



Regina M. Fiala

May 15, 1925 - September 19, 2024

Regina Marie Charlotte (Houdek) Fiala was born to Charles & Mary (Ruzicka) Houdek on May 15, 1925, in Dwight, Nebraska. Regina passed peacefully into eternal life on September 19, 2024 at Southlake, Texas at the age of 99 years, 4 months and 4 days.

The second oldest of 11 children, from an early age, Regina was a nurturing sister to her siblings. Regina attended Dwight Assumption Catholic Church where she celebrated her Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation.

Regina graduated from Dwight Assumption High School at the age of 16 in May 1942. She went to boarding school and achieved her teaching certificate from Nebraska Wesleyan in Lincoln, Nebraska. To pay for her tuition and room and board, she worked at a coffee and ice cream shoppe. Regina taught for several years in Brainard, Valparaiso and Bee. She even taught some of her brothers and sisters.

Regina met the love of her life, Leonard Fiala, at a July 4th dance in 1946, just after Len returned home from World War II. They married on June 19, 1947.

Regina happily became a farm wife, raising chickens, milking cows and cultivating a bountiful garden. Always hardworking with a do what it takes attitude, later she drove tractors, trucks and helped with irrigating with tubes and pipes. They lived in David City, Polk, Central City and Geneva.

To this union, came three children, six grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. Larry (Connie) Fiala of Strang, Nebraska; Jean (Dave) Huntington of Lincoln, Nebraska; and Deborah (Mike) Edgar of Arlington, Texas. Grandchildren; Lance (Dana) Fiala of Strang, Nebraska; Kevin (Brittany) Larson of Lincoln, Nebraska; Laci (Aaron) Liebeck of Streetsboro, Ohio; Alicia (Aaron) Micek of Lincoln, Nebraska and Cody (Jordan) Loyd of Grapevine, Texas; step granddaughter Molly (Will) Webb of Anchorage, Alaska. Great grandchildren, Reagan & fiancé Derrick Buescher, Taryn and Layton; Callie and Carter; Addison, Sutton and Collin; Hadley and Hudson; Emma and Cassidy.

Clearly, Regina's pride and joy, were her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was their biggest fan. Always present, intentional and understanding. For over 40 years, she made beautiful handmade Christmas ornaments each of them cherished.

Regina loved, and was loved deeply by her family, extended family, church family and friends. She never met a stranger. She was always willing to teach anyone that asked, how to cook, bake, sew, crochet, always happy to share recipes (famous diner rolls and sugar cookies) or lend a helping hand. No matter what day or hour you arrived at Regina's home, she always had dessert and put on a pot of coffee. She will always be remembered for her devout Catholic faith, her endearing nature, her joyful heart and a gifted green thumb.

Regina embraced a very active life. Extension Club, 4-H Club leader, taught CCD Classes, altar society and one of her favorite past-times, a bowling league in Geneva for several years. She treasured birthday coffees with her friends.

Regina worked in the cafeteria at Geneva Public Schools as a baker (those amazing made from scratch cinnamon rolls) until she retired after 12 years.

After Leonard passed, Regina stayed in her home in Geneva. She enjoyed traveling for weddings to California and Ohio, visiting family in Alaska and wintering in Texas.

During the pandemic, Regina sold her home in Geneva in May 2021 and made the decision to re-main in Texas, living with her daughter, Deb (Mike) Edgar. She remained active; reading, baking, gardening, playing cards, working on puzzles and sewing quilt tops for Catholic Social Services (which were sent back to St. Joseph's in Geneva). She easily made new friends at church and was adored by her neighbors.

Regina suffered a stroke on July 5th and after a short hospital stay, lived out the rest of her days at an assisted living facility in Southlake, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her husband Leonard Fiala, son Larry Fiala, parents Charles & Mary (Ruzicka) Houdek and eight of her siblings and other family members.

In addition to her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, Regina is survived by her brothers Marvin & Ann Houdek of Mesquite, Texas and Tom & Ann Houdek of Bedford, Texas.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Regina was held on Friday, September 27, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Geneva. A Rosary was prayed at 1:30 p.m. prior to the Mass. Father Harlan Waskowiak presided over the services. Sandra Lefever was the organist and she accompanied Matt Pierce in "How Great Thou Art" as the processional song, and she also accompanied

the congregation in the singing of “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow” and “Amazing Grace.” Laci Liebeck sang “Ave Maria” after communion. The recorded song “Hail Holy Queen Enthroned Above” (Salve Regina) was played as the recessional hymn.

