



## Eloise Miller

May 30, 1914 - January 22, 2015

Eloise Miller, 100, of Kearney died Thursday, January 22, 2015 at the Good Samaritan Society – St. Luke's. Funeral services will be 2:30 P.M., Wednesday, January 28, 2015 at the Family of Christ Lutheran Church in Kearney with the Reverend John Gosswein officiating. Inurnment will be 3:00 P.M., Thursday in the Davenport Community Cemetery, followed by a time of sharing and celebration at the Christ Lutheran Church in Davenport, NE, at 3:30 P.M. Memorials are suggested to the Family of Christ Lutheran Church in Kearney or the Davenport Community Foundation. Online condolences may be submitted to [www.osrfh.com](http://www.osrfh.com). O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home of Kearney is in charge of arrangements.

Eloise, daughter of Walter and Olive (Berkey) Bates, was born May 30, 1914, in Davenport, NE. She was one of 6 children born to her parents. Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ took Eloise home on January 22, 2015 from St. Luke's Home in Kearney at the age of 100 years, 8 months and 23 days. Eloise graduated from Carleton High School in 1931. She was united in marriage to Don W. Miller on July 15, 1933. They were blessed with four children: Marian Kotas, Don R. Miller, Jerry Miller and Jane Kotsiopulos. She raised her family on the farm in Davenport where she was a member of Christ Lutheran Church. She also was a member of the Davenport Women's Club, Eastern Star and Nuckolls County Extension Club. Eloise enjoyed playing bridge, bible study, gardening and canning, needle work and volunteering at her church and in her community.

After her husband Don passed away in 1984, Eloise moved to Kearney to be near her daughters. Eloise was active in First Lutheran Church, PEO, and volunteered for the Museum of Nebraska Art and hosted an early morning bible study in her home for years. She also continued to enjoy playing bridge, winning the first tournament she entered. Hosting all the family gatherings was her joy. She loved her family and enjoyed spending time with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Later in life she joined the Family of Christ Lutheran Church in Kearney. We will always remember Mother's servant heart and her joyful spirit in all circumstances.

She is survived by her children: Marian Kotas and husband Delbert of Kearney; Don R Miller and wife, Sharilyn, of Upland, NE; Jerry Miller and wife Cheryl of York; Jane Kotsiopoulos and husband Peter of Kearney; 10 grandchildren, Donald Miller and wife Jennifer of Minden; William Miller and wife Lisa of Upland, Darren Kotas of Kearney; James Miller and wife Gina of Minden; Lindsey Smith and husband Kent of Denver, CO; Carter Kotas and wife Diana of Aurora, NE; Kara Steffen and husband Lance of Kearney; Barton Miller and fiancé Tanya Bateman of Denver, CO; Julia Hernandez and husband, Adrian of LaVista, NE; Liza Olson and husband Ryan of Denver, CO; 21 great grandchildren and 12 great great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by, her husband, Don; three brothers: Robert Bates, Duane Bates, Walter Bates; two sisters Dorothy Lyons, Marian Bates; and her great grandson Dylan Miller.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JAN 28. 2:30 PM (CT)

Family of Christ Lutheran Church ELC  
1319 5th Avenue  
Kearney, NE

# Tribute Wall



“ *Eloise Miller*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *a very sweet lady, I wish I had met her earlier in her life--I sat with her at meals at the home*

*lisa  
st luke's*

**Lisa Henk** - January 31, 2015 at 11:16 AM



“ *My sympathies to you, Jane and Pete, for the passing of your mother. I don't get the paper and just read about her passing today, 1-30; I'm sorry I missed seeing you. She was such a special lady and was always so nice and kind to me. Jo Borges (233-2971).*

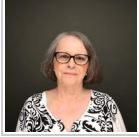
**Jo Borges** - January 30, 2015 at 10:45 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Eloise Miller.*



January 27, 2015 at 12:31 PM



“ *Jane and family,*

*Wow, did your mother have a wonderful life. Here's to the "amazing Eloise" and her legacy.*

*Nancy McCammon-Hansen and Fr. Tom Hansen  
Fort Wayne, IN*

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**Nancy Hansen** - January 26, 2015 at 03:06 PM

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“ *Our sympathy to all of you! Eloise was such a sweet woman and will be remembered fondly. Tom and Gloria Eickman*

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**gloria eickman** - January 26, 2015 at 12:49 PM

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“ *To Marian Kotas,*

*From a member of the Shickley Class of 1960, all of whom benefited by having your Mother's daughter as a exceptional teacher. I was also able to see your brother Don excel in athletics and compete against brother Jerry. Unfortunately I never had the opportunity to meet Jane but I am sure she fits right in with her siblings. Your Mother had to have been proud of her outstanding family! What a tribute to her!*

*Daniel Stengel, class of 1960  
Jeanette Nedrow Stengel class of 1963  
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Joplin, MO 64801  
dstengel@sbcglobal.net*

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**Daniel Stengel** - January 25, 2015 at 09:49 PM

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“ *My prayers are for you as your mother (and Grandmother) went on to be in the presence of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.. I do remember her fondly as she raised four fine children. Danny Brown*

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**Danny Brown** - January 25, 2015 at 03:40 PM