



## Doris I. Murray

February 27, 1922 - March 7, 2020

Doris Murray, 98

Axtell resident

Doris Murray, 98 of Axtell passed away Saturday, March 7, 2020 at her home. A Funeral Mass will be held 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. James Catholic Church in Kearney with Father Joseph Hannappel officiating. Burial will follow in Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Axtell.

Doris Irene (Bleck) Murray was born February 27, 1922 in Omaha, Nebraska to August and Blanche (Felden) Bleck.

Doris grew up on the farm that her grandparents homesteaded. She spent her entire life on the farm that received the Century Aksarben Pioneer Farm Family Award in 1988. Doris attended Catholic School through 8th grade and Kearney Longfellow High School graduating in 1939. She then received her BA in education and Master's Degree from Kearney State College.

October 11, 1945 Doris married Max (Jack) Murray Jr. at St. James in Kearney. To this union three children were born, Max, Sally, and Nancy. Doris and Jack enjoyed dancing at the 1733 Ranch and going for Sunday drives. Max (Jack) Murray passed away in 1987.

Doris began her teaching career at "One Room Schools" in surrounding

counties. She taught in one room schools for 17 years. She taught at Wilcox Public Schools from 1962 to 1987, teaching a total of 42 years. During her teaching years she was active in Fort Kearney Conference Teacher's Association, NSEA, and Kappa Delta. Doris had a love of teaching and enjoyed seeing past students and hearing about their successes.

Upon retirement Doris volunteered in Kearney 4th grade classrooms sharing Nebraska history of one room schools. Her hobbies included reading historical western novels, crossword puzzles and collecting giraffes. Doris, also referred to as Dodie, by her grandchildren, was often seen at their activities cheering for them. She enjoyed family celebrations, visiting with friends, neighborhood clubs, playing cards and spending time with her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren.

Left to cherish her memory are her son, Max Murraray III and his wife, Teresa of Kearney; daughter, Nancy Murray of Axtell; son-in-law, Dudley Larson of Lawrence, KS; three grandchildren, Chadd Murray and his wife, Dawn of Kearney, Angela Philbrick and husband, Trent of Scottsbluff, NE, Brett Larson and his wife Danielle of Hebron, NE ; nine great grandchildren, Austin, Nathan, Colin, Justin, Joslyn Murray and Taylor and Lauren Philbrick, and Olivia and Lillian Larson;

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Max Murray; daughter, Sally Larson; mother and father-in-law, Max and Myrtle Murray; brothers, Joe Lee and John Bleck; sister, Gladys Sicheneder; brother-in-law, August Sicheneder; and sister-in-law, Evelyn Lee.

Memorials are suggested to the Axtell Volunteer Fire Department and KHAS Television Catholic Ministry. Condolences may be shared online at [www.osrfh.com](http://www.osrfh.com). Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.



## Cemetery Details

### Pleasant Hill Cemetery

Axtell, NE

## Previous Events

### Funeral Mass

MAR 12. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church  
3801 Avenue A  
Kearney, NE 68847

# Tribute Wall



“ *Doris I. Murray*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Mrs. Murray was my favorite teacher at Wilcox. I just moved to Wilcox my 4th grade year and it was a tough year for me. Mrs. Murray always had a smile and laugh that made me smile too!. She was always positive and was faithful with our daily snacks of prunes! Of course, we all knew her love for giraffes! She was a wonderful lady who touched many little lives!!*  
*Deb (Macke) Boroff*

**Deb Boroff** - March 12, 2020 at 11:00 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Doris I. Murray.*



March 11, 2020 at 08:46 AM

SB

“Doris was such a wonderful person and our family felt very close to her and her family. She was a close friend of my Mothers having served as her made of honor. The Murray family was one of our closest neighbors and we spent many happy times together on Fourth of Julys and New Years Eves. Max was and remains one of my brothers good friends and I spent many a Sunday afternoon playing poker with him and my brothers other friends. We only paid penny poker and of course they all would complain when I would beat them. Doris's love of giraffes was well known. My Mother was always trying to find a new one to paint for her. I remember walking into their living room and never quite knowing where to sit, there were giraffes everywhere. The last one we painted stood almost 5 feet tall. I remember seeing her on several occasions when she'd say to me, "I just don't understand why I'm still here and all my friends have passed". I guess God needed her here a little longer and so did her family. She's with them now and I can just imagine the fun they're all having in heaven. It tears me up that I will not be able to attend her funeral but my prayers are with the family. Hugs to all of you and know she is in a better place. My favorite quote is "To Live in the Hearts we leave behind, Is Not To Die"

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**Sue Bendfeldt** - March 10, 2020 at 08:03 PM

JR

“DORIS WAS A WONDERFUL PART OF MY CHILDHOOD GROWING UP JUST DOWN THE ROAD!  
.SHE WAS A VERY KIND, SWEET, WOMAN..I'M HONORED TO HAVE KNOWN HER.

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**Julie Rubin** - March 10, 2020 at 07:16 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Doris I. Murray.*



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March 10, 2020 at 05:01 PM



“ *I have so many wonderful memories with Doris and her family through the many years--with my mom Eva being one of Doris's best friends from neighbors to through school and life long friends--Doris we all loved you and will miss you, but will always be blessed by the wonderful memories--Linda Taylor*

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**Linda Taylor** - March 10, 2020 at 11:02 AM



“ *Doris was an amazing teacher. So fun and creative. I later was able to listen to her talk and tell stories to fourth graders in Kearney about teaching in a one room school. She still had the ability to capture a classroom many years into her retirement. I was very lucky to have her as a teacher.*

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**Cindy Blank Kuhl** - March 10, 2020 at 10:54 AM



“ *To Max and Nancy and family, Am sorry to hear the loss of your mom. She was a good woman. I spent a lot of time with your Dad picking up watermelons. Your parents were good to us. We lived just south of the farm.  
Once again, sorry for your loss.  
Randy Lindholm*

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**Randy Lindholm** - March 09, 2020 at 10:34 PM

JW

“ Mrs. Murray was my 4th grade teacher at Wilcox and was certainly a favorite teacher of mine. She always made sure we were learning and made it fun. I’ve thought about her over the years. I’m sorry to hear of her passing.

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**John Wischmeier** - March 09, 2020 at 10:04 PM

PM

“ Condolences. She was a good teacher. from Doyle and Pauline Morse

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**Pauline Morse** - March 09, 2020 at 10:01 PM

CJ

“ Mrs. Murray was the kindest, delightful teacher I ever had at Wilcox. I saw her a few times in the last year and loved to see her, with her daughter Nancy. Heaven gained an absolute angel and we lost an amazing woman and teacher. My prayers for all her family.

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**Cathy Johnsen** - March 09, 2020 at 07:48 PM