



## Doris Ganz

August 7, 1922 - August 29, 2011

Doris R. Ganz, 89 of Kearney passed away August 29, 2011 at the Mother Hull Home in Kearney. Funeral services will be 3:00 P.M. Sunday, September 4, 2011 at the First United Methodist Church in Kearney. The Rev. Gary Main will officiate. Cremation will take place following the service. Interment will be at a later date. Visitation will be 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. Saturday at the O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney and continue one hour prior to the service at the church. Memorials are suggested to N.E.T. or the National Alzheimer's Association or the First United Methodist Church Choir. On-line condolences may be submitted to [osafh.com](http://osafh.com). Arrangements entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations. Doris was born on August 7, 1922 in Stromsburg, Polk County, Nebraska to Carl David and Mabel (Johnson) Jacobson. She attended Willow Hedge Country School and graduated from Stromsburg High School in 1939. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree cum laude from Hastings College, Hastings, Nebraska and her Masters of Arts Degree from Columbia University, New York City. On June 15, 1946, she was married to James Robert Ganz, and to this union were born six children. She taught voice at Mary Harding Baylor College; in Belton, TX; Hastings College, Hastings, NE; Nebraska Wesleyan in Lincoln, NE; Kearney State College in Kearney, NE; and voice and piano at Platte Valley Academy in Shelton, NE. Doris sang professionally, a season with the Dallas Starlight Opera Company presenting many recitals, she was frequently featured as soprano soloist in oratorio and concert productions at

UNL, Lincoln, NE, Nebraska Wesleyan, Lincoln Symphony, St. Paul's Methodist Church and Plymouth Congregational Church in Lincoln; and in oratorio productions in Omaha, North Platte and Scottsbluff, NE. In 1958, she received the outstanding Alumna Award from Hastings College. She sang in the choir of the Methodist Church in Cozad, NE for seven years and while living in Gibbon, NE, she directed the choirs of the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches for 20 years, and was a member of those Church Choirs in Gibbon for 42 years and then sang in the Chancel Choir at First Methodist Church in Kearney. She maintained a private studio, teaching voice and piano for 50 years, retiring in 1995. Doris was a member of the P.E.O., Sisterhood Music Teachers National Association, American Legion Auxiliary, and served on the Boards of Directors of the Kearney Community Concert Association, and the Kearney Area Symphony Orchestra. As her husband said, "The lights came up when she entered the room". She is survived by her husband of Kearney, children; James R. Ganz, Jr and wife, Kathleen of Kearney; William D. Ganz and wife, Rebecca of Tucson, AZ; Sara J. Kurlander of San Francisco, CA; Kathryn J. Brasch and husband, Norvell of Denver, CO; Dale T. Ganz and wife Nancy of Manhattan, KS, and Georgia K. Lambert and husband, David of St. Paul, MN. Also surviving are her grandchildren, Jeffrey Ganz and his wife, Hallie, Marcy Neeman and her husband, Mark, David Kurlander, Samuel Brasch, Jacob Brasch, Benjamin Brasch, Joseph Brasch, Daniel Lambert, Laura Jane Lambert, Julia Lambert, Elizabeth Lambert; great granddaughter, Augusta Ganz; sister-in-law, Demaris Jacobson of York, NE and her children, Ward Jacobson of St. Paul, MN and Annie Redfern of York. She was preceded in death by her parents; son-in-law, Daniel Kurlander; sisters, Laura Jane Copley and Marian Teegerstrom; and her brother, David Jacobson, Jr.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Doris Ganz*

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January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *I heard from my Aunt Sue of Doris' passing. How I remember many, many great times at the Ganz home with Kathy-my bestest friend for so many fun years-and the hub-bub home of activity. It was THE place to be-especially in Junior High. Doris was always so welcoming and in her kitchen or teaching music lessons. I remember her always busy doing something-she has left behind a great legacy. I know you will all miss her. My symphthay.*

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**Lisa (Rogers) Huff** - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM



“ *So Sorry to hear about Doris. She will be greatly missed. She was a wonderful lady. My thoughts and prayers are with you Jim Sr. and family!*

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**Marie Hoppenstedt** - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM



“ *Ganz Family: Your mom was a great piano teacher for many of my years. I always loved to listen to her sing and play. My favorite was playing on the baby grand in the family room. It was always a special place and one I will never forget. My thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of loss. Know that she is up there singing with those choirs of angels and still making beautiful music.*

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**Ronna (Erpelding) Meyer** - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

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“ I remember with fondness Doris as she was usually a judge at District Music Contest....to receive a I rating from her was an honor! She was a beautiful lady and although I did not know her well, she will always be thought of fondly! Prayers for your family, Shari Frost

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**Shari (Marshall) Ganz** - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

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“ First of all, I extend my love and prayers to all of the family at their loss of a dedicated, talented, loving mother, wife and grandma. I wish we could talk personally and you would see the smile I have as I remember the many precious memories the Albin family has with the Ganz family. We thought Dale was a member of our family; Mom kept him through the day and I often babysat at nights for all of you. When we played hide and seek with Dale, we would call, "Dale, where are you?" and he would answer, "Here I are." When my daughter displayed exceptional vocal talent, we came from Axtell to Gibbon to have voice lessons from "the best" teacher in our area...your Mom! It was with pleasure I watched you kids follow in your parents footsteps, becoming lawyers and vocal performers. When Carla was taking lessons, one of you girls gave a performance in Kearney and we were privileged to attend as a guest of your Mom. I was touched and also proud when Jim Jr. came on stage at the end to present her with a bouquet of roses. It was apparent you had a close, loving family. Those are the values you want to continue extending to your families. I extend a hug to all of you and Rita and I will always cherish the memories of our times together. Memories are priceless and forever and you have a lifetime of them. When you have a personal relationship with Jesus, death is not the end of life, it is the beginning of a pain-free, peaceful life for eternity. Please accept my condolences to all of you with a hug and heart full of memories. Love you all, Alta Albin Yung, Axtell, NE

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**Alta Albin Yung** - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

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“ *Our thoughts are with James Sr. and family...We are so sorry to learn of our friends passing....May our Lord and Savior be with you...*

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**The Helen Jean and Brandt Godberson familys** - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM