



Ila F. Roper

February 25, 1931 - December 18, 2018

Ila F. Roper
Kearney Resident

Ila F. Roper, 87, of Kearney, formerly of Amherst, died Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at Mother Hull Home in Kearney. Memorial services will be 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 26, 2018 at First United Methodist Church in Kearney. Reverend Melody Adams will officiate. A private family inurnment will follow at the Kearney Cemetery. Family will receive friends from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are suggested to St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Ila Fern (Bowden) Roper was born on February 25, 1931 in Sumner, Nebraska to Thomas Willard and Agnes Irene (Trumbull) Bowden. She grew up in Sumner and received her education from Sumner High School.

She was united in marriage to Zale Roper on November 25, 1947 in Norton, Kansas, and to this union five children were born: Perry, Larry, Dennis, Timothy and Lisa. The family made their home in Sumner. In 1960 they moved to Poole, Nebraska where the family continued to farm until moving to

Kearney and opening the Roper Holiday Standard Service Station in 1965. Ila and Zale owned and operated the station until 1977, at which time they opened Roper Radiator Shop. The couple moved to an acreage outside of Amherst in 1990 and recently returned to Kearney. Zale preceded Ila in death on March 4, 2018.

Ila was a member of First United Methodist Church in Kearney and a past member of the DOES and the Rebekah's Lodge. She enjoyed fishing, camping, doing crafts and attending grandchildren's events.

Left to cherish her memory are her two sons, Perry L. Roper and his wife, Karen of Summer Haven Lake and Denny G. Roper and his wife, Lori of Amherst; six grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren.

Ila was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Zale; daughter, Lisa Marie Roper; two sons, Larry and Timothy Roper; grandson, Ryan Roper; sister, Ilis Jean Burr; brother, Thomas Bowden; and two half-sisters, Pearl Vollmer and Myrna Todd.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Family receiving friends

DEC **26**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
4500 Linden Drive
Kearney, NE 68847

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ila F. Roper*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Perry and Karen: I will always cherish Ila's calm demeanor in the face of many recent health trials and ongoing concern about Zale. I'll always remember Zale's wry smile and positive attitude ..They were a great couple. The family was always so supportive to help maintain them in their home despite the ongoing challenges.. May God bless you at this time; however I'm certain they're in a more comfortable place.*

Bill Vosik

william vosik - December 28, 2018 at 04:34 PM



“ *Thoughts and prayers to the Roper family. The 'Poole' days bring back good memories.*

Randy & Betty(Heider) Anspach

Betty Anspach - December 20, 2018 at 01:45 PM



“ *We are sorry to hear of Ila's passing. Zale and Ila were such wonderful friends of my mom and dad, Stan and Beverly Bowie. May the Lord provide comfort to you during this time of your loss.*

*Roger and Lisa Bowie and family
Sioux Falls, SD*

Roger Bowie - December 20, 2018 at 12:50 PM

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“ We are so sorry to hear about the passing of Ila.
We extend our condolences to the family.
May you find comfort in all of the memories.
John and Lee Ward



Lee Ward - December 20, 2018 at 10:30 AM

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“ We are sorry for the loss may god bless each and everyone of you during this most difficult time.
The Wards
John and Lee



Lee Ward - December 20, 2018 at 10:17 AM