



Eleanor M. (Gembica) Nielsen

December 23, 1931 - February 7, 2022

Eleanor M. (Gembica) Nielsen, 90, of Dannebrog, the best mother, grandmother and great-grandmother ever, died Feb. 7, 2022, at home with her children by her side. Her wishes were to be cremated and private family burial of ashes will be at a later date at Clarks Calvary Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the family. All Faiths Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

She was born Dec. 23, 1931, to Frank and Josephine (Siemek) Gembica at Polk County. She was baptized and confirmed in the Catholic faith at Clarks. She attended country schools in that area and graduated from Central City High School in 1950. After graduation, she worked at the Merrick County Courthouse as a secretary to the county clerk and district court offices. In 1954, at just 22 years old, she was unanimously elected Clerk of the District Court in Merrick County, the youngest ever appointed. She then moved to Grand Island and worked at an irrigation company.

She married Myron Nielsen on June 28, 1956. They lived in Grand Island, then moved to the Nielsen family farm near Dannebrog. She was a homemaker, raising six children, sewing clothes, gardening and canning. She was an excellent baker and was well-known in the area for her cinnamon rolls, doughnuts, and pies. She later worked in the kitchen at Centura Elementary in Cairo. The couple divorced in 1995 and she began working in the housekeeping department at the Grand Island Independent until 2009. She also worked at the West Nebraska Register for nearly 20 years. She spent many hours babysitting her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who always made her smile.

She was a prolific reader and enjoyed doing word puzzles. She loved to bake, always making pie on Sundays and bars and cookies for her kids to eat after school. She loved polka music and country music, especially music by Johnny Cash and Alan Jackson. Survivors include her six children: Rita (Jay) Flohr, Julie Liske and Colleen (Todd) Gallion, all of Grand Island; and Connie Morton, Jim (Coryn) Nielsen and Gina (George) Lamm, all of Dannebrog; 12 grandchildren, Chris (Jill) Flohr, Michelle Liske, Tanner (Jamie) Morton, and Alex Gallion, all of Grand Island; Nicole (Matt) McClure of Phillips; Tasha Morton of Aurora; Caitlin (Nick) Wise of Gretna; Bryan Liske of Trumbull and Jackson and Logan Lamm and Chase and Shane Nielsen, all of Dannebrog; and eight great-grandchildren, Josh Flohr, Erin Brown, Harper Dey, Ryne, Maddyn and Blake McClure, Pennilyn Wise,

Hunter Morton and another great-grandchild on the way.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her older brothers, Lawrence, and Leonard; a granddaughter, Megan Gallion; and a sister-in-law, Fran Gembica.

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“ *what I remember about her was the smell of her house, it always smelled of some really good food and there was always a cookie or some other kind of baked goods for us to eat when I came over and the crazy Christmas decorations she had I remember they were everywhere and I wondered how they all survived with all the kids and their friends running around everywhere, and you could just see her with her children the amount of love for them in her beautiful eye's, and how much fun she seemed to have with them all and when we were all in the kitchen having our snack how loud it was but it didn't seem to bother her at all in fact she loved it, she was amazing and how she raised all 6 of her children to be what they are today I'll never know. Bless you all. Jeanette Lehn Krous*

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