



## Kathryn "Sue" Hinrichs

February 4, 1941 - February 11, 2026

A Memorial Service for Sue will be held on Monday, February 16, 2026, at 2:00 p.m., at Trinity Lutheran Church in Bruning, Nebraska with Pastor Leah Krotz presiding.

No visitation will be held as it was Sue's wishes to be cremated.

Private Family Committal of Ashes will be held at a later date at the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery in Bruning, Nebraska.

Memorials are to be directed to the Trinity Lutheran Church - New Addition Fund

On a foggy winter morning, February 4, 1941, Herman and Alma (Hopken) Ohnesorge became the parents of a 12 lb. baby girl. They named her Kathryn Sue, but all of her life she has been known as "Sue." She joined a family of two older sisters, Patricia and Beverly, and an older brother, Robert. The farmhouse where she was born was northwest of Strang.

When Sue was two years old, her family moved to a farm west of Strang. While living there, another brother, Thomas, joined them. Shortly after that, they bought and moved to a house in Strang. A few years later, another sister, Polly, joined the family. Sue attended school in Strang, graduating from the

eighth grade there. As there was no longer a high school in Strang, she attended high school in Geneva, graduating with the class of 1958. In 1954, she was baptized at Trinity Lutheran Church in Bruning and confirmed with the class of 1955. She has been a faithful member there since that time.

On a summer Sunday afternoon in 1956, the Luther Leaguers went on an outing to Capital Beach in Lincoln. It was at this time that she met Larry Hinrichs. In November of 1958, she and Larry were united in marriage. They started their married life on Larry's grandmother Hinrichs' farm northeast of Bruning. While living there, three children were born to them. They lived there for ten years, after which time the farm was sold. They built and moved to their new home in Bruning. After living in town for another ten years, Larry and Sue decided they preferred farm life, so they bought a farm east of town. They lived on this farm for thirty years before moving back to Bruning, where she resided until the time of her death.

In 1981, she was hired to serve as the Office secretary of Trinity Lutheran Church, a job she held until she was no longer able to serve in that capacity. She was also a member of Circle 2, taught Sunday School for twenty years, and helped with Bible School while her children were young. She also served as the Church Women's secretary and treasurer since 2017. She served as the head of the Altar Committee forever and served on the Worship Committee for many years. When her boys were young, she was a Cub Scout Den Mother and helped with her three children's 4-H projects. She was a 50-year member of an Extension Club and a Gold Star member of the Bruning American Legion Auxiliary, serving as secretary for many years. From 1984 until 2004, she worked as the Food Service Manager at the school in Bruning. She had lots of stories she could tell, both good and bad, of the things she experienced while working there. At the time, she didn't think so, but in later years, she agreed it was a very rewarding time in her life.

She and Larry enjoyed attending their children's and grandchildren's participation in church and school events, and were proud of their accomplishments. They were usually one of the first ones in the gym at basketball games, so they were able to sit in the top row by the steps. Same way in church. They always sat in the fourth row from the back on the Lectern side.

Sue passed away surrounded by family on February 11, 2026, at Heritage Crossings in Geneva, Nebraska, at 85 years of age.

She was preceded in death by her mother Alma, who died when Sue was sixteen years old; her father Herman, her younger brother Tom, who died in the Vietnam war, her older brother Bob, and her older sister Beverly; also by her in-laws Earl Houck, David Vaught, Bud Hobbs, Angie Ohnesorge, Allen Headrick, Ken Petersen, and Raymond Lentfer; mother and father-in-law, Fred and Mary Hinrichs, step mother-in-law Anna Hinrichs, nephews Scott Houck, Mike Vaught, and Rick Vaught, and niece Janelle Bruning.

She is survived by her husband of 67 years, Larry; son Robert and wife Carm of Bruning, daughter Christine of Timnath, CO, and her son Mark of Bruning; grandchildren, Ashley and Austin Campbell of Geneva, Melissa Hinrichs of Bellevue, and Josh and Natalie Hinrichs of Bruning; great-grandchildren, Kathryn, Dawson, and Vayda Campbell and Lennon Hinrichs. Sisters Pat Houck-Hobbs of Fairmont and Polly Petersen of Kearney, sister-in-law, Janet Lentfer of Geneva; several special nieces and nephews, special friends Ron and Carol Krupicka, and many other family members and friends.

## Cemetery Details

### Trinity Lutheran Cemetery

Bruning, NE 68322

## Previous Events

### Memorial Service

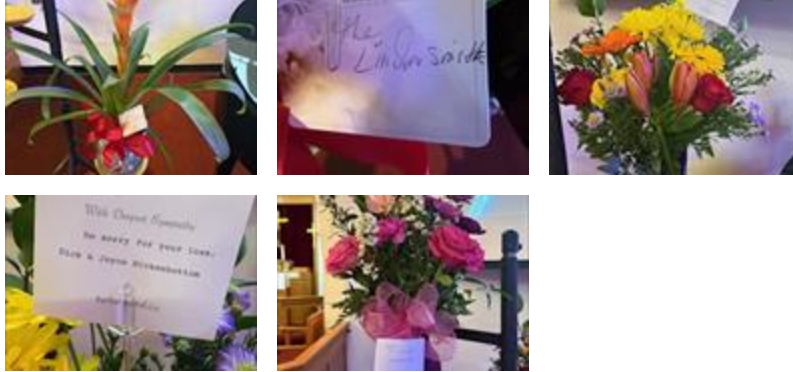
FEB 16. 2:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church  
300 E Main Street  
Bruning, NE 68322

# Tribute Wall



“ 28 files added to the album Flower Arrangements



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - February 16 at 04:33 PM

RR

“ Sorry for your loss.

*I hope that you all can find comfort in the promise that came with Sue's baptism and faith.*

*Our thought and prayers are with you.*

*Michelle and Rick Reinsch*

Rick E Reinsch - February 15 at 06:43 PM

PT

“ *I always remember sitting a row or two in front of Sue in church when I was a member there. So sorry to hear of her loss.*

Peggy Tilgner - February 15 at 05:06 PM

GH

“ Our thoughts and prayers go to the family. Gary and Nancy Hinrichs

**Gary Hinrichs** - February 13 at 04:08 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Kathryn "Sue" Hinrichs.



February 13 at 04:03 PM

DH

“ Dick and Joyce Hickenbottom purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Kathryn "Sue" Hinrichs.



**Dick and Joyce Hickenbottom** - February 13 at 04:02 PM

JN

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Remembering your trip to surprise Bob on his birthday and welcoming in the New year together. Sue so loved family and was dedicated to Trinity Lutheran. She will be missed.

**Jean Norder** - February 12 at 09:16 PM

BR

“ *Bonnie Rippe lit a candle in memory of Kathryn Hinrichs*



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**Bonnie Rippe** - February 12 at 07:32 PM

MH

“ *So very sorry for your loss. Our thought & prayers are with you all*



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**Mike and Lynne Houser** - February 12 at 01:49 PM

MB

*We were so sorry to hear of Sue's passing. She was always so kind to me at high school reunions. Her brother Tom Ohnesorge was remembered by Jim and me after the Vietnam memorial was built in Washington D.C. The designer was Maya Lin whose father, Henry Lin was Dean of Fine Arts at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. where Jim was Provost and our oldest son went to school with Maya. Our sincere sympathy to you and your family. Marlene and Jim Bruning.*

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**Marlene Schaff Bruning** - February 15 at 08:50 PM