



## Lora K. Rhinehart

October 28, 1950 - December 26, 2019

A Memorial Service for Lora was held on Tuesday, December 31, 2019, at 10:30 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Geneva, Nebraska with Pastor Doug Griger presiding.

Organist, Sondra Myers, accompanied the congregation as they sang, "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" and "Where Roses Never Fade". There were also 3 recorded music selections and they were, "Remember Me" by Mark Schultz, "In The Garden" by Alan Jackson and "Hallelujah" by Lindsey Stirling.

Memorials were directed to the family to be designated at a later date.

Private Family Burial of Ashes will be held at a later date.

Farmer & Son Funeral Home was in charge of funeral arrangements

Lora Kae Rhinehart was born in Fairbury, Nebraska to Walter Frank Zuehlsdorf and Velma Arlene Dux on October 28, 1950. She left this earth at the age of 69. Lora was the first of four children, Lila Thomas, Lois McGrath, and Leann Zuehlsdorf.

Lora and Jimmy Dean Rhinehart were united in marriage on September 10, 1977 at Zion United Church of Christ at Gladstone, Nebraska. Lora and Jim

resided north of Arapahoe on their 40-acre farm for over 35 years. Lora worked as a school teacher, teaching 5th & 6th grades at Belgrade Public Schools, head teacher of grades 5-8 at Endicott Public Schools. She also taught grades 4-6 at District 15 in Lexington NE for 2 years. Lora also taught as a part-time & substitute teacher at Elwood Public Schools and Arapahoe Public Schools. Lora spent 11 years as a Dietary Manager and cook at the Elwood Care Center. She worked as a cook at the Arapahoe Senior Center. Lora also worked at Hemelstrand's Hardware, Subway and the Arapahoe Pharmacy. After Lora's retirement she moved to Fairbury, Nebraska to be closer to her sisters & family. She lived in Fairbury, Nebraska for 2 years before moving to Ohiowa, Nebraska.

To this union four children were born, Heather Jo, Gwen Lanae, Kevin Dean & Scott Michael.

Lora was very involved in the church. She attended many bible studies and woman's fellowship groups. Lora had a very strong faith, her confirmation verse that she held dear to her heart was Matthew 7:7-8.

Lora loved to bake and give gifts to friends and neighbors. She was very friendly and was never afraid to introduce herself to a stranger. She loved her family, children, and sisters. She loved the holidays especially Christmas and enjoyed decorating for each holiday. She was very creative with all her decorations and loved giving gifts. She loved to garden and loved her flowers. She found joy in working outdoors. She enjoyed raising farm animals and sold eggs. She appreciated music and placed radios in every room. Lora loved her entire family and was especially proud of her four children.

Lora was a very hard worker and her work ethic showed in everything she did. She worked multiple jobs while still having enough time to attend all her children's activities.

Lora was preceded in death by her parents Walter Frank Zuehlsdorf and Velma Arlene Zuehlsdorf.

She is survived by her four children, Heather Jo Rhinehart of Kearney, Nebraska, Gwen Lanae Buresh and husband Jarrett of Bel Aire, Kansas, Kevin Dean Rhinehart and wife Laura of Lincoln, Nebraska and Scott Michael Rhinehart and wife Denell of Fullerton, Nebraska. Sisters Lila Thomas of Fairbury, Lois and husband Larry McGrath of Fairbury, Leann Zuehlsdorf of Lincoln. Berniece Rhinehart of Arapahoe. Jim Rhinehart. Step grandchildren Jeremiah, Nathaniel and Reagan Syslo. Nephew Eric McGrath and wife Dana and children Rory and Riley, Niece Kristi McGrath, Family Friend Beth Meirath and many others.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

DEC 31. 10:30 AM (CT)

United Methodist Church  
942 H Street  
Geneva, NE 68361  
(402) 759-3731  
[umc@windstream.net](mailto:umc@windstream.net)

# Tribute Wall

AW

“ *Lora and I taught together at Endicott. All through the years since then we have written to one another at Christmas and she always sent an anniversary card to my spouse and me every year as well. We were fortunate enough to get to see one another several times when she lived in Fairbury. A very sweet lady. Ann Wahl, Morrowville, KS*

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**Ann Wahl** - January 03, 2020 at 04:22 PM

JS

“ *I will miss Lora. She and I exchanged cards, letters, and small gifts for almost every holiday. I always enjoyed her letters. Jane Swartz Fullerton, NE*

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**Jane Swartz** - January 02, 2020 at 02:07 PM

ST

“ *Lora was always so thoughtful. When our young daughter was sick in the hospital, she sent a gift basket overflowing with toys. She will always be remembered as a kind and loving person. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family.*

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**Stacia** - January 01, 2020 at 09:54 PM



“ 30 files added to the album Flower Arrangements



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - December 31, 2019 at 01:04 PM

LD

“ We shared more memories than i can count growing up at Plymouth on the farm. I especially remember the long summers that seemed to last forever. I remember going to the shelter belt and cutting our own small tree saplings so we would be prepared for the hot dogs that would be roasted latter in the evening and of course the roasted marshmallows on an open fire. And of course the fireworks we shared on July 4th. No air conditioning on the farm no indoor plumbing, but we did not care. Later when you got married i remember my dad's pride when he walked you down the aisle. You have always worked hard during your life and it is with sadness that we will not be able to see you on this earth tending to your flowers and vegetables, but with happiness that you are now rejoicing with your other family members and loved ones in heaven. May your family find peace and rest in this time of sadness.

