



## Orva B. Samuelson

January 19, 1925 - May 21, 2020

Orva B. Samuelson, 95, of Lincoln died Thursday, May 21, 2020 at Bryan West Medical Center.

Service will be 1:00 pm Wednesday, May 27, at All Faiths Funeral Home in Grand Island. The Reverend Steven Peeler will officiate. Friends and extended family are invited to join the service which will be live-streamed via Facebook on All Faiths Funeral Home Facebook page, beginning 15 minutes prior to the service. Burial will be 2:00 pm Thursday, May 28, in The Lincoln Memorial Park Cemetery.

Orva was born January 19, 1925 in Cylinder, Iowa, to Thomas and Mattie (Naig) Gjerde. She graduated High School from Emmetsburg, IA and later moved to Lincoln, NE and worked for Smith Dorsey Pharmaceutical. She married Richard W. Samuelson on May 17, 1953 in Emmetsburg, IA. Like many couples, they met through an acquaintance and spent many nights dancing at the Pla Mor Ballroom in Lincoln, then in later years at the Liederkrantz in Grand Island.

Orva lived five years in Lincoln, thirteen in Columbus, forty-four years in Grand Island, and returned to Lincoln for her last five years. While in Grand Island, Orva sold Avon to many loving customers, most of which ended up being her dearest friends.

Survivors include her daughter, Janell (Terry) Schutte of Lincoln; three grandchildren, Dr. Jessica (Brett) Leibhart of Ogallala, Jacob (Ashley) Schutte of Lincoln and Jeffrey (Melynda) Schutte of Tekamah. She totally adored her

nine great-grandchildren and the times they came to visit: Samantha, Grace, Taylor, Michael, Natalie, Johanna, Gabbi, Kash and Lincoln. She is also survived by a sister, Muriel Gilman.

Orva was preceded in death by her husband, Richard W. Samuelson in 1999; sister, Juanita Ketterer and brother, Bud Gjerde.

Memorials are suggested to Messiah Lutheran Church.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

MAY 27. 1:00 PM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Orva B. Samuelson

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ I grew up in Columbus Nebraska and lived across the street from Orva, Dick and Janell. I remember getting invited over to play dates when I was maybe 5 years old. Janell was at school and Orva would come and get me and we would just have an hour or 2 sitting on the floor playing. My mom says she did that so she (my mom) could have a break from me. I really enjoyed those play dates!! I remember playing with troll dolls a lot! And, when all the neighbor ladies gathered at her house for coffee, she didn't leave me out. I got coffee just like the adults (Well, maybe it was watered down a little, but it was coffee). I got to see her a couple years ago and was so happy for that chance to see her and talk about the old neighborhood. What a great neighbor to have as a child! I will never forget her smile and I feel truly blessed to have known her. Janet Kreifels

janet kreifels - May 27, 2020 at 03:46 PM



“ I lost one of my best friends last week. From the time we were "pew mates" at Messiah we shared a special bond. When Orva entered assisted living, I started writing her weekly letters and would always receive an early morning phone call the next morning. When she became confined to her room, I increased my letters to 3 per week knowing I would be able to visit with her the next morning -- sometimes as early as 3:30 which was perfectly fine with me. The world lost a beautiful lady when Orva went to join Dick in heaven. We will all miss her! Judy (Witt) Wilson

Judy Wilson - May 27, 2020 at 01:37 PM

TG

“ Tom, Kathy, Amanda and Grace purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Orva B. Samuelson.



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**Tom, Kathy, Amanda and Grace** - May 26, 2020 at 02:46 PM

SS

“ Orva was one of my favorite people. She radiated joy whenever I saw her. She was so caring and so selfless. She had a wonderful sense of humor. She always saw the positive part of life. Her great grandchildren were such a joy for her. She delighted in watching them grow up...Orva loved to receive mail and we exchanged cards and notes and lots of laughs She personified grace and wisdom as she advanced in age. I will miss her dearly

*Sonja Simpson*  
*former parish nurse at Messiah Lutheran Church*

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**sonja simpson** - May 26, 2020 at 11:07 AM

LC

“ Love you all, Deb and Chuck purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Orva B. Samuelson.



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**Love you all, Deb and Chuck** - May 26, 2020 at 09:38 AM



“ We just want to extend our deepest sympathies and prayers to all family and friends...We have many memories of Orva and the coffee time at Wendy's at the mall. They all hold such dear memories to us both.

*Dan and Becky Janes*

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**Becky Janes** - May 25, 2020 at 12:37 AM

EH

“ *Janell and family,*  
Our sincere sympathy to you, Janell, and your family. We went to Messiah many years with Dick & Orva. Janell, if you remember many, many years ago you babysat with our children Keith & Betsy. You were one of our favorites. May God give you comfort at this time. *Ed and Kathy Hurley*

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**Ed & Kathy Hurley** - May 24, 2020 at 08:20 PM

SB

“ *Sweet and strong Orva, you will be forever missed. I was blessed to be Orva's District Manager with Avon for 25 of the years she worked for Avon. I was always delighted to see her and considered her a friend. She was a hard worker and her customers loved her! She was in the Top 10% in sales the entire time I worked with her. Heaven gained a beautiful soul.*

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**Sharon Boyd** - May 24, 2020 at 10:55 AM