Pallbearers included Lance Fiala, Kevin Larson, Cody Loyd, Aaron Micek, Mark Fiala, and Doug Fiala.

A Graveside Service was held in the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery following the Mass.

Farmer & Son Funeral Home was in care of the arrangements and online condolences can be left at www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com

Memorials in lieu of flowers are suggested to www.komen.org or to a local Race for the Cure chapter.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **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>

Family Present for Visitation

SEP **26.** 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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Rosary

SEP **27.** 1:30 PM (CT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
831 E Street
Geneva, NE 68361

Mass Of Christian Burial

SEP **27**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

RE

“ Rene lit a candle in memory of Regina Fiala



Rene - December 05, 2025 at 09:56 AM

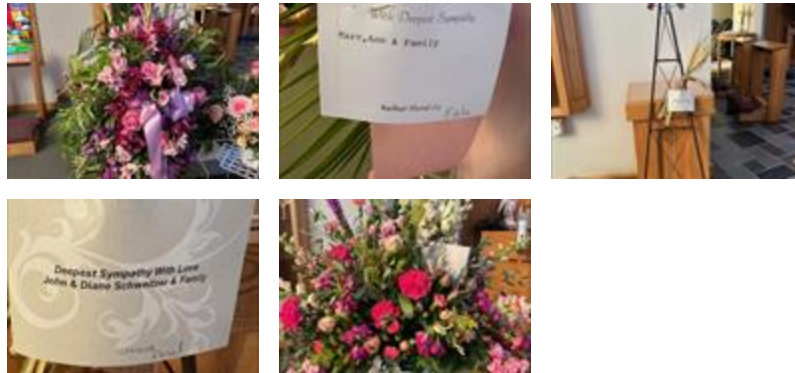
BW

“ So sorry to hear about Regina, was such a good friend of my mother in laws Shirley Walker! I'm sure they are having fun in Heaven together once again! They were quite the pair! Sorry for your loss, she was a special lady!

brenda lee walker - October 18, 2024 at 06:52 PM



“ 49 files added to the album Flower Pics



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - September 27, 2024 at 05:27 PM

RS

“ Rhonda & Randy Schlick lit a candle in memory of Regina Fiala



Rhonda & Randy Schlick - September 27, 2024 at 11:11 AM

RF

“ Ray and Adeline Houdek Family purchased the Loving Grace for the family of Regina M. Fiala.



Ray and Adeline Houdek Family - September 25, 2024 at 04:54 PM

SV

“ Sheena/Brian Starnes. Terry & Victoria planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Regina M. Fiala.

Sheena/Brian Starnes. Terry & Victoria - September 25, 2024 at 12:46 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Regina M. Fiala.



September 25, 2024 at 12:46 PM

VA

“ Vicki Adams planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Regina M. Fiala.

Vicki Adams - September 25, 2024 at 10:19 AM

VA

“ Vicki Adams purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Regina M. Fiala.



Vicki Adams - September 25, 2024 at 10:19 AM

MF

“ Marv, Ann and family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Regina M. Fiala.



Marv, Ann and family - September 24, 2024 at 11:14 AM

DF

“ Doug Fiala planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Regina M. Fiala.

Doug Fiala - September 23, 2024 at 05:36 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Regina M. Fiala.



September 23, 2024 at 05:36 PM

MD

“ Your mom was a special woman and always had a warm, welcoming smile. She was also one of my mom's dearest friends and a friend to our entire family. She will always be remembered fondly. My condolences to your family.

Mary DeLano - September 23, 2024 at 10:55 AM

HF

“ Holly Rippe & Doug Fischer lit a candle in memory of Regina Fiala



Holly Rippe & Doug Fischer - September 23, 2024 at 08:26 AM

JP

“ Sorry to hear about Regina passing cousin Joe Petrzilka Lincoln.

Joseph J Petrzilka - September 22, 2024 at 09:49 AM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Regina M. Fiala.



September 21, 2024 at 08:45 PM

LP

“ *I adored & admired Regina! She was always so enjoyable to work with & visit with. What a special lady! Sympathy & prayers to her family.*



LaDonna Pendleton - September 21, 2024 at 10:29 AM

KT

“ *Kent & Rose Theobald lit a candle in memory of Regina Fiala*



Kent & Rose Theobald - September 20, 2024 at 06:44 PM