



## Esther I. Brown

March 7, 1921 - December 19, 2020

Esther Brown, 99 of Kearney passed away Saturday, December 19, 2020 at Mother Hull Home in Kearney. Private family funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 22, 2020 at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney with Chaplain Steve Shanno officiating. Interment will follow at Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the family for future designation. 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.

Esther was born March 7, 1921 in Watkins, Colorado to Oscar and Josephine (Abrell) Irvin. At the age of 3, she and her family moved to Bloomington, NE. Esther received her education from Bloomington High School and then moved to Kearney where she was employed as a surgery tech at Good Samaritan Hospital until 1945. On March 12, 1945, Esther was united in marriage to Arthur H. Brown in Kearney, NE. To this union three children were born; LeRoy, Joan and Betty.

Esther loved spending time outdoors fishing and tending to her garden and flowers. She also enjoyed sewing, crocheting, embroidering, and playing horseshoes. Most of all, Esther loved cooking big family meals for holidays

and baking birthday cakes for her family.

Left to cherish her memory are her daughters, Joan (Wendell) Stevens of Kearney and Betty Nielsen of Kearney; grandchildren, Cheryl Downey, Alicia Smith, Brian Stevens, Matthew Nielsen, Jessica Nielsen-Boyle and Jeri Wilson; and many great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Steven Irvin; parents; husband, Arthur Brown; son, LeRoy Brown; and great granddaughter.

# Cemetery Details

## Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I  
Kearney, NE 68847  
(308) 233-3244

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **22**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations  
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Kearney, NE 68847  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Esther I. Brown*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Dear Betty and family: sorry to hear of your loss. Tom and I are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.  
Tom and Terri Hongsermeier*

**Terri Hongsermeier** - December 21, 2020 at 04:47 PM



“ *I remember your mother well. Your brother and I went to school together. Every time I am back in Kearney and drive by the home where they lived, a flood of good memories come. Our prayers are with you during this time. Losing a parent is always difficult especially at this time of year. May the peace of this time be with you. Lyle "Burdett" Shafer, Jr. and Sheryl, Sunrise, Florida.*

**Lyle B Shafer Jr** - December 21, 2020 at 02:25 PM



*I do remember you and your brother, when Mom was still in good health we would go for rides in the old neighborhood and by your old home. I remember a birthday party LeRoy and I went to at your home*

**Joan Stevens** - December 22, 2020 at 09:40 AM

DJ

“ It has been my special privilege to have known and been a close friend to Irene for the past twenty years. She has always been there for me to offer advice, an opinion or help. We visited by phone often. I always thought of her as my "adopted mother". I will truly miss her. I would like to express my deepest sympathy to her family

Don Jensen - December 20, 2020 at 10:11 PM

Alicia Smith

“ Alicia Smith lit a candle in memory of Esther I. Brown



Alicia Smith - December 20, 2020 at 09:14 PM

BR

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Brian - December 20, 2020 at 09:13 PM

Alicia Smith

“ As a little girl I loved spending time with my Grandma, so much so, that I pretended to be sick in grade school because I knew she was the one the school would call. She would come pick me up and take me to her house for the day. I loved those "sick day's" with Grandma!

Alicia Smith - December 20, 2020 at 09:05 PM

Alicia  
Smith

“ *Alicia Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Esther I. Brown*



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**Alicia Smith** - December 20, 2020 at 08:54 PM