



Geraldine Joan Ward

February 24, 1936 - December 13, 2024

Geraldine Joan Ward, 88, of Kearney, formerly of Grand Island, passed away on Friday, December 13, 2024.

A celebration of life service will be held at the Central Nebraska Veterans Home Chapel in Kearney at 10:00 a.m. Monday, December 23rd.

Burial will follow in Litchfield Cemetery. All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.

Geraldine was born February 24, 1936, in North Platte, the daughter of George and Lucy (Gilmore) Guthard. She grew up and received her education in Litchfield, taking correspondence courses through UNL.

On November 26, 1954, Geraldine married Billy Gene Ward. They lived in Litchfield, Gibbon for 30 years, back to Litchfield, a year at the Good Samaritan Village in Hastings, Grand Island Veterans Home and then in Central Nebraska Veterans Home.

For 27 years, she was employed by Baldwin Manufacturing in Kearney. She also worked at Willman's Grocery Store by Fonner Park in Grand Island, sold Avon, and cleaned at Ludden Dorm at UNK in Kearney.

Through the years, Geraldine was a member of the Christian Church in Litchfield where she taught CIA, Evangelical Free Church in Kearney and the Baptist Church in Gibbon.

Those who cherish her memory include her children, Daniel (Nancy) Ward and Wanda Jack; son-in-law, Vic Hanson; grandchildren, Isaac (Jessica) Ward, Karen Jack (Lucas), Lynn Hanson and Donald (Kailey) Hanson; and

two great-grandchildren, Eli and Carson Ward.

She is also survived by brothers, John (Elaine) Guthard and Gary (Donna) Guthard.

Geraldine was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, Billy; daughter, Joan Hanson; brother, Larry Guthard; and granddaughter, Victoria Joan Hanson.

Memorials are suggested to the family to be designated at a later date.