



Bonnie Rae Novy

March 25, 1941 - March 13, 2026

Bonnie Rae Novy, the daughter of Wallace Ray and Beulah Berniece (Chapman) Watkins, was born March 25, 1941, in Tarkio, Missouri. She attended Tarkio High School, graduating in 1959. She then attended Tarkio College, receiving her bachelor's degree in business in 1963.

On August 1, 1964, Bonnie was united in marriage to Lyman Novy and became the parents of two children, Gayle and David. Lyman passed away in February of 2000.

Bonnie was employed by Cambridge, Nebraska as a Business Teacher, where she taught for numerous years. She was employed by various banks including Cornhusker Bank in Lincoln, Nebraska, where she eventually retired. Bonnie was a member of the United Methodist Church, Lincoln, and Faculty Wives, Sutton, Nebraska. She cherished spending time with her grandchildren. She loved reading books to them. Every book, every story she brought to life as she was reading. Bonnie's legacy will live through each grandchild reading to their children.

Bonnie enjoyed cooking, baking, and making homemade play dough. She also loved gardening, canning, and ceramics. Her success story is about the love she gave and the lives she touched. She was an incredible person full of good. She was honest, hardworking, and often doing two jobs at a time to help provide for the family she loved so much. Bonnie passed away Friday, March 13, 2026, Tabitha Health, Grand Island, Nebraska, at the age of 84. Besides her parents and husband, Lyman Novy, Bonnie was preceded in

death by brothers, Jim and Charley Watkins, sister, Kay (Watkins) Sturtz. Survivors include children, Gayle (Jason) Bonnes, and David (Donna) Novy; grandchildren, Jordan Bonnes, Jaysa (Alex) Bonnes-Cowell, Gabrielle “Gabby” Bonnes, DeLaney (Spencer) Barkdoll, Dayton Novy, and Zoey Carter; great grandchildren, Jeralynne Bonnes and Brantley Carter; brother, John Watkins, and sister-in-law, Janet Watkins; numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Memorial Service: 1:00 P.M., Sunday, March 29, 2026, Davis Funeral Home, Tarkio.

There is no scheduled visitation.

Inurnment: Home Cemetery, Tarkio.

Memorials: St. Jude Children’s Research.

Arrangements: Davis Funeral Home, Tarkio.

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Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR **29**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM.

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