



## Tess E. Moor

April 22, 1932 - December 20, 2016

Theressa Ellen “Tess” Moor was born to Joseph and Anna (Haffey) Hays on April 22, 1932, on the family farm near Edison, Nebraska, and she passed away on December 20, 2016, in Lincoln, Nebraska, at the age of 84 years, 7 months and 28 days. Tess was the last of ten children born in the family.

Tess, as she was affectionately known by all, attended country school through the sixth grade and then enrolled in school in Edison, where she graduated with the class of 1949. Following graduation, she was employed with Farmers & Merchants Bank in Edison. She then went to Lincoln for employment with Union Insurance Company. In 1955 she was united in marriage to Max Becker. This union ended 17 days later when Max tragically lost his life in a well drilling accident. She remained in Exeter following his death before returning to her former employment in Lincoln. She then took a position with First National Bank in Exeter. She was united in marriage to Duane Moor of Exeter in May of 1958, and to this union three children were born: Denice, Brenda, and Brian. Duane passed away April 24, 1999.

Tess was a member of the Exeter American Legion Auxiliary Post 218 for 58 years and was active in St Stephen’s Altar Society. She enjoyed helping her neighbors as needed. She very much enjoyed her family and family reunions. The highlight of her life was her two grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

For being a transplant, Tess embodied Exeter. She was a staple in the community, and you couldn't think of one without the other. She will be missed.

Tess was preceded in death by her parents; husbands Max and Duane; 5 sisters; 3 brothers; and 1 nephew.

She leaves to mourn her passing daughters Denice Kovanda and husband Glenn of Milligan and Brenda Moor of Riverton, Wyoming; son Brian "Stub" Moor of Exeter; grandchildren Abby Vollmer and husband Chris of Hickman, and Clayton Kovanda and wife Alyssa of Geneva, Nebraska; great grandchildren Ava & Paige Vollmer and Ulysses Kovanda; her sister Mick of Elwood; and a host of relatives and friends.

A Funeral Mass for Tess was held on Friday, December 23, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Stephen's Catholic Church in Exeter. Father Steve Thomlison was the Celebrant. Agnes Anderson accompanied the congregation and Jessica Ruhl was the cantor. Congregational hymns included "Be Not Afraid," "Ave Maria," "Gift Of Finest Wheat," and "On Eagles' Wings." Abby Vollmer also sang "Let There Be Peace On Earth" accompanied by Agnes Anderson.

Pallbearers for the service included Clayton Kovanda, Christopher Vollmer, Kurt Oates, Myron Dawson, Jamie Hays, and Danny Hays. Honorary bearers included Paige Vollmer, Ava Vollmer, and Ulysses Kovanda. Interment was held in the Exeter Cemetery following the Funeral Mass. Memorials are directed to the St. Stephen's Catholic Church, Exeter American Legion, or the Exeter Fire & Rescue. Farmer Funeral Home of Exeter conducted the services. Online condolences may be left at [www.farmerandsonfuneralhome](http://www.farmerandsonfuneralhome).

# Tribute Wall



“ 61 files added to the album *Funeral Pics*



**Farmer & Son Funeral Home** - December 23, 2016 at 04:02 PM

BD

“ Woke up to ice this morning so won't be able to make it to Exeter. Prayers to all of Aunt Tess's family, always got a kick out of listening to her but when it came down to it listening is mostly what you did. Thinking of al and take care. Bill and Kim Dawson

**Bill Dawson** - December 23, 2016 at 08:13 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of Tess E. Moor.



December 22, 2016 at 03:01 PM

JF

“ *Jon & Jennifer Murphy Family purchased the Fair est of All for the family of Tess E. Moor.*



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**Jon & Jennifer Murphy Family** - December 22, 2016 at 07:05 AM

BC

“ *In the, 1980s she threw root beer barrel candy to the people at girls basketball games. Also, when there was the law you had to have your car inspected and the sticker on the window was expired, she reminded you of it. A wonderful lady.....our town will not be the same without her presence.*

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**Bonnie cudaback** - December 22, 2016 at 05:40 AM

KM

“ *Keith & Pat Mathiesen lit a candle in memory of Tess E. Moor*



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**Keith & Pat Mathiesen** - December 22, 2016 at 05:12 AM

LP

“ *Thank you Tess for letting this country kid stay at your house to get ready before school events and making me feel so at home. Thank you for making me strawberry jello with bananas. And thank you for giving me one of my best friends.*

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**Lois Petersen** - December 21, 2016 at 09:59 PM

CS

“ We gained a wonderful friend on the Canadian Rocky Mountain Bus Trip a few years ago. Tess was such a fun loving person. Two other couples and ourselves came to share her 80th Birthday party. It seems that we had known her forever. We will truly miss her.  
Marty & Chris Schiipporeit

Chris Schiipporeit - December 21, 2016 at 03:39 PM

BM

“ Brenda Motis lit a candle in memory of Tess E. Moor



Brenda Motis - December 21, 2016 at 01:37 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Tess E. Moor.



December 21, 2016 at 11:54 AM

CH

“ I am so sorry to see this. She was one of my original TeamMates Mentors when we first started the program. Such a neat lady!

Cheryl - December 21, 2016 at 09:17 AM