



## Ina Mae Haney

September 1, 1927 - August 17, 2019

Ina Mae Haney, 92, formerly of Grand Island, passed away on Saturday, August 17, 2019 with the comfort of her family by her side at Ridgewood Care Center in Seward, NE.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, August 23, 2019 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Rev. Bill Pavuk will officiate. Private family burial of ashes will take place at Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery.

Ina was born on September 1, 1927 in Norfolk, Nebraska as the first born child of Lynis L. and Oneta (Filter) Northouse. As was the case for many in her generation, she had a childhood filled with wonderful memories and challenging times.

Ina spent her early childhood near Norfolk raised with her sister and brother by her mother and grandparents until the family relocated to Grand Island following the Great Depression. She attended Grand Island Senior High with the class of 1945, during World War II. She then served her country in Washington, D.C. during the end of the war and returned to Grand Island where she met her tall, dark and handsome husband, William "Bill" Haney, also of Grand Island.

On June 8, 1947, Ina and Bill were united in marriage at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Grand Island. This union was blessed with three children and a fiery 55 years together. They were a fun-loving couple who were members of a number of social clubs and organizations in Grand Island where they met so many lifelong friends. They enjoyed vacations with their children and then

vacations with their friends once the children had moved away. Fond of beaches and seashells, palm trees and fishing, the young-at-heart couple enjoyed the exotic beauty of many locations in the Gulf of Mexico, the Caribbean, and the Pacific.

Ina was also an industrious woman with a strong work ethic. As a mother, she planned countless parties, made sure her children were involved in sports and other activities, and sewed new dresses and outfits for her daughter whenever an occasion arose. She kept house and a beautiful, extensive flower garden. She was employed by a local doctors clinic for 15 years and helped Bill manage the books for his stucco company and their rental properties for many more years. She also served for twelve years as the Director of Senior Ministries with St. Paul's Lutheran Church assisting with the preparation and delivery of over 40,000 meals and weekly programming for Grand Island area seniors on Wednesday afternoons. She 'retired' in 2002 at the age of seventy four to care for Bill in his last year of life.

In addition to her employment, Ina's intensity and drive sent her with a servant's heart into the community. She was an active member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, serving in several areas, attending, and often leading bible study. Following her first battle with cancer in her 40's, Ina started the Grand Island chapter of the American Cancer Society's Reach to Recovery Program, earning her the title "Volunteer of the Year" from the state of Nebraska.

Throughout her life, Ina continued to dedicate her time to the community and was honored as "Women of the Year" by Beta Sigma Phi and "Volunteer of the Year" by the Grand Island YWCA. Ina served as co-chairman of the "Relay for Life" organization and continued as an active participant in their activities until 2016. Building off of her own experiences, she also began a caregivers support group at St. Paul's Lutheran Church following the death of her husband, Bill, in 2002.

Following the death of her beloved daughter Sue in 1997, Ina, Sue's husband Larry and the rest of their family initiated the St. Pauls' Lutheran Church annual Christmas dinner in 1998. This event provided an opportunity for

healing through service and good will. Though most of the family has now moved away from the area, the event has continued to grow and lives as a testament to that love and spirit.

She leaves a lifetime of memories and influence with her son, Tom (Diane) Haney of Grand Island; son-in-law, Larry (Cathy) Lausten of TX; grandchildren, Karli (Randy) Weems of TX, Jacob Lausten of Lincoln, Morgan Lausten of Lincoln, Christine (Matt) Douglass of Seward, Melissa (Damian) Haniewicz of Denver and Andrew Haney of California; five great-grandchildren; brother, Lance (Karen) Northouse of California; sister, Marcella Kelly of Arizona; along with numerous extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill; daughters, Kathleen Haney and Susan Lausten; and grandson, Joshua Lausten.

Memorials are designated to St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

# Cemetery Details

## Westlawn Memorial Park

3826 West Stolley Park Road  
Grand Island, NE 68803

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

AUG **23**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Pauls Lutheran Church  
1515 South Harrison Street  
Grand Island, NE 68801

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ina Mae Haney*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *I am so sorry to learn of Ina's recent passing. I always knew I was in for fun when I came to the Haney house so many times from age 10 through high school. Sue was one of my best friends so I was there a lot. Tom, I am so sorry for the loss of your mom. She was a great lady! Love, Rhonda Lemke*

**Rhonda Lemke** - September 03, 2019 at 08:27 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ina Mae Haney.*



August 23, 2019 at 06:48 PM



“ *Weems, Parsons and Connelly Families purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Ina Mae Haney.*



**Weems, Parsons and Connelly Families** - August 22, 2019 at 04:31 PM

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“*Ina was a wonderful lady and I always enjoyed my visits with her. She was who I was to call when we had a prayer chain request and I always looked forward to sending the request on knowing I would get to have a visit with her and "catch up" on what was new in her life and she was always an ear for me and my life happenings. It was truly a pleasure to have known her. May she rest in peace...till we meet again!!*

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**Colleen Maxon** - August 19, 2019 at 05:55 PM

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*My first job in healthcare was with Ina at Dr Francis office. I learned a lot from Ina and enjoyed working with her. I was very young and so amazed with Ina's advocacy for women with breast cancer at a time when talking about breast cancer was taboo. I moved from the area 35 years ago and lost touch with Ina but i'll always remember her community involvement and stamina with a smile. RIP with Bill and your daughters. Kay Nagorski*

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**Kay Nagorski** - August 21, 2019 at 07:43 AM