*Forever your cousin, Lester*

Lester Dux - December 30, 2019 at 11:11 PM

NL

“ *Sorry for your loss*

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**Nancy Lange** - December 30, 2019 at 09:21 PM

SR

“ *So sorry to hear of your loss.*

*Jerry and Shari Rich*

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**Shari Rich** - December 30, 2019 at 07:55 PM

JL

“ I have known Lora ever since I can remember s a child, celebrating many family gatherings of extended family (especially birthdays). But I got to know the whole family better after the untimely death of her father when the family moved into Fairbury. My dad was frequently over at their place helping her mom with whatever handyman chores were necessary (he loved doing this) and our families interacted on many other occasions over the years. When Lora was in high school she and I, along with my best friend Kathie Schrock Hughes, would walk together to FHS most days. We'd meet at the corner of 8th & C st and walk together from there. Some of those mornings were quite cold! I can't remember what we talked about but we never lacked for conversation! In the intervening years we've went our own ways but could always strike a conversation when we'd see each other. I recall Lora worked hard to become a teacher, going to FJC (Community College) to get a 2 yr degree and then going out teaching where she could get credentialed while pursuing a 4 yr degree, a class at a time. It was the only way she could afford to pursue a degree. There were very few schools she could teach in even back then with just a 2 yr degree but she found a job nevertheless!  
I'm sorry to miss her memorial service but I've commitments this week. What a beautiful picture of Lora!

Janelle (Theye) Larsen  
Cheyenne, WY

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**Janelle Larsen** - December 30, 2019 at 06:52 PM

KG

“ Leann, I am so sorry to hear about your sister, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Kathy (Kassik) Gillmore** - December 30, 2019 at 06:33 PM

Char  
Nott

“ To Lora's family, We keep you in our prayers. Lora was such a peaceful person, so caring for each of her children, also for each of her friends. She was a hard working farm woman, raising the best garden produce! Keep your memories of her ever close. Sincerely,  
Char & Bill Nott

Char Nott - December 30, 2019 at 04:38 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Lora K. Rhinehart .



December 30, 2019 at 03:27 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Lora K. Rhinehart .



December 30, 2019 at 01:50 PM



“ Leann: I am so sorry for the lost of your sister. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Karen Solc - December 30, 2019 at 01:40 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lora K. Rhinehart .*



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December 30, 2019 at 01:06 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Lora K. Rhinehart .*



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December 30, 2019 at 02:44 AM



“ *I thought so much of your mother. She was such a good employee and friend. So sorry for your loss. You will really miss her, she was the best. I know you have many wonderful memories. Hang on to them. You have my sympathy and prayers. Thinking of you all. God bless.*

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**glenda schutz** - December 29, 2019 at 01:13 PM



“ *Sherrie Dux-Ideus lit a candle in memory of Lora K. Rhinehart*



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**Sherrie Dux-Ideus** - December 28, 2019 at 08:16 PM

Jl

“ My sympathy to Lora’s family. I taught school with Lora in Belgrade. We also bowled together. My sister, Jane, and I were Lora’s friends. Lora was exceptionally good at sending cards and letters. I will miss her. Her Christmas letter this year updated me on her activities this past year and what her family had been doing.

Judy Imus - December 28, 2019 at 03:37 PM

DC

Sympathies to the family of Lora. I worked with her mother Velma and sister Lois. The very nicest people ever and I'm sure Lora was the same. She will be missed

doris claassen - December 30, 2019 at 05:56 PM

JH

So sorry for your loss! Lora and the kids used to come into the library in Elwood and I always enjoyed their visits! Jane Hilton

jane hilton - December 31, 2019 at 09:49 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lora K. Rhinehart .



December 28, 2019 at 11:36 AM

HH

“ With deepest sympathy to your family during this difficult time. She was a wonderful lady! I hope God helps heal you all during this time. Please let me know if I can do anything~ Heather Hull

Heather Hull - December 28, 2019 at 09:59 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lora K. Rhinehart .*



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December 28, 2019 at 09:35 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Lora K. Rhinehart .*



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December 28, 2019 at 08:43 AM