



Fern E. Thomas

November 5, 1926 - May 14, 2022

Fern E. Thomas, 95, of Kearney, died Saturday, May 14, 2022 at her home. Memorial services will be held 2:00 p.m. Monday, May 23, 2022 at the First Church of God in Kearney. Inurnment will be held at a later date.

Memorials are suggested to the family. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney.

Fern was born on November 5, 1926 in Gordon, Nebraska to Lester and Lillian (Leeper) Hatch. She grew up in Gordon, NE and graduated from Gordon High School in 1944. Fern continued her education at Chadron State College, Pacific Bible College, Kearney Normal School and later graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

She was united in marriage to Grover C. Thomas on October 6, 1952 in Colorado. The couple made their home in Wyoming. The family moved several times, eventually settling in Nebraska. Fern taught at several country schools right out of high school. She had a gift for working with children and a passion for teaching special education.

She enjoyed gardening, rock collecting, flowers, puzzles, playing cards, traveling and meeting new people.

Left to cherish her memory are her daughters, Terie Dingman of Kearney and Lorea Meier and husband Joe of Elm Creek; a son, Dan Thomas and wife Karen of Platte Center, NE; five grandchildren, Crystal (Brian) Werts of St. Edward, Jacob Thomas of Pittsburg, PA, Zachary (Morgan) Thomas of Columbus, NE, Austin Thomas of Columbus, NE and Trevor Thomas of Kearney; a great granddaughter, Ali Werts; a sister, Ruth Johnston of Loveland, CO; and several nieces and nephews.

Fern was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Grover Thomas; two sons, James and Ronald; sister, Wanda Waterman; brother, Wayne Hatch; sister-in-law, Elinor Hatch; and nieces, Debbie Stranberg and Lyn Edwards.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY **23**. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Church of God
4310 17th Ave
Kearney, NE 68845

Tribute Wall



“ *Fern E. Thomas*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *A nice lady and neighbor.*

Jane Schuster - May 17, 2022 at 11:02 AM



“ *Our condolences to the family, Fran & Kelly Murr*



Fran Murr - May 15, 2022 at 07:41 PM