



Alpha Fries

January 22, 1923 - March 24, 2011

Alpha Fries, 88, of Kearney died Wednesday, March 23, 2011 at her residence. Services will be held 10:00 A.M. Tuesday, March 29, 2011 at the Hope Evangelical Free Church in Kearney with the Reverend David Dickinson officiating. Visitation will be 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. Monday, March 28, 2011 at O'Brien Straatmann Funeral Home and one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will be at the Prairie Home Cemetery in Holdrege, Nebraska. Memorials are suggested to donor's choice. Online condolences or personal reflections may be submitted at www.osafh.com. Arrangements are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Funeral Home of Kearney. She was born January 22, 1923 in Stockville, NE to Omer and Maude (Urling) Guthrie. She attended Sunny Plains District 63 in Frontier County to the eighth grade. She married Wayne L. Fries on December 7, 1941 in Oberlin, KS. They lived in Elm Creek for 38 years and moved to Kearney in 2003. She enjoyed reading, Bible study, poetry, crocheting and playing the keyboard. Survivors include sons, Roger Fries and wife Martha of Madison, AL, David Fries and wife Judy of Tucson, AZ, Douglas Fries of Wichita, KS and Lindell Fries and wife Beth of North Platte; daughters, Beverly Scott and husband Randy of St. Anne, IL, Joyce Hibberd and husband Robert of Kearney and Marilyn Fries of Kearney; brothers, John Guthrie and wife Carol of Odessa, Wayne Guthrie and wife Janice of Alma, Cecil Guthrie and wife Donna of Holdrege, and Dale Guthrie and wife Lou Ann of Ragan, NE; sisters, Geraldine Richards of Cambridge, Florence Maxwell of East Lake, CO, Thelma Soderberg and husband Vern of

North Glen, CO, and Eleanor Rogers of Holbrook; sister-in-law, Linda Guthrie; 14 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-granddaughter; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Wayne; son, Lester L. Fries; daughter-in-law, Penny Fries; brothers, LaVerne Guthrie, Omer Guthrie and Harold Guthrie; and sisters, Alberta Covey, Garnett Covey and Myrna Guthrie.

Tribute Wall



“ *Alpha Fries*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *My sympathy to you all. I have the fondest memories of Aunt Alpha. We grew very close at Bible Study in Elm Creek, and I learned so much from her. It was very special to be with her when she read from the Bible and when she prayed. I admired her so much! She also had such a funny side. I think we laughed together about as much as we cried together. Oh, how we laughed, when Karen and I took her to an appointment, and the wheelchair got away from us going down the ramp, with Alpha in the chair!! She was a great sport. She could really make you laugh when she told a "Wayne" story. She was so ordinary and yet she was so special. She will be missed. Love to all, Patty Rebman*

Patty Rebman - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM



“ *Dear Family of Alpha, Connie and I wish to express our deep sadness upon hearing of your Mother's passing. We saw your Mom last May and had a great time talking and enjoying her company. She will be missed deeply by my Mom (Thelma). Mom would call Alpha, on average, once a week. They were not only sisters; they were friends. You all are in our thoughts and prayers. Love Chuck and Connie Soderberg from New Mexico.*

Chuck and Connie Soderberg - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

SF

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to everyone! She was an amazing lady and we were lucky to have in our life. Love Silver, Justin, Coral

Silver Beach Fries - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

JC

“ Bev & Randy, You are in our thoughts & prayers. Jennifer

Jennifer @ Belstra Milling Co. - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

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“ I remember Aunt Alpha as having the best Trick-or-Treats in town...and on warm summer nights my Mom and I would ride our bikes over to her house to visit. She was truly a remarkable woman and wonderful role model for the rest of us. We all know too well that the tears are for us and not for her because she is looking at the face of God!

Candi (Coons) Headley - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

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“ To the Fries and Guthrie Families I am so sorry to here about Aunt Alpha She made the best cookies that I ever remember eating and she seemed to have them everyday i loveved visiting her. She, just as those who have gone before her will be loved and remembered forever in our hearts. Perry Coons

Perry Coons Family - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

TF

“ Fries Family - I'm so sorry to learn of your incredible loss. I have so many fond memories of your parents. Growing up across the street from them for 18 years were some of the best memories within our neighborhood! Your mom always knew what was taking place at our house and if something didn't seem right, she was sure to call. Our family adored her. We continued to stay in touch over the years and I will certainly miss her Christmas letters. What a fabulous lady. She was a true blessing to all of us. In love, friendship & sympathy.
Kimberly (Shubert) Ehnes & family Julesburg, Colorado

The Ehnes Family - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM