



Vonna Jeane Jackson

May 4, 1931 - June 21, 2022

Vonna Jeane Jackson, 91, of Grand Island passed away on Tuesday, June 21, 2022.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, June 29th, at All Faiths Funeral Home. Daniel Naranjo will officiate. Interment will be in the Arnold, NE Cemetery at 2 p.m. Wednesday.

Visitation will be from 4-6 p.m. Tuesday at All Faiths Funeral Home.

Vonna was born May 4, 1931, at Garfield Table, Logan County, Nebraska, the daughter of Orville and Lola (Smith) Rockwell. She grew up on the family farm where her job was to take care of the baby animals and help with the usual farm chores. She attended Garfield School District No. 14 and graduated from Logan County High School in 1948, receiving a Teacher's Certificate to teach rural elementary schools. She was active in 4-H and Job's Daughters.

She taught at various rural schools in the area and attended Kearney State Teacher's College at Kearney, Nebraska and University of Nebraska Off Campus night courses during the summer months.

On August 2, 1953, Vonna married Josef "Joe" A Jackson in Arnold. Their first home was an upstairs apartment at the Experiment Station in North Platte. Her daughter, Donna Jeane, was born in November 1954.

From North Platte, they moved to Mt. Pleasant, IA; returning to Nebraska in 1963, to live in Grand Island where they made their forever home. Here, Vonna worked at Crocker Claims Insurance Adjusting Service, helped Joe with his appraisal business and had her own research service.

Many hours were spent at the sewing machine, making clothes for her and Donna. Vonna enjoyed her crossword and jigsaw puzzles as well as playing the piano, guitar and organ. For 67 years, Vonna and a combination of her daughter, granddaughters and great granddaughters made Christmas sugar cookies together. In her later years, Vonna and her golden retriever, Gracie, were inseparable.

Vonna was a proud member of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution Betsy Hager Chapter. She served in numerous State and Chapter level positions including Chapter Regent and Chapter Registrar for Betsy Hager and was the State Chair for DAR Project Patriot for multiple terms. As part of this organization, she got to travel to Washington DC and attend various conventions which she enjoyed.

Vonna and Joe enjoyed many years driving across the US in various recreational vehicles, visiting relatives and doing genealogy research. She was an active member of the Prairie Pioneer Genealogical Society of Grand Island, member of the Nebraska, Illinois and Ohio Genealogical Societies and the Pioneer Families of Nebraska. She was also a member of Trinity United Methodist Church.

Earlier this year, Vonna moved to Heritage at Sagewood, where she was reacquainted with an old friend and made new ones; a group that made her laugh and brightened her "Golden" years.

Those who cherish Vonna's memory include her daughter, Donna Sanders (Michael Martin) of Marquette: two granddaughters, Rebecca (Kyle) Jaixen Doerr and Elizabeth (Aaron) Jaixen Sauerland, of Minneapolis; three great granddaughters, Abby and Kaitlyn Doerr and Ava Sauerland, also of Minneapolis and two step-great grandchildren, Ericka Sauerland of Kahaluu, Hawaii and Colton Sauerland of Tempe, AZ; sister & brother-in-law Carolyn & Robert Foran; and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joe on March 16, 2018; parents; brother and sister-in-law, Buford and Ilene Rockwell; sisters-in-law, Joan (Sam) Glorso and Alice (Myron) Clay; and two nieces and a nephew.

Memorials are suggested to the family to be designated at a later date.
Online remembrances may be left at www.giallfaiths.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **28.** 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home
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Celebration of Life Service

JUN **29.** 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Vonna Jeane Jackson*

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“ *Gail Doerr purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Vonna Jeane Jackson.*



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