



Agnes M. Ayoub

August 26, 1921 - July 26, 2016

Agnes M. Ayoub, 95, of Grand Island, died on her birthday, Tuesday, July 26, 2016, at Good Samaritan Society – Grand Island Village.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. The Rev. Marty Egging will be the Celebrant. Burial of ashes will be in the Grand Island City Cemetery.

Family will be greeting friends from 4-7 p.m. Sunday at All Faith's Funeral Home. A private family Rosary service will at 7:30 p.m. at the funeral home following the visitation.

Agnes was born July 26, 1921, on a farm in rural York County, the daughter of Michael and Mary Ellen (McMahan) Rea. She was the fifth of 12 Rea children. She grew up on a farm near McCool Junction and later in York. She graduated from St. Ursula's Academy in York in 1938 and won a scholarship to Duchesne College in Omaha where she had hoped to study pre-pharmacy. Needing instead to work, she spent two years in St. Louis before returning to Nebraska where she worked at the Hastings Ammunition Depot and the Cornhusker Ordnance Plant in Grand Island.

In 1945 she met George Ayoub at a dance at the Glovera ballroom in Grand Island. The couple was married June 1, 1946, at St. Mary's Cathedral in Grand Island. They had two children, Monica, born in 1947, and George II, born in 1949.

Agnes was a school secretary for the Grand Island Public Schools for 38 years, seven at Howard Elementary School and 31 years at Walnut Junior

High School. At Walnut she helped shepherd thousands of young teens and pre-teens through school, priding herself on knowing all their names and going out of her way to always have a kind word for them. She was often greeted in public by former Walnut students, most particular the many office aides whom she knew best. Even traveling out of state, Agnes would run into students who remembered her fondly.

After 31 years she also was blessed to have been the “office lady” for two generations of Walnut students. Aside from keeping the office running smoothly, she was known to pay for a kid’s lunch, football shoes and vocal music outfits. She would bring students home with her in blizzards until their parents could pick them up. She also gave many Walnut students good counsel as they traversed the perils of junior high.

Agnes also served as a mentor and part-time mother to dozens of Walnut staff members and their children. She was always ready with advice, a thoughtful word or pointed push in the right direction, all done with her trademark sense of humor.

She loved watching her grandson Max play sports and was a regular at his college baseball games into her 90s. She played cards with the same group of women for over 30 years. She was an avid reader of books and enjoyed doing the daily crossword puzzles in the paper.

Survivors include a daughter Monica McClure of Grand Island, and a son George (Jacalyn) Ayoub II of Grand Island; two sisters, Margaret Meyers of Sacramento, Calif., and Eileen Esch of Mesa, Ariz. and a brother Charles Rea of College Station, Texas; one grandson. Max Ayoub, of Kearney; a special niece Patti Buettner of Grand Island; and many nieces and nephews, who considered her the family matriarch.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George; brothers, David, Pat, Larry, Tom and Gene and sisters, Cecelia, Roseanne and Loyola.

Memorials should be sent to the Grand Island Public Schools Foundation where a scholarship in the name of Agnes Ayoub will be established to help Walnut students go to college.

Cemetery Details

Grand Island City Cemetery

Grand Island, NE

Previous Events

Service

JUL 31. 4:00 PM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home
2929 S Locust St
Grand Island, NE 68801
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<https://www.giallfaiths.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Agnes M. Ayoub*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Sorry to here of loss remember my dad was pallbearer for your dad. Katrouzos Family!*

George Katrouzos - August 08, 2016 at 09:03 PM



“ *Sharing a memory of Agnes just brings a smile to my heart. She looked out for me at Walnut and took many phone calls from my own children. She always said she helped raise the Eisie boys. She was one fun lady, always ready with a joke, or a guess what thought to share. She knew how to llive life through faith, love, and acceptance of everyone. She was a blessing that will be missed. We are all better people because she was in our lives. Kerry and Tom Eisenmenger and familiies*

kerry - July 31, 2016 at 07:20 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Agnes M. Ayoub.*



