



## Nellie A Grim

April 8, 1933 - September 11, 2020

Nellie A. Grim, the daughter of Joseph and Habooba Abood, was born in Jib Jenine, Lebanon on April 8, 1933, and passed away at Sumner Place in Lincoln, Nebraska on Friday, September 11, 2020, at the age of 87.

Services will be held on Friday, September 18, 2020 at 2 p.m. at All Faiths Funeral Home, with visitation the hour prior. Live streaming is available at All Faiths Funeral Home Facebook page. Pastor Dan Bremer will officiate, and burial will follow at the Oak Ridge Cemetery in Dannebrog, NE.

In 1948, Nellie immigrated by herself to America, arriving through Ellis Island, New York. She graduated from high school in Charleston, WV in May 1954. Nellie married Dale K. Grim on June 27, 1954, and the two began their lives together in Charleston. They relocated to Dannebrog in 1960 and Grand Island in 1970.

Nellie had a servant's heart and she and Dale were blessed to be very active and raise their family alongside their friends in the Baptist Church. Nellie was a deaconess in the Baptist Church in Grand Island and taught Sunday School for many years. Nellie also made Syrian bread to be used for communion.

Nellie's ministry did not stop at the door of the church. She was also a member of the Howard County Extension Club, past president of Grand Island

Business and Professional Women, a Teammate Mentor, and chosen as Grand Island Independent Mother of the Year in 1974. In all her activities, Nellie lived a Christian life by example, interacting with everyone with a gentle, loving manner and a kind heart.

Nellie was a lifelong learner, always pursuing new things. Beginning in her 50's she enrolled in business and computer classes at Central Community College, continuing her studies until she was almost 75. Nellie was employed over the years at the Cairo Public Schools, Ace Hardware, and Dillard's in Grand Island, where she worked for 20 years until she retired at age 78.

Nellie was happiest when she was cooking and baking for her family and friends. Throughout the years, many Islanders grew to love Nellie 's Middle Eastern dishes and pastries. But more than any other, Nellie's Baklava was known far and wide. She happily taught more than a few eager students the secret of baking that very special treat.

Nellie's memory is cherished by her children, JoAnn Bjorkman of Aurora, NE, James (Sully) Grim of Oviedo, FL, and Lynn (Jon) Rath of Lincoln, NE; foster sister, JoAnn Calabrese of Parsippany, NJ; nine grandchildren: Mandy Hilsabeck, Eric Bjorkman, Shannon Meguire, Grant Kolar, Eric Kolar, Joshua and Natalie Grim, Jamie and Jill Rath; seven great-grandchildren: Timothy, Alexandra, and Sierra Bjorkman, Ayden Hilsabeck, Trent Taylor, Dax Meguire, and Hannah Callahan; along with numerous extended family and friends.

She is preceded in death by her husband, parents, sister Seamone Haddad, and foster family, George Sr., Lucy, Lucille, and George Jr. Naseef.

Memorials are suggested to St. Jude Children's Hospital or the Nellie A. Grim Scholarship Fund at Central Community College. Please make checks payable to Central Community College Foundation and mail to 201

Foundation Place, Suite 200, Hastings, NE 68901.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **18.** 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home  
2929 S Locust St  
Grand Island, NE 68801  
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## Service

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## Burial

SEP **18.** 3:00 PM (CT)

Oak Ridge Cemetery  
Dannebrog, NE

# Tribute Wall



“ *Nellie A Grim*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Nellie is one of my favorite people. Nellie and Dale's generous hearted kindness to my family never failed. She was a wonderful spiritual influence who always brought grace and blessing to our church. I thank God for her.*

*Rev. Dr. Charles D. Gregory*

**Charles Gregory** - September 17, 2020 at 11:08 PM



“ *Nellie was one of the loveliest people I have ever known. We appreciated her for her gentleness, her sense of humor, her generous spirit, her strength, and the kindness of her faith. I'm grateful to have known her.*

*God's grace and peace to you,  
Beth Gregory*

**Beth Gregory** - September 17, 2020 at 11:02 PM



“ *When I was 5 years old, my Aunt Nellie sent me a very special Christmas present. I opened the package and to my surprise, it was filled with comic books of my favorite super hero, Superman. Aunt Nellie sent me comic books for several years. I loved my Aunt Nellie and will always remember how she made so many of my Christmases so special.*

**George Haddad** - September 17, 2020 at 07:39 PM

SE

*I am so grateful for having known Nellie when I was a young teen. She and the family lived next door to our church where I frequently practiced the organ. She exuded unconditional love and kindness. I am forever grateful that our paths continued to cross over the years and I cherish my memories of her. My deep condolences to you all. I regret I was in Omaha yesterday and unable to attend her service. Blessings to you.*

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**seanne emerton** - September 19, 2020 at 10:56 AM

GH

“*Dearest cousins. When I was a little boy, I called my Aunt Nellie "Annette ". Annette Funicello was one of the mousekateer on Disney. Throughout the past years, I still would call my Aunt Nellie Annette. About a month ago, Aunt Nellie called me and asked if I still called her Annette. I said of course I did and we had a great time talking.*

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**George Haddad** - September 17, 2020 at 07:26 PM

LR

*That's great George. Aunt Nellie loved that, because Annette was beautiful. I don't know if she knew that she was beautiful too, but that was a great reminder for her. She really loved you, Joe, Chuck and Rose. We are all going to miss her so much, but her and your Mom are together now, and pain free. I'm so happy for them because of that. Love you cousin George. ❤️❤️🙏❤️🦋😭*

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**Lynn Rath** - September 18, 2020 at 12:13 PM

SM

“ I loved my grandma Nellie more than anything. I have only the best memories of her. All the time we spent together, the weekends, the tea parties, the songs. She taught me how to bake. Everyone loved her baking. She always made sure that I knew she loved me unconditionally, no matter what. Nellie was genuine. She loved everyone, and everyone loved her. She was the the strongest, kindest, smartest, most gentle woman I've ever known. She's always been my hero. I will miss her terribly.

