



Phyllis Joanne (Brink) Necas

August 30, 1928 - February 18, 2025

Phyllis Joanne (Brink) Necas, 96, formerly of Grand Island, Nebraska died Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at the Josie Harper Hospice House in Omaha, Nebraska.

Memorial service and celebration of Phyllis' life will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, February 24th, at All Faiths Funeral Home in Grand Island, Nebraska. Visitation will be held from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service. Burial following at the Grand Island City Cemetery. Luncheon to follow at the First Presbyterian Church in Grand Island.

Phyllis was born August 30, 1928, at home on a farm in Thurston County Nebraska to Herbert and Bessie (Bacon) Brink. She attended Parks Country School and graduated from Lyons High School in 1946. After spending time working in Omaha, she returned to Lyons, Nebraska to work for the telephone company.

Phyllis was united in marriage to Andrew Necas Jr. on September 24, 1949. To this union, three children were born, Daniel, Sandra and Brenda. The family traveled throughout Nebraska as Andy's job with the Dept. of Roads lead to many different opportunities. She would recall 21 moves in four years. When permanent headquarters were established, they settled in Norfolk, Nebraska, where they built their home and resided for ten years. In 1966 they moved to Grand Island where Andy eventually took over as District Engineer for the Department of Roads. In Grand Island they experienced both the flood of 1967 and the tornado of 1980 and survived both. They resided in Grand

Island for over 40 years where they raised their family and watched as they grew up, graduated and started families of their own.

In her early years Phyllis devoted most of her time to her children and family and held various positions at Brandeis Dept. Store and Merle Norman Cosmetic Studio. Her hobbies in later years included quilting, sewing, stained glass, her exercise group, prayer shawl ministry and numerous church group affiliations. Phyllis spent a great deal of time volunteering for the Red Cross, Veterans Home, Food Pantry and various missions of the First Presbyterian Church, where they were members for many years. She was very involved with her children's activities and loved spending time with her church friends who became like second family to her.

In 2018 Phyllis moved to Elk Ridge Independent Living Center in Elkhorn, Nebraska, where she was very involved in the activities of the center and was a member of the Welcoming Committee and resided on the Advisory Board. She loved the activities there and participated in all, including Wii-Bowling, women's coffee, dime bingo, and exercising with her buddies on 2nd floor. Phyllis had a great sense of humor; during covid – we snuck her out several times, and when we visited, she would lower a basket from her 2nd floor balcony which we filled with necessities and goodies, until we got caught. Phyllis was a loyal and dear friend to many and an inspiration to all. She made many, many friends along her journey of life. Even when she moved to the Hospice House on Feb. 13, she said, "Wouldn't it be nice if I could find someone to have coffee with?"

Those left to cherish her memory are son, Dan (Donna) Necas of Lincoln, NE; daughters, Sandy Penny of Gretna and Brenda (Kevin) Larson of West Point, NE. She is also survived by grandchildren, Josh Necas, Aaron Necas, Sophia (Jordon) Hunt, Andy (Claire) Curry, Adam (Miesha) Curry, Micalah (Phillip) Kimsey, Tyler Magee, Cory (Kris) Larson, Chelsey (Jason) Haas, and Taylor (Sabrina) Larson; and 20 great-grandchildren with one on the way.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Andy Necas of 60 years; her parents, Herbert and Bessie Brink; three brothers, Merlin (Norita) Brink,

Kenneth (Thelma) Brink, Verle Brink; sister, Carrie (Elwin) Erickson and son-in-law, Riley Penny.

Memorials can be directed to the First Presbyterian Church in Grand Island, NE, or the Josie Harper Hospice House in Omaha, NE.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **24.** 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home
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Celebration of Life Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Phyllis Necas Family, she was a great neighbor that lived by my parents in Grand Island, Nebraska. Was always fun to visit with and loved her smile. She will be missed. May God comfort you at this time. Marlene & Janet Tibbs & Family*

Janet Tibbs - February 25, 2025 at 12:14 PM

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“ *Dear Sandy and family. We are so sorry for your loss and she will be in our prayers.*
Greg and Sandy

Greg - February 23, 2025 at 01:45 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Phyllis Joanne (Brink) Necas.*



February 22, 2025 at 04:55 PM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Phyllis Joanne (Brink) Necas.*



February 22, 2025 at 11:18 AM

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“ Gregg& Cheri. Denise&Roger. Brad &Jill purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Phyllis Joanne (Brink) Necas.



Gregg& Cheri. Denise&Roger. Brad &Jill - February 21, 2025
at 04:19 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Phyllis Joanne (Brink) Necas.



February 20, 2025 at 05:49 PM