



C. Elaine Harms

October 14, 1928 - March 7, 2026

Elaine Harms, 97 of Kearney passed away Saturday, March 7, 2026 at Mt. Carmel Home in Kearney, NE. Memorial services will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 21, 2026 at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney. A private family inurnment will be held at a later date.

Memorials are suggested to Amedisys Home Health (Aseracare Hospice of Kearney). Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Elaine was born October 14, 1928 in Missouri to Avis (Anderson) Peterson. She grew up in in Gothenburg, NE and graduated from Gothenburg High School in 1945. On June 30, 1947, Elaine was united in marriage to Laverne Harms in Gothenburg, NE. They made their home on the family farm north of Cozad until moving to Kearney in 1997.

Elaine was a teacher, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She enjoyed spending time with her family and loved cooking large family meals. Beyond family, Elaine was a member of the Cozad Garden Club, and Cozad Countryside China Painters. Forever present in her life was her devotion to Christ, she was an active member of the Church of Christ congregations in Lexington and Kearney.

Left to cherish her memory are her daughter, Kathleen Dougherty of York, NE; grandchildren, Melissa Dougherty-O'Hara (John) and Brooke Dougherty-Helleberg (Josh) both of Kearney, NE; son-in-law Buddy "Bud" Becker of Littleton, CO; grandchildren, Jennifer Kaplan of Lincoln, NE, Jeffrey Becker (BJ Ireland) of Laramie, WY, Steffan Becker (Vicky) of Littleton, CO, and Evelynn Becker (Reilly Hamilton) of Denver, CO; and eleven great-grandchildren.

Elaine is preceded in death by her husband Laverne Harms; daughter, Jody Becker; sister Marie Miller and her husband George; nephew David Miller; and son-in-law A.R. "Buck" Dougherty.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 21. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of C. Elaine Harms



O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations - March 24 at 10:27 AM

MN

“ I always enjoyed visiting with your folks. They were special people. Sorry for your loss. Mary Lou Bailey Nikkel

Mary Lou Nikkel - May 04 at 12:43 PM

JB

“ Jeff B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of C. Elaine Harms.

Jeff B. - March 20 at 06:36 PM

TF

“ The Becker Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of C. Elaine Harms.

The Becker Family - March 17 at 02:48 PM

TF

“ *The Becker Family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of C. Elaine Harms.*



The Becker Family - March 17 at 02:48 PM

JB

“ *I'll always remember our visits, the three wheeler, Fort Cody, driving around to see Christmas lights, and catching so many toads. I wish I could have visited more. I love you Grandma and I miss you.*

jeff becker - March 14 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *Didn't know Elaine well but visited with her next door. What a sweet lady.*

Bernita Meads - March 11 at 06:04 PM