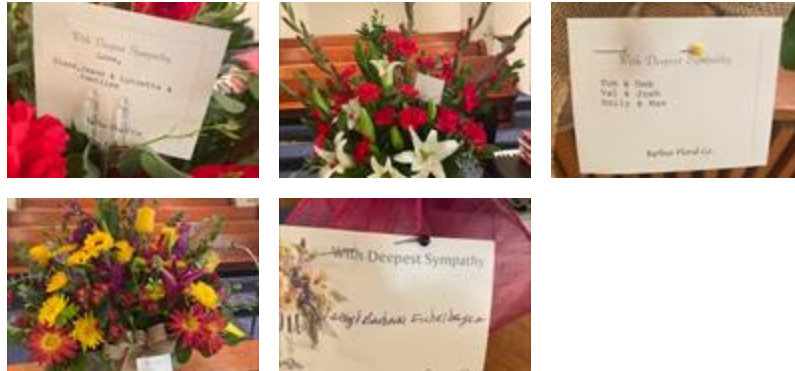


Thank you so much, Michelle! She was a wonderful person, and we will really miss her. So nice of you to write!

Karen Kness - November 22, 2021 at 08:50 PM



“ 14 files added to the album Flower Arrangements



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - November 19, 2021 at 01:15 PM

RF

“ So sorry for your loss Rosalie & family, Deb & family

Renaë & Pat Kamler family - November 18, 2021 at 11:13 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Bonnie B. Kness.*



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November 18, 2021 at 05:11 PM



“ *George Jason lit a candle in memory of Bonnie B. Kness*



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**George Jason** - November 16, 2021 at 08:46 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Bonnie B. Kness.*



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November 16, 2021 at 12:05 PM

LE

“ Karen, Rosie, Deb and all of Bonnie's Family,

*I first met Bonnie in 1973, when Fairview Manor began operation. Bonnie was my secretary for the 16 years I spent at the Manor. She was indeed a great person and went out of her way to help whenever she could. She and Kenny were dear friends. Kenny spent many hours playing the organ for the Residents of the Manor. May the memories of her rest in your hearts always.*

*Due to a conflict of schedule, we will not be able to attend her memorial service and I am sorry about that.*

*May the peace of Christ surround all of you now and in the days ahead.*

*Our sincere sympathy.*

*Larry and Barbara Eichelberger*

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**Larry Lee Eichelberger** - November 16, 2021 at 09:30 AM

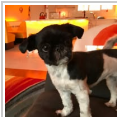
LN

“ So many wonderful memories of Bonnie and Kenny!! The big red car! The el Camino! Sleeping on her couch when the guys were out playing!! We loved her so much! May she Rest In Peace! ❤️

*Lynnette Swerczek Nickell*

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**Lynnette Nickell** - November 15, 2021 at 09:06 PM



*Thank you Lynette! ❤️*

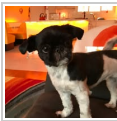
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**Karen Kness** - November 17, 2021 at 06:07 PM

DS

“ Rosie, Karen and Family..... Our hearts are saddened at the loss of our Bonnie. She was truly a beautiful person inside and out. All those band nights our husbands played for we were together. Bible studies, games eating. My kids were with us also! I'll never forget the night they were playing and we went to Bonnie's Mom and Dads and played games! I was playing scrabble with her dad and he put down a word I never heard of! Of course he had a dictionary by him and proved me wrong.... We have nothing but beautiful beautiful memories!!!! She was my dear dear friend and I love her ..... we will miss you Bonnie!  
Rest in the Arms of Jesus ✨️✨️✨️✨️✨️✨️  
Diane, Jason and family, Lynnette and family ❤️

Diane Swerczek - November 15, 2021 at 07:07 PM



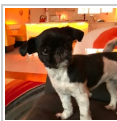
Thank you, Diane! We have always felt like you, Chuck and the kids were family! ❤️

Karen Kness - November 17, 2021 at 06:08 PM

KD

“ Truly loved this sweet lady so so much! So sorry Karen!! Bon Bon will be missed by so many! Love u so much Bon!!! Til we meet again my sweets!!!

Kendall Dahlstrom - November 15, 2021 at 04:56 PM



Thank you Kendall! ❤️

Karen Kness - November 17, 2021 at 06:09 PM