Love you, Grandma.

Love Always, Shannon



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**Shannon Meguire** - September 17, 2020 at 01:34 PM

LR

That was beautiful Shannon. Grandma Nellie loved you just as much as you loved her. I am very glad you had her in your life, and I am so sorry for your loss. I love you Shannon! All my love and prayers, Mom



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**Lynn Rath** - September 17, 2020 at 02:04 PM

JC

“ A short time after Nellie arrived from Lebanon, she came to live with my family and became part of us. I believe I was 4 years old and "my new big sister, Nellie" helped provide me with the love and feelings of security I needed. Although my family moved to another state right after they were married, Nellie and I retained that loving bond we shared through cards, phone calls and occasional visits. Nellie was one of God's "Special Angels" here on earth and is now one of His Guardian Angels I love you Nellie and will miss you forever. Your "little sister", JoAnn D. Naseef Calabrese

JoAnn D. Calabrese - September 17, 2020 at 12:02 PM

MN

“ Margarita and Fernando Nuñez purchased the *With Distinction* for the family of Nellie A Grim.



Margarita and Fernando Nuñez - September 16, 2020 at 05:46 PM

SJ

“ Nellie was a exemplary employee at Jelinek Ace Hardware for many years! In addition to her work at the store, she was very thoughtful of Mildred and George, bringing them and us baklava that we all enjoyed every Christmas! In addition, I remember our daughter Cheryl helping her make mints for Cheryl's wedding. She was more like a family member than employee. Loved seeing her at Dillard's whenever I was there. She was a wonderful example of a Christian woman! We were privileged to know her!  
Don and Sharon Jelinek

Sharon Jelinek - September 16, 2020 at 12:12 PM

JE

“ *My sincere condolences to Nellie's family. I worked with Nellie in 1971 at Ace Hardware, she was a cashier. She was a very loving person and work and home. At first when she started work at Ace she seemed very quite, maybe a little shy until she got to know the employees. We always took our break together and she would tell me about growing up Lebanon how her life was. I found Nellie very interesting. She may be gone but will always be in your hearts.*  
*Jerry Schwartz*

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**Jerry** - September 16, 2020 at 11:46 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nellie A Grim.*



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September 16, 2020 at 11:43 AM

FC

“ *From Doug and Judy Camplin purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Nellie A Grim.*



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**From Doug and Judy Camplin** - September 16, 2020 at 10:44 AM

JC

“ *Nellie and I were friends for many years. We used to go out to lunch together , and visit each other in our homes. She was wonderful. She called me when she moved to Riverside, and we planned to get together but never did. She was proud of her family, and because I had raised three sons, she talked to me a lot about Joshua. Christmas wasn't complete until she brought me her delicious baklava. She was also a good friend to mom son, Tom, who consulted with her on mens' fashion! He later worked at the Von Maur store in Lincoln when it opened. I will miss her.*

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**judy camplin** - September 16, 2020 at 10:37 AM

RJ

“ *I Loved Nellie and I spoke to her on occasion at Dillard's when I shopped there. I was acquainted with her and her husband Dale and two of her children, James and Lynn back in the 70's when my Aunt Ruby Myers and Uncle Jerry Myers use to visit them. My Uncle Jerry Worked with Dale at the Fire Station, back then. She was a wonderful, soft spoken Lady. I Loved her very much! God Bless the Family in their loss! Sincerely, Robin Jantzi Formally Robin Myers. 402-460-7023*

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**Robin Jantzi** - September 16, 2020 at 05:58 AM

MR

“ *Our deepest sympathy to Nellie's family. We have known Nellie for many years and always looked forward to seeing her when visiting our family in Grand Island. Nellie was truly the kindest, loving and compassionate person we've ever known. We will always cherish the memories of our times together with Nellie and Dale. Marilyn and Fred Richardson, Evans, GA.*

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**Marilyn Richardson** - September 15, 2020 at 03:31 PM

MG

“ *Marilyn & Fred Richardson, Evans, GA purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Nellie A Grim.*



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**Marilyn & Fred Richardson, Evans, GA** - September 15, 2020  
at 03:21 PM

CG

“ *Our condolences to all of you. We have so many memories of Nellie through the years we have known her. They will be a part of us forever. As much as we would have liked to be at the service; we cannot. I am on oxygen and because of covid it is not wise. I will live stream it though. We just want you to know that all of you will be in our thoughts and Nellie will be in our hearts forever. Al and Cindy Gosda*

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**Cindy Gosda** - September 15, 2020 at 12:07 PM