



Nyla Alexander

June 22, 1934 - March 18, 2019

Nyla Alexander, 84 of Grand Island died Monday, March 18, 2019 at Tiffany Square.

Services will be 2 PM Friday at the United Congregational Church. Reverend Steven Mitchell will officiate. Burial will be at 11 AM Saturday in the Pleasant View Cemetery near Plainview, Nebraska.

Visitation will be from 5-7 PM Thursday at All Faiths Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to the Grand Island Education Foundation.

Nyla was born June 22, 1934, to Elmo and Irene Ashburn of Plainview, NE. She attended the Plainview Public Schools, Gulf Park College for Women in Mississippi, Wayne State College, the University of South Dakota, and Kearney State College where she earned degrees in teaching and school administration.

Nyla married Don Alexander, also of Plainview, on August 28, 1956. They had one daughter, Lori. They lived in Plainview where Nyla was the Kindergarten teacher, and then Elementary Principal, until moving to Grand Island in 1975. She served as Elementary Principal at the Elkhorn Valley School in Meadow Grove for four years prior to moving to Grand Island.

Mrs. Alexander was Principal at Wasmer Elementary School in Grand Island from 1975 to 1995 and at West Lawn Elementary School in Grand Island from 1995-1997 at which time she retired. She is past President of the Nebraska Association of Elementary School Principals, an organization in which she had a leadership role for many years and hence received many honors for her work in the educational administration field.

She was a 50-year member of Mt. Vernon Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, having served as Worthy Matron. She was instrumental in starting The Order of the Rainbow for Girls in Plainview, and later served as Mother Advisor. She was involved with many civic organizations during her years in Grand Island, among them the Hall County Red Cross Board, Big Brothers and Big Sisters Board, PTA, YWCA Almost Home Committee for which she was instrumental in getting the program started for school-age children. She worked with organizations to promote safe environments for children and worked to disseminate information against child abuse. Wasmer was one of two elementary in Grand Island to begin a School Safety Patrol under her leadership and cooperation with the Grand Island Police Department.

She was a member of the United Congregational Church where she sang in the choir, chaired the Memorial Fund Committee, and served as Sunday School Superintendent. She was a volunteer Docent at Stuhr Museum and Grace Abbott Library for the Sheldon Art Exhibit.

She leaves to mourn her husband, Don; daughter, Lori Erickson; grandchildren and their spouses, Sarah (Reiny) Dickhaut, Spencer Erickson, Alex (Sara) Erickson, Grady (Laura) Erickson, Evan Erickson, Quinn Erickson, and Ali (Seth) Ziemba; great-grandchildren, Gavin, Aubree, Milo, Emelia, Kain, Addy, Cohen and Carter and brother, Dan (Vickie) Ashburn of Plainview.

She is preceded in death by her parents; brother, Lyle and son-in-law, Mike Erickson.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **21**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home
2929 S Locust St
Grand Island, NE 68801
(308) 398-2929
allfaiths@giallfaiths.com
<https://www.giallfaiths.com/>

Celebration of Life Service

MAR **22**. 2:00 PM (CT)

United Congregational Church
405 E. Bismark
Grand Island, NE

Burial

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

Pleasant View Cemetery
Planview, NE

Tribute Wall



“ *Nyla Alexander*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *She will be greatly missed by so many.*

Nancy Grimes - March 22, 2019 at 01:59 PM



“ *I am a proud Wasmer Wildcat and Mrs. Alexander was my principal there from about 1982-1988. (Plus the many visits we made back after we continued on to Barr to see her and our other favorite teachers!) We were so blessed to have her! I have to say that while thought she was great at the time, it wasn't until I had elementary-age kids of my own that I fully realized just HOW GREAT she was and how lucky we all were to have her looking out for and over us. She was a treasure for sure and I wanted to make sure you knew what an impact she had. Prayers and blessings to you all! --Lindsey (Deardorff) Walsh*

Lindsey Walsh - March 19, 2019 at 05:43 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Nyla Alexander.*



March 19, 2019 at 01:40 PM