



## Elinor Martha Peterson

March 5, 1930 - July 28, 2019

Elinor Martha Peterson, 89, of Grand Island died Sunday, July 28, 2019 at Lakeview Care Center of Grand Island.

Memorial service will be 4:00 p.m. Friday at All Faiths Funeral Home. Dan Naranjo will officiate. Family will greet friends from 3:00 until service time. Burial of ashes will be at a later date in West Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Elinor, the youngest child of Daniel and Edith (Anderson) O'Neill, was born in Gibbon on March 5, 1930. When she was two, her family moved to a farm near Wood River and moved for the last time when she was eleven to a farm west of Alda. She received her early education in country schools before attending St. Mary's High School in Grand Island and graduating from Wood River High School in 1948.

In 1951 Elinor married Jim Buckner and welcomed her daughter, Debbie, a year later. She later married Floyd Peterson on December 14, 1954 in Grand Island and kept busy with her home and four children. At the age most people retire, Elinor began working at St. Francis Medical Center in the laundry. She later joined her sisters, Christina and Violet, in a senior line dancing group at the Grand Generation Center.

Elinor was especially proud of her Irish heritage and enjoyed spending time with family and friends. She will be missed for her humor and spunky personality. She was a member of the Catholic faith.

Survivors of the immediate family include a son, Lee Peterson of Brooklyn, NY; a daughter, Janet (Skip) Pecoraro of Stanford, ME; three sisters, Christina

Powell and Violet Woitaszewski of Grand Island, and Anne Mart of Hutchinson, KS. Other survivors include her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Elinor was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of nearly 50 years, Floyd; a daughter, Debbie (Buckner) Davis; a son, Chris Peterson; an infant sister; her brothers, Art, Duane and Clarence O'Neill; and a sister, Irene Wortman.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 2. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home  
2929 S Locust St  
Grand Island, NE 68801  
(308) 398-2929  
allfaiths@giallfaiths.com  
<https://www.giallfaiths.com/>

## Celebration of Life Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Elinor Martha Peterson*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Sorry to hear about Great-Aunt Elinor. I was finally able to get through my papers but to late. I did notify Geoff and his wife Maggie as well as Emily and her husband Eric. Emily and Eric have 4 boys now. Samuel Enos-4, Peter Albert-3, Reuben Earl-2 and Phinehas Joseph-5 months. All the boys have great grandfather's names for their middle name.*

*Blessings and prayers for God's comfort with the loss of Elinor.  
Karen Peterson*

**Karen Peterson** - August 03, 2019 at 10:49 AM



“ *Recalling what a sweet lady Elinor was, a very hard worker at St. Francis, think my mother and Elinor had good chats while working together :). Sincerest sympathy to Elinor's family and friends.  
Christy Sullivan*

**Christy Sullivan** - August 01, 2019 at 08:09 PM



“ *Elinor was a wonderful lady, very good to her children and grandchildren. She always said me feel special we could talk about anything. Prayers for her loved ones.*

**Jacqueline Goos** - July 31, 2019 at 06:51 PM