



Agnes "Aggie" Fila

December 9, 1928 - March 27, 2022

Aggie Fila, 93, of Grand Island passed away on Sunday, March 27, 2022 with family by her side.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 7 on Thursday, March 31, 2022 at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Vigil services will begin at 7p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, April 1, 2022 at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. Celebrant will be Fr. Marty Egging.

Burial will follow at Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery.

All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements,

Aggie was born on December 9, 1928, in Omaha, NE, the daughter to James and Rose (Blaha) Vocelka and at 9 weeks old, her mother died of TB. Aggie was raised by the Sisters of Mercy at St. Catherine's in Omaha until her father could care for her at the age of two, as he was raising five other children, thirteen and under, as a single father while running a business and he did not want to put her up for adoption.

Aggie graduated from St. Mary's High School (Sisters of Mercy) and worked at her family's business, Vocelka's Tavern/Dance Hall where she would meet the love of her life on December 25, 1946, when her brother Pep introduced them, while she was working in the kitchen. She snuck out on the dance floor at the age of 18 to dance with Leonard. They were inseparable from that point on

and shared the love of dancing. They especially loved to dance under the stars at Peony Park in Omaha.

Never knowing the love of a mother, she gave all the love, care and compassion a mother could give her children and despite Aggie having experienced so much adversity at such a young age, losing her mother at 9 weeks old, her older brother at the age of 14 (car accident & almost losing another) and then losing her father at 18 years old, she always found the happiness and joy in life.

Aggie was a sparkle in everyone's life. Her life's motto was, "life is what you make it" and she lived by this every single day!

Her attitude was infectious and contagious, even with her cancer diagnosis at the age of 88, it was never "why me;" she set her goal of making it to her 70th wedding anniversary, which they were just shy of their 69th when Leonard passed away and even then, through her grief of losing a daughter and then her husband, she still woke-up every morning with a smile on her face and never wavered from her cheery, happy self. A truly amazing person, friend, Aunt, Sister, Grandmother, Wife and above all, the "BEST MOTHER" anyone could ask for!!

They married February 19, 1949, in Omaha, NE which they made their home in Omaha until 1953 when they moved to Grand Island where Leonard founded the Glass Bar (1954) with his brother Bill, along with their wives. For 28 ½ years they worked side by side in the liquor business, owning the Sportsman's Bar, Dad's Liquor, Seven Seas and Fila's Laundry Mat, along with a 6-plex.

Besides being a member of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Aggie was a major Yankees fan and although wasn't a big fan of golf, she loved to watch

Tiger Woods play. She enjoyed her 50+ year soap opera, G.H. and could laugh over and over again watching re-runs of “Everyone loves Raymond.”

Family was everything to Aggie and she enjoyed cooking and baking for them. Sunday dinners, holidays and family get togethers (reunions) meant the world to her.

Besides sharing the love of dancing with Leonard, they loved quick trips to Vegas whenever possible and trips to the boat in Omaha – they never grew tired of each other and always had a great time whatever they did! They had a love like no other!

Aggie never met a stranger, and she was well known for being the “SUNSHINE” lady, never forgot anyone’s birthday, singing happy birthday with her beautiful voice and cheerfulness to family and friends, which everyone will miss!!

Those left to cherish her memory include son, Len (Pat) Fila of Omaha; daughters, Lori (Bret) Packard of Las Vegas, NV, and Lesli Fila of Grand Island, 8 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren and her brother, Joseph (Pep), along with numerous extended family and friends. Her furry friend Gigi, will miss their daily nap times and bedtime snuggling.

She was preceded in death by her husband Leonard, of almost 69 years, daughter Linda Thompson, her parents, brothers Jimmy, Frank and sisters Mary & Elly.

In her honor, the family requests in lieu of flowers, memorials designated to the family, which will be distributed at a later time.

Cemetery Details

Westlawn Memorial Park

3826 West Stolley Park Road
Grand Island, NE 68803

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 31. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
518 West State Street
Grand Island, NE 68801

Vigil Service

MAR 31. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

APR 1. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Agnes "Aggie" Fila*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *We would like to offer our condolences and sympathy to Aggie's family and friends. She will be missed. Al and Maureen Smollen*

Theresa Hansen - April 01, 2022 at 12:43 PM



“ *I had the pleasure of caring for Aggie while she was hospitalized, and from the moment I met her there was something special about her! Always had a smile (such a beautiful smile), never complained (even when she should have). One admission she was not sent to the floor I worked on so I made sure to get o we to see her to make sure she was being cared for how I would care for her! I grew closer with Aggie and Lori as I care for her. She hold such a special place in my heart. I am blessed that even after so many years Lori kept in touch with me and updated me as I updated them on life. ❤️ Prayers for family and friends!!*

Sierra Romero - March 31, 2022 at 09:34 AM



“ *She was always so happy, and she introduced us to a really great drink, she called it a "Dirty Mother". I suspect she made it up, but we certainly enjoyed that particular drink. My sincere sympathy to the family, she and Leonard were just so happy, it was a joy to know them and spend happy times at the Sportsman Bar. Sincerely, Barb Falldorf*

Barbara S. Falldorf - March 30, 2022 at 03:48 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Agnes "Aggie" Fila.*



March 30, 2022 at 01:30 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to the Fila family. I have very fond memories of Aggie. She had a zest for life and a truly loving spirit toward all who were fortunate enough to encounter her sparkle. You could always expect a good conversation, a hearty home cooked meal, and a sense you were welcomed when you entered her home.*

Aggie had a way of living life that so few dare to embrace. She lived in the moment, not to be weighed down by the past, not distracted by what may come. Aggie reveled in the "here and now" with those she loved, which was always paramount in her journey.

Although our life path took us in separate directions years ago, my memories and mutual love for Stephanie, Chase, and Catyn will allow us to forever be joined in God's divine plan. Aggie, all is well. And although your loved ones will miss you dearly, you are separated only by their time here on earth.

*GOD GIVES, GOD TAKES.
GOD'S NAME BE FOREVER BLESSED.
JOB 1:21*

*God bless you Aggie, and the Fila Family
Chris Chamberlain & Family*

Chris Chamberlain - March 30, 2022 at 12:46 PM

JT

“ One of my favorite memories is when me and my sister would stay at grandma and grandpa's overnight she would always cook us breakfast the next morning . I remember the smell of bacon and toast . We always had milk with every meal

Jennifer Thompson - March 30, 2022 at 12:41 AM

TC

Very sorry for your loss Jen. Thinking of you and Abby. Love you.

Tessa Cruz - March 31, 2022 at 02:58 PM

MJ

Aunt Aggie always was so positive and fun when we visited Grand Island. She had a very special talent for keeping track of friends and relatives through the years. She and Uncle Len made such a special effort to visit our Mom during her declining days. They brought such happiness to her. I will always remember Aunt Aggie singing happy birthday to me long distance last December. I mourn with your family during this time of saying good bye.

Mary Kay Svanda Jefferson - April 01, 2022 at 09:34 AM