



## Gerre R. Rathje

November 26, 1929 - March 5, 2015

Gerre R. Rathje, 85 of rural Phillips, went to her Heavenly home Thursday, March 5, 2015 at Tiffany Square with her loving family at her side.

Services will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at St. Pauls Lutheran Church, 1515 S. Harrison Street. Reverend William Pavuk will officiate.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Monday at St. Pauls Lutheran Church.

Cremation will take place following the service.

All Faiths Funeral Home is serving the family.

Mrs. Rathje was born November 26, 1929 at Grand Island the daughter of Conrad and Katherine (Liebsack) Benner.

She is welcomed into Heaven by her parents; sisters, Lillian Brostrom and Betty Spiehs and daughter-in-law, Kathy Rathje.

Survivors of the immediate family include her husband of 61 years, Richard; children and their spouses, Teresa and Chip Howell of Lincoln, Rick and Kay Rathje of Roseland, Jim and Nancy Rathje of Grand Island, Brenda and Mike Shipwright of Overland Park, KS and Cindy and Rick Braun of Lincoln; brother and sister-in-law, Ron and Barb Benner of Grand Island; brothers-in-law, Ralph Brostrom and Phil Spiehs and uncle, Rudy Liebsack all of Grand Island; 15 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Gerre was raised in Grand Island where she graduated from Grand Island Senior High, class of 1947. She was united in marriage to Richard W. Rathje on November 8, 1953. They farmed west of Phillips. Gerre worked as a dental assistant before her marriage and following at Fonner Park, Pioneer Seed and

Skagway north.

She is a member of St. Pauls Lutheran Church where she taught Sunday school for many years and served on the Ruth Circle and she belonged to the KK Extension Club. She enjoyed sewing, gardening and helping with 4-H. She loved time spent with family and serving others.

Memorials are suggested to the Gerre Rathje Medical Scholarship Fund which will be endowed through her church.

# Tribute Wall



“ Gerre R. Rathje

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ dear Dick and Gerre's family.....Gerre and I have been "best friends" for most of our lives, although our roads drift In directions. She was ever in my mind when I would think back of our "earlier days". Loved her then and still do. Always sent or phoned on her Nov 26 birthday. Love to all and God Bless...Lois Greenwood Nielsen

Lois Nielsen - March 16, 2015 at 05:28 PM



“ I worked with Gerre at Skagway North. What a wonderful and kind person she was, always a big smile and greetings for the customers she served. Mary and my condolences to the family, she will be missed by all that had contract with this beautiful and kind lady. Rest in piece dear friend.  
Gary and Mary Picthall

Gary Picthall - March 09, 2015 at 12:28 PM



“ Dick and Family, I will always cherish the fond memories of my cousin Gerre and her smile. She always had a hug for me whenever or wherever we met, no matter how old I was. She was such a sweet and kind person all who knew her were blessed.

Kris Davenport Burke

Kris Davenport Burke - March 09, 2015 at 08:15 AM



“ *Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gerre R. Rathje.*



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March 08, 2015 at 03:59 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gerre R. Rathje.*



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March 08, 2015 at 03:23 PM



“ *Rich and Connie send our Deepest Sympathy to Dick and family. So sorry that we will not be able to attend Gerre's funeral. We are still in TX for the winter.*

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**Rich and Connie Hohnstein** - March 08, 2015 at 09:18 AM



“ *Gerre was such a wonderful aunt to us and sister and friend to our mom. Such wonderful childhood memories with the Rathje family. The things I remember most are the warm smile and hug I got every time I saw her. And she used to call and sing happy birthday to me every birthday which was always a "hoot". She was such a happy and warm person. We are lucky to have known her and loved her.*

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**John Spiehs** - March 08, 2015 at 08:47 AM