



## Arlene Nelson

July 15, 1925 - August 22, 2017

State Senator, Arlene (Gregg) Nelson, 92 of Grand Island, died Tuesday, August 22, 2017 at the Good Samaritan Society-Grand Island Village. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in the sanctuary of Trinity United Methodist Church. Reverend Kelly Karges will officiate. Cremation will take place following the service. Burial of ashes will take place in the Cedar View Cemetery near Doniphan along with her husband, Milford at 2 p.m. on Monday.

Visitation will be from 9:30 a.m. till service time on Saturday.

All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with the arrangements.

Mrs. Nelson was born in rural Doniphan, NE to Leroy and Leona (Cox) Gregg on July 15, 1925. She attended rural school, graduating from Trumbull High School in 1942. On December 8, 1946 she was united in marriage to Milford Nelson of Cambridge, NE at the Doniphan Methodist Church.

During her younger years she helped her father farming and custom work for other farmers.

During WWII, Arlene worked in the tool and die machine shop at Morton Aircraft in Omaha. The company later moved their manufacturing business to another location. Arlene remained in Omaha and worked as a sales and office manager. She later returned to Grand Island where she worked for Twin Rivers Egg Company serving as bookkeeper and office manager for many years.

After the death of her father, Leroy Gregg, Arlene and Milford moved to the

farm in 1956. Milford also continued his employment as a railroad conductor. They resided on the farm until 1982, when they built their home in Grand Island.

Arlene was employed by the Hall County ASC office until she campaigned for the State Legislature where she served as State Senator for district 35 from 1984 to 1992. During this time, she served in judiciary, education, and retirement committees as Chairperson. Other opportunities included a district representative for AARP, and the American Cancer Society. Arlene was active in Nebraska Farmers Union where she served as Nebraska representative at national conventions.

She is survived by her daughter, Donna (Patric) Wright of Denver, Colorado; son, Dennis Nelson of Doniphan; grandson, Ryan (Kayla) Nelson; granddaughter, Nichole Nelson and step grandson, David Rosso all of Fort Collins, Colorado.

Arlene is preceded in death by her husband, Milford Nelson in January 2009; her parents Leona and Leroy Gregg and sisters, Margaret Hardekopf and Meredith White.

Memorials are suggested to Trinity United Methodist Church.

# Cemetery Details

## Cedarview Cemetery

Doniphan, NE

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **26**. 9:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Arlene Nelson*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Arlene was a special cousin full of vim and vinegar. I have so many wonderful memories of all the aunts, uncles and cousins getting together at the Nelson farm. We had the best food and lively conversations! I learned at an early age not to ride one certain horse that liked to run back to the barn at full speed! I loved hearing my dad and Senator Nelson "debate" over many topics of interest. My parents loved her dearly. She will be missed by many friends and family.*

*Cheryl (Gregg) Mohler*

**Cheryl Mohler** - August 26, 2017 at 02:36 PM



“ *Max and Cheryl (Gregg) Mohler purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Arlene Nelson.*



**Max and Cheryl (Gregg) Mohler** - August 25, 2017 at 02:42 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Arlene Nelson.*



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August 25, 2017 at 02:29 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Arlene Nelson.*



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August 25, 2017 at 11:55 AM



“ *Devoted nephew Roger Allen purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Arlene Nelson.*



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**Devoted nephew Roger Allen** - August 25, 2017 at 11:01 AM

RA

“ My dearest memory is when the siblings and I were gathered at my stepmother's final bedside in Grand Island as mother Frances was passing. Aunt Arlene came to stand with us for that whole afternoon and offer comfort, and while there said the following words - which both comforted and made us all laugh: "You know," she said, "if life is a pleasure and a blessing, and death is peace, then it's only the transition that is the problem." That kind of pithy and stoic remark was my Aunt Arlene - and I've always been so proud to have been her nephew and would have liked to have had a character just like hers.

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**Roger Allen** - August 25, 2017 at 10:11 AM

KG

*Really love this memory of yours Roger.. she was a remarkable lady!*

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**kathleen gallagher** - August 28, 2017 at 06:18 PM

CO

“ We lost a good friend and neighbor. A vigorous, hard working member of society, gifted and giving in so many ways. Truly a member of the "grand generation"!  
Our sympathies are with you,  
Chuck O'Donnell and family

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**Charles O'Donnell** - August 24, 2017 at 09:50 PM

DL

“ Doug Gibbs and Claudia Lindley purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Arlene Nelson.



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**Doug Gibbs and Claudia Lindley** - August 24, 2017 at 02:58 PM

DG

“ I am so saddened to hear of Arlene's passing. I was her legislative aide during her last term in office at the Unicameral and always considered myself fortunate to have worked for her. She was the kind of leader the state always needs; thoughtful, committed, compassionate, willing to stand up for what she believed, and a champion of the "little guy." She will be sorely missed. My condolences to Donna and Dennis. Your mother was a great lady.

*Doug Gibbs*

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**Doug Gibbs** - August 24, 2017 at 01:39 PM