



Wilma Ann Keown

February 10, 1931 - January 25, 2021

Wilma Ann Keown, age 89, of Grand Island, passed away peacefully Monday, January 25, 2021 at Bickford Cottage in Grand Island, Nebraska.

She leaves her son, Chuck (Sandi) Keown of Doniphan, son, Larry Keown of Grand Island and daughter Donna (Harold) Nelson of Central City; son-in-law, Dan O'Neill of Grand Island; 15 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; sister, Phyllis Elshof of Longmont, Colorado; and sister-in-law, Jane Keown of Estes Park, Colorado.

Born in Ord, Nebraska on February 10, 1931 to Arthur and Anna (Dishaw) Smith, Wilma spent her early years in and around Valley County.

She was united in marriage to Kenneth Keown in July of 1948. Their first year of marriage was a story of surviving the 1948-1949 blizzards. In the following years, they relocated to Lincoln, Aurora, and then settled in Grand Island where they continued their lives together while raising their four children.

She enjoyed each opportunity to be with her growing family, get together for birthdays and holiday gatherings, and go on family camping trips.

Wilma loved her Lord. Many of her friends met her from through church activities, Women's Prison and Jail Ministries, volunteer work at Salvation Army, and Art in the Park.

Wilma was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth after 56 years of marriage; their daughter, Dixie O'Neill; their grandson, Timothy Keown; her parents, Arthur and Anna Smith; three brothers and four sisters.

Wilma's family would like to express their deepest gratitude to the staff at

Bickford Cottage and St. Croix Hospice for the care they gave Wilma and for their dedication to be at her side during those times when the family couldn't. A memorial service will be held at a later date due to COVID-19.

Tribute Wall



“ *Wilma Ann Keown*

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“ *Mrs. Keown and her daughter Donna were instrumental in leading me to receive Christ as my Lord and Savior when I was a troubled teen. I will always be grateful. I know in my heart that God has a very special place in heaven for people like Mrs.Keown.*

Matthew 25:23 His Master said to him "Well done, Good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your Master"

Shelly Christensen

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“ *Sympathy to all the family. Wilma is now praising her God in person.*

Julie & Roger Frandsen

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“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Wilma Ann Keown.*



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