



## Mary Jeannette Kraft

April 1, 1927 - May 30, 2018

Mary Jeannette (Wayland) Kraft

Mary J. Kraft, 91 of Grand Island, went to her Heavenly home Wednesday, May 30, 2018 at CHI Health St. Francis.

Private family graveside services will be in the Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Daniel Naranjo will officiate. There will be no visitation.

Mary was born April 1 1927 in Uxbridge Massachusetts to George and Ethel (Hanify) Wayland. Mary spent most of her childhood in Uxbridge with a large extended family before moving to California in High School. She graduated from St. Vincent's High School in Vallejo California. After graduation she moved with her parents to Nebraska where she attended Creighton University. She joined the Navy in 1950 and that is where she met her husband to be Thomas Kraft. They married in 1951 and had seven children. They lived at several different Naval bases before Thomas retired and finally relocated to Grand Island, Nebraska.

Mary enjoyed her big family, gardening, walking and baking. When the children were grown she worked for several years at World of Toys and Hobbies. She later volunteered at the Veteran's Hospital. One of her wishes was to be able to live long enough to see the Cubs win the World Series and

thoroughly enjoyed those 7 nights and how her grandchildren cheered along with her.

She was a member of the America Legion, St Leo's Church and past member of Blessed Sacrament Church.

She is survived by daughter, Patricia Kraft; daughter, Elizabeth (Stephen) Euler, grandchildren Peter and Laurie, greats Jade, Hailey, Lexi and Chase; daughter, Kathleen (Kim) Fandry, grandsons Brian and Kevin; daughter, Jeannette (Randy) Herrold, granddaughter, Samantha; daughter, Michelle (John) Anderson, granddaughter, Bradi; daughter, Mary (Mike) Fitzgerald, grandson Scott (Allison), greats, Kenslee and Hayden, granddaughter, Tracy (Justin) Usasz, greats, Aryana, Marissa and Emmersyn, granddaughter, Kristen (Richie) Nieto, greats, Camden, Evelyn and Bennett; son, Charles (Judy) Kraft, granddaughter Heidi, granddaughter Breanna (Devon) Stewart, great Riley and grandson Devin Kraft; sister-in-law, Jayne Kraft Letsche.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, her beloved husband Thomas, grandson Charles Euler and great grandsons Stone and Seth.

Memorials are suggested to the family for future designations.

# Cemetery Details

## **Westlawn Memorial Park**

3826 West Stolley Park Road  
Grand Island, NE 68803

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Jeannette Kraft*

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October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *This message is for Patricia. I was sorry to hear of your mother's passing. I lost my father 3 years ago and miss him still. I have tried to find you as I have moved back to grand island. I hope that you are doing well. I can be reached at 402-658-0395*

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**Connie Hruza Cumpston Ward** - June 03, 2018 at 10:33 PM



“ *First, to all of guys, please accept my sincere sympathy at the passing of your Mom. Mary was such a treasure and a good friend to me when we worked at the toy store together. She was funny and wise, she had a wonderful sense of humor and above all else, she loved her family. Working together every day we really shared our thoughts and concerns about our work and families. She was there when Daniel and I got married, when our daughter was born and when my mom passed away. I will always cherish her friendship. Gods blessing of comfort and healing for your family. I know she will be greatly missed.*

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**Shauna Rock** - June 02, 2018 at 02:21 PM