July 31, 2016 at 05:38 PM

RM

“ *Monica, I'm so sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. Thinking of you at this difficult time.*

Rhonda McMahon

Rhonda McMahon - July 31, 2016 at 10:51 AM

DW

“ *"When we were younger we always knew on the weekend if we were going to the river because when we woke up our parents were frying chicken and that was our clue of what we were doing that day... I Remember saying to my mother did PEE WEE call you and are we going to the river ? All my mother had to do is smile , and we knew !!!!*

WE LOVE YOU PEE WEE !!!! "

Dana White - July 31, 2016 at 10:30 AM

RB

“ *Wonderful memories of your mother as she mentored all of us attending Walnut Jr. High in the 50's. She was always caring, understanding, fair and had a great sense of humor. Her legacy will live on in the lives of all who knew her.*

*Sharing your loss,
Rogene and Gordon Bainbridge*

Rogene and Gordon Bainbridge - July 30, 2016 at 04:42 PM

 Terri
Saum-
Winchell

“ I taught at Walnut from 1975-1979. When George died, Agnes asked if she could move in with me for a short time. We had a great time together and had a wonderful friendship. I've often thought of her. She was a very special lady.

Terri Saum- Winchell

Terri Saum-Winchell - July 29, 2016 at 09:55 PM

MW

“ We so remember Agnes - Mrs. Ayoub to our children who attended Walnut Junior High - as a kind and friendly "office lady" who always had a smile for them! To you Monica, George, Jacalyn and Max we send our thoughts and prayers. Peace to you in the days ahead ~
Marvin & Jeanne Webb

Marvin & Jeanne Webb - July 28, 2016 at 09:43 PM

JN

“ I fondly remember Aggie as one of the nicest and friendliest people in the "old neighborhood." She has gently touched the lives of many people.
Deepest sympathy to her family.
Joann (Fletcher) Nietfeld

Joann Nietfeld - July 28, 2016 at 07:37 PM

KB

“ George, I am so very sorry about the loss of your dear mom. What a delightful woman she was and a friend to so very many. Thinking of you, my friend.

Kathy Boroff

Kathy Boroff - July 28, 2016 at 06:41 PM

DM

“ Monica my thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Agnes was a great person..always giving to others. She would brighten up my day when I would see her walk into the Headstart office...once again to give her time for others . She will be greatly missed by all.

Deb matson - July 28, 2016 at 11:26 AM

PM

“ It has been a joy and an honor to know Agnes and her loving family! I am sure that Heaven will not be the same upon her arrival! This beautiful lady had heart and a strong, but gentle spirit. She grasped every moment of life and lived every moment with gusto. She loved and she was greatly loved by all those who came into contact with her. She blessed many people during her time with us and she will be greatly missed. May God bless your family with comfort and unity during this most difficult time. Agnes will forever be in our hearts....
Pat McFeely

Pat McFeely - July 28, 2016 at 10:56 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Agnes M. Ayoub.



July 28, 2016 at 09:38 AM

DM

“ My deepest sympathy to you. Her obituary was a great tribute and I enjoyed reading about her very much. What a lovely lady.

Deb Mitteis - July 28, 2016 at 08:27 AM

DM

Monica I'm sorry for your loss. Agnes will be deeply missed by many. She was always giving herself to others. She would make my day when I would see her walk into the Headstart office again to help others. She was truly a great lady. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

Deb matson - July 28, 2016 at 11:35 AM

SD

“ *Monica and George,
How fondly I remember your mom and dad. Visits to your house were always special; learning about peanut butter and mayo sandwiches, don't shovel snow on the back tires of the car just to stay longer, trying to learn card games, and most of all the laughter and love. I am very sorry for your loss.....it is a loss we all feel.*
Steve Dvorak

steve dvorak - July 28, 2016 at 07:46 AM