



Wilma "Jean" Lawson

March 31, 1926 - August 23, 2016

Wilma "Jean" Lawson, 90, of Grand Island died Tuesday, August 23, 2016 at Good Samaritan Village in Grand Island.

Celebration of Life services will be on Saturday, August 27, 2016 at 2 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church in the Sanctuary. Visitation will be from 1 to 2 p.m. prior to the service. Rev. Michael Reiners and Rodney Armon will officiate. Private family burial will be held in Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery at a later date. To honor Jean's wishes cremation was chosen.

All Faiths Funeral Home is serving the family.

Jean was born on March 31, 1926 in Pawhuska, OK, daughter of William and Mary (Niewohner) Nelson. She grew up and attended school in Norfolk, NE graduating in 1944. Following High School, she attended Junior College.

Jean was united in marriage to Ralph Lawson from Elgin, NE on December 27, 1953 at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Norfolk, NE.

Jean was the bookkeeper and secretary for the family business, Lawson Communications, in Grand Island, NE. The family then moved to Ogallala, NE where Jean was employed for over 15 years as the secretary for the Keith County Veteran's Service Office. For the last 20 years, she and her husband, Ralph, have resided in Grand Island to be near family.

While living in Ogallala, Jean loved boating and camping at Lake McConaughy. For the last 20 years, Jean and Ralph have enjoyed wintering in South Padre Island, TX where Jean loved to walk the beach and find seashells.

Jean recently celebrated her 90th birthday with all of her family, dear friends, and neighbors. She has been a member of Peace Lutheran Church for over 20 years.

Jean is survived by her husband, Ralph, of Grand Island.

She is also survived by her children: Mark Lawson of Grand Island, Pete (Ornuma) Lawson of Woodbridge, VA, Terri Faulder of Lincoln, NE, Jill Lawson of Seoul, South Korea, Lynne (Tom) Werner of Grand Island, and Karen (Brooks) Rarden of Centennial, CO.

She loved and was especially proud of all of her grandchildren which includes Grant Faulder, Jordan Faulder, Adam Werner, Jane Werner, Elliott Rarden, Emma Rarden and Vincent Vest.

She is also survived by her sister, Diana (Lynn) Hoepfinger of Ludington MI, sister-in laws, Phyllis Kinney of Elgin, NE and Marion Gilsdorf of Norfolk, NE.

Jean was preceded in death by her parents, sister Betty Lea Stratton and son-in-law, Chuck Faulder.

Memorials are suggested to Peace Lutheran Church.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 27. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Peace Lutheran
1710 N. North Rd
Grand Island, NE 68803

Memorial Service

AUG 27. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Grand Island, NE 68803

Tribute Wall



“ *Wilma "Jean" Lawson*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Ralph and family, I was saddened to learn about Jean's death. I have many memories of Jean when she lived in Ogallala. I remember square dancing with Jean and Ralph some 40 years ago. I always enjoyed her great smile and wonderful personality. She will be dearly missed by her family and many friends.*
Terry Annable

Terry Annable - August 31, 2016 at 02:00 PM



“ *Lynne, Tom, and family,*
While I never met Lynne's mom, I know that she must have been a special lady after hearing you all speak of her. Please know that I will keep you close in prayers during these difficult days. I know how much I miss my mom, and memories are their other gifts to us that we will keep forever.

Ann Grote

Ann Grote - August 29, 2016 at 08:38 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Wilma "Jean" Lawson.*



August 27, 2016 at 02:22 AM

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“ So sorry to hear of Jean's death. We have such good memories of living on 11th Street in Ogallala,

Bernie and Jeanette Krajewski

Jeanette Krajewski - August 26, 2016 at 07:47 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Wilma "Jean" Lawson.



August 26, 2016 at 03:28 PM

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“ *Ralph and family,*

Just thought I would share with you my condolences and also assure you that the hope we have is in the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. We know that Jean knew her Savior and Lord, and that is where our hope rests. I pray that the peace that only Christ can give would fill your life, until you await your reunion in heaven.

God's comfort be with you.

Pastor Voelker

Pastor William Voelker - August 26, 2016 at 10:58 AM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Lawson family. We always enjoyed visiting with Jean. She will be missed.

In sympathy,

Mark and Sara O'Rourke

Mark and Sara O'Rourke - August 25, 2016 at 06:22 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Wilma "Jean" Lawson.*



August 25, 2016 at 02:17 PM