



Marilyn Lee Polage

January 25, 1934 - December 22, 2025

A Funeral Service for Marilyn will be held on Saturday, December 27, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. at Farmer & Son Funeral Home in Geneva, Nebraska. Pastor Josh Yankus will preside over the Funeral Service.

It was Marilyn's wish to be cremated following the Funeral Service and a private Committal of Ashes will be held in the Geneva Public Cemetery at a later date.

Public Visitation will be Friday, December 26, 2025 from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Farmer & Son Funeral Home in Geneva.

Memorials are suggested to the Fairmont Legion Auxiliary.

Marilyn's Memorial Service will be live-streamed to Farmer & Son's Facebook page. Our page is a public page so you do not need a Facebook account to view the Memorial Service.

Marilyn Lee Polage was born to Ralph Ernest and Mary Velma (Yates) Nun on January 25, 1934, in Geneva, Nebraska. She passed away on December 22, 2025, at Ridgewood Care Center in Seward, Nebraska, at the age of 91 years, 10 months, and 28 days. She was one of two children born to this family.

Marilyn graduated from Ohioa Public School in 1951. She later attended Fairbury Junior College and began her career as a teacher. Marilyn lived most of her life in the Geneva and Fairmont areas.

On March 3, 1980, Marilyn was united in marriage to Gale Polage of Geneva, Nebraska. Through this marriage, Marilyn gained four children: Della, Dixie, Terry, and Tracy. Marilyn and Gale shared over 42 years of marriage until Gale's passing on October 24, 2022.

Marilyn was a longtime member of the Fairmont American Legion Auxiliary, where she served on the Legion Board, and was also active with the Geneva VFW. Marilyn and Gale owned the Southside Tavern, where Marilyn was the head cook. Over the years, she also worked at the Nebraska Signal, Jill's Sweet Shop, and the Fairmont grocery store until its closing. For a short time, she was also part owner of a small clothing store in Geneva.

Marilyn greatly enjoyed spending time with family and friends. She cherished many trips with the "Fun Club" and family camping outings that were filled with cooking, laughter, and memories. Marilyn had a soft spot for animals and lovingly cared for her own cats and dogs, as well as any stray that happened to find its way to her home until it could return where it belonged. She enjoyed collecting salt and pepper shakers and was always on the lookout to add to her collection during her travels.

An avid Elvis fan, Marilyn loved his music and memorabilia, along with country music, Sunday morning polka radio shows, western movies with Gale, and the occasional game show. She had a very giving heart and would give the shirt off her back to anyone in need. Marilyn especially treasured being an active part of her grandchildren's lives as they grew from childhood into adulthood. She and Gale also enjoyed an active social life with many outings to the Geneva VFW and Fairmont American Legion. Marilyn truly lived life to the fullest, cherishing every moment spent with family and friends.

Marilyn was preceded in death by her parents, Ralph and Mary Nun; her husband, Gale Polage; daughter, Dixie Umstead; son-in-law, Charles DeLay; granddaughter, Bridget Belding; nephew, Robby Nun; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Marvin and Martha Polage; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Delores and Melvin Marshman; and sister-in-law, Lynn Nun.

She is survived by her children, Della and Michael Crutcher, and Terry and Bobbie Polage, all of Geneva, Nebraska; Tracy Polage of Williamston, North Carolina; son-in-law, Bruce Umstead of Howard, South Dakota; brother, Roger Nun of Geneva, Nebraska; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **26**. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

LM

“ Leon and I had many wonderful memories of Marilyn and Gayle. They were very special people. We have missed them so much since moving in "13". God bless you all. Our deepest sympathy.



Leon & Vikki McNeir - December 29, 2025 at 05:49 PM

BB

“ Marilyn was a great lady Mom and I had the privilege of working for her at SouthSide Cafe. She treated people fairly. Mom and her worked together for quite awhile. RIP Marilyn.



Brenda Bonin - December 29, 2025 at 05:33 PM

JG

“ Jason George lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Lee Polage



Jason george - December 27, 2025 at 05:01 PM



“ Mom one great memory and shedding of tears was the cutting off my hair all 22 inches of it. And riding around with Foofoo in the basket of my bike you and dad got me. The awesome food you cooked at the SourhSide tavern. Don't forget the buffalo burgers in Oglala when you cooked there and the Holiday. So much fun. Missing those days even more.
I love you 🤔💋

Cindy Pence - December 27, 2025 at 11:48 AM



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Farmer & Son Funeral Home - December 27, 2025 at 10:11 AM

BP

“ Ben&Nancy Pekar lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Polage



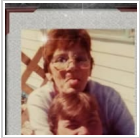
Ben&Nancy Pekar - December 26, 2025 at 10:44 PM



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Farmer & Son Funeral Home - December 26, 2025 at 01:47 PM



“ R.I.P. Aunt Marilyn you will be missed! see you grandpa & Grandma some day!

Randy Nun - December 26, 2025 at 08:28 AM



“ Bonnie Rippe lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Polage



Bonnie Rippe - December 25, 2025 at 08:59 PM

JD

“ I absolutely love Marilyn. We enjoyed many walks together (checking out boys). She would tell me exactly what she thought of everyone and I loved every minute of it. I am forever grateful that I was able to spend time with her. I will miss her so much.



Jaime Daro - December 24, 2025 at 11:52 AM

LH

“ Linda Heinisch lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Polage



Linda Heinisch - December 24, 2025 at 10:57 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Marilyn Lee Polage.



December 23, 2025 at 06:37 PM