



## Joan M. Higel

August 17, 1936 - May 21, 2024

A Funeral Service for Joan will be held on Friday, June 7, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at Grace Lutheran Church in Geneva, Nebraska with Pastor Josh Hillmann presiding.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, June 6, 2024 from 1:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. with family present from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Farmer & Son Funeral Home in Geneva, Nebraska.

Graveside Services will be held following the funeral service at the Geneva Public Cemetery.

Memorials are to be directed to the family to be designated at a later date in Joan's name.

A Livestream of Joan's Funeral Service will start at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, June 7, 2024 and will be on Farmer & Son Funeral Home's Facebook Page. You do not have to have Facebook to view the Livestream as it is a publicly shared Facebook page.

Joan M. Higel was born on August 17, 1936 in Sutherland, Nebraska to Jess Nye Foglesong and Anna Elizabeth (Zoerb) Foglesong. She passed away on May 21, 2024 at Fairview Manor in Fairmont, Nebraska at the age of 87 years.

Joan spent her childhood in the western part of Nebraska with her parents and two brothers, Beryl and Bob. Her family moved to North Platte when she was in elementary school. She graduated from North Platte High School in 1955. After high school she lived in Denver for a while where she worked at a bank. After living in Denver, she moved to Arizona and spent several years there. Nebraska was always her home so she eventually returned and decided to go back to college to pursue her dream of becoming a teacher. She graduated from Doane University with an Associate's Degree in Teaching in 1966. She then moved to Geneva and took a job with Geneva Public Schools. She taught a variety of different grades there for 32 years. She loved teaching. She enjoyed all of her students so much, and found many lifelong friends with her fellow teachers. She had so many wonderful stories that she liked to share about her time teaching.

Shortly after moving to Geneva, Joan met the love of her life, Robert (Bob) Higel. They met in the spring of 1967 and were married that summer. The two spent many weekends square dancing, going to bowling tournaments, baseball games and traveling with family on vacation. They raised two daughters, Jamie and Marci.

Joan was a member of the Grace Lutheran Church in Geneva. She was active with the Ladies Aid group and the church choir. After retiring she enjoyed spending time at the Geneva Senior Center. She helped with many activities and for a while wrote stories for the Senior Newsletter. She also looked forward to her weekly coffee get-togethers with her neighborhood friends.

Joan loved being a wife, mom, grandma and great grandma. She was so happy whenever she got to spend time with her loved ones. She enjoyed going on family vacations, attending events for her daughters, baking cookies during the holidays, ceramics, playing family games, and always watched the

Huskers play volleyball, and football.

Joan's love and light will continue to shine through her daughters, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Joan was preceded in death by her parents, Jess and Anna Foglesong; brother, Beryl Foglesong, brother, Bob Foglesong; her parents-in-law, Melvin and Mildred Higel, and nephew, Robert Foglesong.

Joan is survived by her husband, Bob; daughter, Jamie (Jeff) James of Taylorsville, KY; daughter, Marci (Brian) McGuire of Phoenix, AZ; grandson, Jason (Ruthy) James of Las Vegas, NV; grandson, Jake (Samantha) James of Taylorsville, KY; grandson, Jonas McGuire of Phoenix, AZ; six great grandchildren, many nieces, nephews, in-laws, cousins and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Geneva Public Cemetery

Geneva, NE 68361

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 6. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Farmer & Son Funeral Home  
242 N 10th Street  
Geneva, NE 68361  
(402) 759-3617  
<https://farmerandsonfuneralhome.com>

## Family Present for Visitation

JUN 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Farmer & Son Funeral Home  
242 N 10th Street  
Geneva, NE 68361  
(402) 759-3617  
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## Funeral Service

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JUN 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

Grace Lutheran Church  
434 N 16th Street  
Geneva, NE 68361

*Pastor Josh Hillmann presiding.*

# Tribute Wall



“ *Farmer & Son Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joan M. Higel*



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - June 04, 2024 at 12:21 PM



“ *Gerry Merck lit a candle in memory of Joan Higel*



Gerry Merck - February 10, 2025 at 05:07 PM



“ *15 files added to the album Flower Arrangements*



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - June 07, 2024 at 05:00 PM

MB

“ We are so very sorry for your loss.  
We know Joan will be deeply missed by all who Loved and knew her.

Sincerely,  
Marvin & Bridgette Brummer (Flohrs)

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**Marvin & Bridgette Brummer** - June 04, 2024 at 09:26 PM

BW

“ Barb Whitley lit a candle in memory of Joan Higel



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**Barb Whitley** - June 04, 2024 at 07:07 PM

DF

“ Deb, Kristi, Vicki and families purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joan M. Higel.



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**Deb, Kristi, Vicki and families** - June 03, 2024 at 11:29 PM

LS

“ Lauree Saum lit a candle in memory of Joan Higel



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**Lauree Saum** - May 31, 2024 at 04:09 AM

HR

“ *Holly Rippe lit a candle in memory of Joan Higel*



Holly Rippe - May 29, 2024 at 08:47 AM

RM

“ *Richard & Barbara McGuire purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joan M. Higel.*



Richard & Barbara McGuire - May 25, 2024 at 04:45 PM

SS

“ *Steve & Barb Sadd lit a candle in memory of Joan Higel*



Steve & Barb Sadd - May 23, 2024 at 08:23 PM



“ *Joan was a good teacher, my kids enjoyed her.*



Rhonda Schlick - May 23, 2024 at 10:57 AM

KJ

“ *Kobi Johnson lit a candle in memory of Joan Higel*



Kobi Johnson - May 22, 2024 at 09:18 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joan M. Higel.*



May 22, 2024 at 07:57 PM

DB

“ *Don and Diana Ballantine planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joan M. Higel.*

Don and Diana Ballantine - May 22, 2024 at 07:57 PM

KT

“ *Kent & Rose Theobald lit a candle in memory of Joan Higel*



Kent & Rose Theobald - May 22, 2024 at 06:13 PM



“ *Virginia Johnson lit a candle in memory of Joan Higel*



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**Virginia Johnson** - May 22, 2024 at 05:18 PM



“ *Linda Heinisch lit a candle in memory of Joan Higel*



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**Linda Heinisch** - May 22, 2024 at 04:15 PM