



## Edith E. Pinkston

May 31, 1913 - October 21, 2017

Edith E. Pinkston, 104, of Grand Island went to her Heavenly home on Saturday, October 21, 2017.

Visitation will be from 4-6 p.m. on Wednesday, October 25, 2017, at All Faiths Funeral Home. A celebration of Edith's life will be 11 a.m. on Thursday, October 26, 2017, at the funeral home, followed by a graveside service at Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Daniel Naranjo will officiate.

Edith was born May 31, 1913, in Holt County near Atkinson, the eldest daughter of Guy and Lenora (Stone) Strong. She was raised on the family farm and graduated from Pawnee City High School in 1930. She joined her parents at their new home in Arnold where she met Frank Pinkston.

Edith and Frank were married on her birthday in 1933, and they were blessed with two children, Darrel and Joan. The family lived in Madison and Ceresco before making Grand Island their home in 1942. In 1947, they built a home on North Park Street where they lived until 1999 when Edith moved to Riverside Lodge. Edith was employed as a secretary for twelve years at Walnut Junior High. After she graduated from Kearney State College with an English and Art degree in 1967, she taught art at Walnut for many years. She retired from public school teaching in 1975, but taught private art classes until she was over 100 years old.

Edith was an accomplished artist, and her artwork graces many Grand Island homes and public buildings, including the old First Baptist Church on Eddy, the Stuhr Museum, and the Veterans Hospital. She won many ribbons at the Nebraska State Fair and numerous other awards for her paintings. In 2006 she was presented with the Outstanding Visual Artist Award by the Moonshell Arts and Humanities Council.

Edith's memberships included the First Baptist Church, the Grand Island Sketch Club, the Retired Teachers Association, and the Order of Eastern Star of which she was a 50-year member.

Survivors include her daughter, Joan (Dan) Bennett of Tucson, Arizona; daughter-in-law, Shelley Pinkston Carter of Hastings; grandchildren, Denise (Steve) Rodenburg, Dana (Shannon Jackson) Bennett, Lori (Gus) Wegren, Sheri (Keith) Thompson, Casey (Brenda) Quaife, Cody (Dawn) Quaife, Colby (Ashley) Quaife, and Caylee Pinkston; and ten great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Frank; her son, Darrel Pinkston; her parents; two brothers, Elvin and Gerald; a sister, Vivian Mosher; and granddaughters, Deborah and Sarah Pinkston.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Grand Island Retired Teachers Association student scholarship fund.

Online condolences may be sent to [www.giallfaiths.com](http://www.giallfaiths.com)

# Cemetery Details

## **Westlawn Memorial Park**

3826 West Stolley Park Road  
Grand Island, NE 68803

# Tribute Wall



“ *Edith E. Pinkston*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Me and my family have chosen her for a grandma from church, we are sure going to miss her. She has left a lasting impact on me, my husband and my children. My grand girls loved to go visit her and make her art. Rest easy dear Edith, you have lived the life we all should be living, just being kind and helping others every day. What a true Christian in every sense of the word.*

**Annetta & Mike Milhon** - October 29, 2017 at 10:28 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to the family. We often visited Edith when we came to Grand island to see my mom Sally Collier. We will truly miss her and her art work.*  
*Marilyn and Fred Richardson*

**Marilyn Richardson** - October 26, 2017 at 10:03 PM

LW

“ I am so sad to get the news about Edith's passing. I did my student teaching under Edith in the 1969-70 school year in art and I learned more about teaching than I ever learned in my education classes. She was a wonderful mentor and had the patience of a saint. We reconnected when she moved to Riverside Lodge and I was there visiting my parents and my mother-in-law. we visited many times over the years that they all lived there and I will miss visiting with her when we come back to Nebraska. She was a remarkable lady! May she rest in peace!  
Linda Wenzl  
Stevens Point, WI

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Linda Wenzl - October 25, 2017 at 09:56 PM

PK

“ Lenora Strong was a neighbor next to my grandparents. Loved her! She was feisty and had plenty of spirit. No wonder she lived a ripe old age just like Edith. I remember she did not go to a nursing home until she was over 100 and she liked her whirlpool baths. That is how I first met Edith. I took art lessons from her when she lived on Park Street. So patient and kind. Those were good times. I worked in the doctor's office and would continue to see them on a regular basis. People like Edith do not come into your lives on a regular basis. You were lucky if she was related to you or a friend of yours. She will be missed. I smile every time I walk by one of her paintings.  
My Deepest Sympathies, Peggy Klein

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Peggy Klein - October 25, 2017 at 10:19 AM

AW

“ *Edith Pinkerton was a dear friend of my mother Phyllis Wetzel. They were both artists and enjoyed sketch club together. Edith was a kind wonderful lady who shared her love and talent.*  
*Annette Wetzel*

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**Annette Wetzel** - October 24, 2017 at 12:10 PM

AW

*I apologize about the mistake on Edith's last name. Auto correct...*

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**annette wetzel** - October 24, 2017 at 10:22 PM

DT

“ *I remember Mrs. Pinkston as being one of my most unforgettable teachers! I loved having her teach me. I am 60 years old now so if I still recall one of my teachers you have to know that they made a lasting impression. My condolences to her family. I am sure she will be missed.*

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**Diane (Fuller) Trausch** - October 23, 2017 at 07:12 PM