



Irene M. Mollard

May 8, 1924 - June 16, 2015

Irene M. Mollard, 91, of Amherst died Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at CHI Good Samaritan in Kearney.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 pm Friday, June 19th at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney. Pastor Brian Klein will officiate. Burial will be in the Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5-7 pm Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are suggested to the Evangelical Free Church, Ft. Kearney Genealogical Society, or the Amherst Rescue Unit.

Irene May Willkens was born on May 8, 1924, at her grandparents' home in Amherst. She was the only child of John William "Bill" and Pauline K. (Herrmann) Willkens. She graduated from Amherst High School in 1940 and was a lifelong resident of Buffalo County.

In 1942, she was employed at the State Hospital for Tuberculosis in Kearney and worked there until her marriage to the neighbor boy, Marvin L. Mollard, on August 8, 1944, in Kearney. They farmed and raised cattle and sheep in the Amherst area. Irene also worked part time at the West Sale Barn in Kearney and in the food service department of Kearney State College. Mr. Mollard preceded her in death on September 14, 2000.

She attended the Evangelical Free Church in Kearney. She and her husband were members in camping clubs and often included their grandchildren in their travels. Irene also belonged to the Miller Seniors, the neighborhood Bible study group, the Fort Kearny Genealogical Society, the Buffalo County Historical Society, and was a charter member of the State Genealogical Society.

Survivors include her sons Bernard (special friend Mary Richard) Mollard and Ralph (wife Lynette) Mollard of Amherst; grandchildren Anita (husband Tim) Petersen of Cambridge, Kristi (husband Randy) Holmes of Elm Creek, Ryan Mollard of Amherst, Riley Mollard of Amherst, and Rick (wife Hannah) Mollard of Kearney; great-grandchildren Lauren (husband Tyler "TJ") Brandt, Matthew (father Steve) Case, Kinley Mollard, Ella Mollard, and Jack Mollard all of Kearney; and great-great grandson Barker Brandt of Kearney.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 18. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations
4115 Ave N
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Funeral Service

JUN 19. 1:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Irene M. Mollard*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *I am so glad I got to meet my distance cousin, Irene, as our grandmothers were siblings! Through the Detholfs! She was a lovely lady! Bertha Holtorf Troester, Fremont Ne! Send our love and sympathy to her loved ones! She was so proud of her family!*

bertha Troester - July 08, 2015 at 07:56 AM



“ *Thinking of you all. I know how hard it is and your mother, grandmother, great-grandmother was a lovely, lovely woman.*

Tamara Belts

Tamara Belts - June 18, 2015 at 09:40 PM



“ *Bernard & Ralph,
My condolences to the Mollard family. I always enjoyed talking Amherst and Miller history with your mother.*

*John Long
Alexandria, VA*

John C. Long - June 18, 2015 at 07:46 AM