



## Doris Nicholas

January 9, 1938 - June 26, 2024

Doris Elizabeth Harre was born January 9, 1938, the twelfth of 15 children to John and Theresa (Leif) Harre at the family farm north of Exeter, Nebraska. Doris passed away at the age of 86 on June 26, 2024 at Fairview Manor in Fairmont, Nebraska.

Doris graduated from Exeter High School in 1955. She was wed to United States Air Force Airman Richard (Nick) Nicholas on February 16, 1957, at St. Stephen's Catholic Church in Exeter. The couple resided in Lincoln and began a family with the birth of Shari (Michl) in 1959 and Timothy in 1960. The family relocated to MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Florida and later to Tucson, Arizona, where Nick was stationed at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base. In 1971, a third addition to the family, Hope (Strate) was born at Holloman Air Force Base near Alamogordo, New Mexico. After Nick completed his 20-year term in the military, the family made a final move to Exeter, where Nick and Doris settled into the family home they shared for 50 years. Nick and Doris shared 65 years together before Nick's passing in 2022. Doris spent her final year at Fairview Manor in Fairmont.

As an Air Force wife, Doris found herself in both parent roles at times, and managed the household with patience, love and a little discipline. She held down jobs ranging from Arizona dog groomer to Exeter daycare provider to waitress at Sweetwater tavern in Exeter, and was known by her brothers for

her raisin cream pie. She loved to play cards, with pinochle, euchre and pitch her games of choice, and made a few trips to casinos just for fun. Her grandchildren and great grands were the lights of her life, and she was always most excited when another baby joined the family.

Doris was preceded in death by her parents, John & Theresa; sisters, Reta Mae Coffey, Evelyn Coffey, Gladys Coffey, Patricia Hansen, and Joan Kuska; brothers, Lawrence Harre, Kenneth Harre, Jerome Harre, Gene Harre, Paul Harre, and Aloysius Harre.

Doris is survived by her three children, Shari (Alan) Michl of Exeter, Tim (Marie) Nicholas of Central City and Hope (Ken) Strate of Exeter, grandchildren Allison (Jeb) Bitz and Nathan (Abby) Michl; Matthew (Jennifer) Nicholas and Angela (Noah) Broekemier; Victoria Androya and Deidre (Kevin) Boyle; her beloved great grandchildren: Evie, Jonah, Leo, Layne, Cason, Avery, Oliver, and Amelia; sisters, Jeanette Paulus of Loveland, Colorado and Leona Smith of New Braunfels, Texas; and brother, Frank Harre of York, Nebraska.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Doris was held on Saturday, June 29, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Stephen Catholic Church in Exeter, Nebraska. Father Brendan Kelly presided over the Mass. Agnes Anderson was the organist and Nicole Grubaugh was the cantor and they led the congregation in the singing of "How Great Thou Art," "Be Not Afraid," "On Eagles Wings," and "On This Day Oh Beautiful Mother."

Pallbearers included Randy Paulus, Danny Smith, Kenny Harre, Alan Harre, Wayne Kuska, and Lane Strate. Honorary Pallbearers included all of Doris' grandsons and great grandsons.

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 St. Stephen Catholic Church or to the family for future designation.

# Cemetery Details

## Exeter Cemetery

Exeter, NE 68351

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 28. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Farmer Funeral Home  
305 South Burlington Avenue  
Exeter, NE 68351  
(402) 266-3621  
<https://farmerandsonfuneralhome.com>

## Family Present for Visitation

JUN 28. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Farmer Funeral Home  
305 South Burlington Avenue  
Exeter, NE 68351  
(402) 266-3621  
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## Rosary

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JUN **28**. 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Mass Of Christian Burial

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JUN **29**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Saint Stephen Catholic Church  
207 N Union Ave  
Exeter, NE 68351  
(402) 266-5581

# Tribute Wall

GM

“ Gerry Merck lit a candle in memory of Doris Nicholas



Gerry Merck - February 10, 2025 at 05:06 PM



“ 27 files added to the album Flower Pictures



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - June 30, 2024 at 10:50 AM

ME

“ Melea planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Doris Nicholas.

Melea - June 27, 2024 at 01:45 PM

ME

“ Melea purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Doris Nicholas.



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**Melea** - June 27, 2024 at 01:45 PM



“ Carol Busboom lit a candle in memory of Doris Nicholas



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**Carol Busboom** - June 27, 2024 at 12:53 PM

VJ

“ Virginia Johnson lit a candle in memory of Doris Nicholas



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**Virginia Johnson** - June 26, 2024 at 07:17 PM

CS

“ Chad, Susan and Sally Stevens planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Doris Nicholas.

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**Chad, Susan and Sally Stevens** - June 26, 2024 at 05:08 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Doris Nicholas.*



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“ *Jameson Trauger & Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Doris Nicholas.*



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**Jameson Trauger & Family** - June 26, 2024 at 04:38 PM



“ *Jameson Trauger & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Doris Nicholas.*

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**Jameson Trauger & Family** - June 26, 2024 at 04:38 PM



“ *Chris Polites purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Doris Nicholas.*



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**Chris Polites** - June 26, 2024 at 04:23 PM