



Joan Horn

August 10, 1934 - July 21, 2025

Joan May Horn, 90, of Holdrege passed away Monday, July 21, 2025 at Holdrege Memorial Homes. An open house "Celebration of Life" family greeting and lunch will be held Saturday, August 9, 2025 between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. at Trinity Evangelical Free Church.. A private family inurnment will be held at the Prairie Home Cemetery.

Joan was born August 10, 1934 on the family farm near Holdrege. She was the youngest of eleven children born to Art & Nina (Giles) Verbeck. She grew up in Phelps County and was a member of the Emmaus Evangelical Free Church. On August 25, 1952 she married Milo "Eugene" Horn of Holdrege. Eugene and Joan were blessed with four children: Tom, Steve, Mike and Jeanette. They celebrated 67 years of marriage prior to his death in 2019.

She worked alongside her husband in his brick mason business for several years as well as babysitting many children in her home. Later she worked at the Brewster Hospital before becoming a cook at the Holdrege High School.

Joan enjoyed camping, fishing, hunting and archery together with her husband and children. She won many awards in archery tournaments including the Women's Indoor Archery State Champion award. She fulfilled her bucket list dream of skydiving at the age of 80 years old and again at 81 years old. She also enjoyed going to the YMCA.

Her greatest joy was spending time with her family, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She loved baking cinnamon rolls and making blankets for her family and others.

Joan leaves to celebrate her life her children: Tom (Dawn) Horn of Avon, Colorado, Steve (Brenda) Horn of Doniphan, Nebraska, Mike (Laurie) Horn of Holdrege, and daughter Jeanette (Randy) Young of Holdrege, 13 grandchildren: Brandi (Cory) Horn, Ryan (AbbyGail) Horn, Levi (Sara) Horn, Lexi (David) Horn, Jayna (Beau) Butler, Jared Horn, Tyson (Kylie) Horn, Tanner (Tara) Horn, Brandon (Kate) Horn, Breann (Dustin) Hershberger, Amanda (Cristian) Gonzalez Miranda, Anthony (Erica) Young, and Julia (Preston) Peterson and 23 great grandchildren, a sister-in-law Phyllis Verbeck and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Eugene, brothers LeWarren Verbeck, Robert Verbeck, Bill Verbeck, Dean Verbeck, Don Verbeck, and sisters Edith Owen, Anne Verbeck, Dorothy Cain, Betty Coburn and Ardith Bandler.

Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services of Kearney. Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation.

Cemetery Details

Prairie Home Cemetery

2515 18th Avenue
Holdrege, NE

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG 9. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Evangelical Free Church
613 18th Ave
Holdrege, NE 68949

Tribute Wall



“ Tracy THOMPSON purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Joan Horn.



Tracy THOMPSON - August 06, 2025 at 07:12 PM



“ Tracy THOMPSON planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joan Horn.

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“ Cheryl L. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joan Horn.

Cheryl L. - August 05, 2025 at 08:25 AM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joan Horn.



July 31, 2025 at 11:32 AM

KK

“ To the Horn Family: My deepest sympathy on the loss of your mom. She was a wonderful person.



Karen Kammann - July 29, 2025 at 11:52 AM

KK

“ Dear Horn/Verbeck Family: My deepest sympathy is extended to you all on your dear mom's passing. She was a wonderful person.



Karen Kammann - July 27, 2025 at 11:20 PM

DT

“ Debra Plasters, Nicole Teel, Matt Teel purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Joan Horn.



Debra Plasters, Nicole Teel, Matt Teel - July 24, 2025 at 02:46 PM

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“ We are so sorry for your loss. Aunt Joan was an amazing woman who lived a wonderful life. I plan to skydive as well as it is on my bucket list because she inspired me with her pictures and stories. We loved the family reunions and getting a chance to connect with her and your family. May God give you peace and rest in your grief. May your memories of her bring you comfort. God Bless Your family. Love The Lujan's. (Angie Yerion/Owen and family)



Angela Yerion - July 24, 2025 at 10:31 AM

JY

Thank you, Angie

Jeanette Young - August 18, 2025 at 08:13 PM

BG

“ My most favorite memory is going to her house with Jeanette all through the school years! She always made me feel like her home was my home! Her smile was always so warming and infectious!

Billie Jo Gregg/Taylor - July 24, 2025 at 09:46 AM

JY

Thank you, Billy Jo ❤️

Jeanette Young - August 20, 2025 at 06:32 PM