



Arlene Boyd

November 12, 1923 - May 1, 2025

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Frances 'Arlene' Boyd, 101, a lifetime resident of Grand Island, passed away Thursday, May 1 in Grand Island. Funeral Services are Tuesday, May 6 at 2:00 pm at All Faiths Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Grand Island City Cemetery. Visitation is Monday, May 5 from 5:00-7:00 pm, also at All Faiths. Memorials are suggested to Steve Jardine Memorial Scholarship c/o GI Public Schools Foundation or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Arlene was born Frances Arlene Swearingen on November 12, 1923. Parents were Josephine Armanda Brown and Earl Ralph Swearingen. She was educated in Grand Island attending Barr Junior High and graduating from Grand Island Senior High School.

Arlene met her husband, William "Billy" Boyd when he was home on leave from the Army Air Corps to attend his brother Leslie's funeral. They were married December 16, 1945 at Trinity United Methodist Church, Gollaher Chapel. Billy and Arlene had four children, all girls, Pamela Jardine, Deborah Heimbuch, Terri Buchanan and Sherri Bergholz.

For many years Arlene was a homemaker, staying home to care for her children. When she joined the workforce, she was employed as a department manager at Skagway for 25 years.

After Billy passed in 2005, Arlene made dear friends with her neighbors on Ada Street. They had Friday Dominos Night and Saturday Husker watch parties. She also went to lunch daily at the Grand Island Senior Center, where

she met a very special friend, Lowell Goodman. Arlene and Lowell loved to dance and play pinochle as often as they could. They have remained dear friends, and Lowell visited and cared for her daily the past few months since she became ill.

Arlene's greatest joy was her grandchildren. She loved her daughters and sons-in laws, but the grandkids, great grandkids, and recently great-great grandkids, brought her true happiness. She was affectionately known to them as "Grandma Great – The Great One". She would want her entire family to be mentioned by name as her survivors:

Children: Pamela and Keith Jardine

Grandchildren: Shelly and Russel Harvey, Steve and Deb Jardine, Jennifer Jardine

Great Grandchildren: Tayler Harvey, Morgan and Keagan Palmer, Jaden Jardine, Brooke Jardine, Jordan Jardine, Megan and Josiah Holl, Katie Ellis, Luke Ellis

Great Great Grandchildren: Charles Holl, Jack Palmer, Knox Palmer

Children: Deborah and Robert Heimbuch

Grandchildren: Jill and Troy Moser, David and Rebecca Heimbuch

Great Grandchildren: Heidi and Caleb Magee, William Moser, Nolan Heimbuch, Chase Heimbuch, Dawson Heimbuch

Children: Terri and Gary Buchanan

Grandchildren: Molli Buchanan, Maggi and Joel Wiegert

Great Grandchildren: Natalie Wiegert, Charlie Wiegert

Children: Sherri and Dave Bergholz

Grandchildren: Chad and Sara Bergholz, Matt and Mandi Bergholz

Great Grandchildren: Emerson Bergholz, Elliot Bergholz, Jacob Bergholz, Jackson Bergholz, Elijah Bergholz

Arlene was preceded in death by her husband Billy Boyd, her mother, Josie Swearingen, one brother and two sisters, and her grandson, Steve Jardine.

Cemetery Details

Grand Island Cemetery

3168 W Stolley Park Rd
Grand Island, NE 68801-7203

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

MAY 6. 2:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation from 5-7 PM Monday

Tribute Wall



“ *All Faiths Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Arlene Boyd*



All Faiths Funeral Home - May 05, 2025 at 03:10 PM

AD

“ *Rest in Peace Aunt Arlene, Prayers to the Family - Aaron Dietrich (Janet Dietrich's son)*

Aaron Dietrich - May 06, 2025 at 02:45 PM

JW

“ *John Wells purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Arlene Boyd.*



John Wells - May 04, 2025 at 02:29 PM

NF

“ *I played pinocchle with Arlene at the senior center for several years. It was always a delight to be at the same table with her. She was so kind and gentle - a lovely lady. I also enjoyed her sense of humor. Arlene was a rare gem. Nancy Fisher*

Nancy Fisher - May 04, 2025 at 11:52 AM

ES

“ Ed and Geogeanne Swearingen purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Arlene Boyd.



Ed and Geogeanne Swearingen - May 03, 2025 at 03:02 PM

DB

“ David and Cathy Bayse purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Arlene Boyd.



David and Cathy Bayse - May 03, 2025 at 10:24 AM

PT

“ ARLENE WAS A WONDERFUL PERSON. I HAD THE SO MUCH RESPECT FOR HER. PAM INTRODUCED ME TO HER MOTHER AND THROUGH THE YEARS I ALWAYS ENJOYED HER COMPANY. SHE WAS ALWAYS SO FRIENDLY AND SMILING. SO HAPPY I GOT TO KNOW YOU. PEGGY TAYLOR 🌸🎈

Peggy Taylor - May 02, 2025 at 07:28 PM

SS

“ Arlene was an amazing woman. She moved to Riverside Retirement the same day I did last year. She was gracious and a wise woman. She loved her family deeply. She will be missed.

sonja simpson - May 02, 2025 at 03:16 PM

PF

“ *Pamela Curtis of Las Vegas & Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Arlene Boyd.*



Pamela Curtis of Las Vegas & Family - May 02, 2025 at 01:45 PM