



M. "Irene" Correll

September 11, 1925 - June 5, 2023

M. "Irene" (Wilkins) Correll passed away peacefully at the age of 97 on June 5, 2023 at Brookstone Gardens in Kearney, Nebraska. A celebration of life service will be held 10:00 a.m. Monday, July 3rd 2023 at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney. Inurnment will follow at Kearney Cemetery.

Irene was born September 11, 1925 at the family home in Keya Paha County to James "Jim" and Martha "Mattie" (Clay) Wilkins and was the youngest of six children. She attended elementary school in Burton, Nebraska and high school in Springview, Nebraska.

She married Bernard "Bernie" Correll on March 8, 1945 at her parents' home in Burton, Nebraska. Irene worked at the Ainsworth library and spent several years as the bookmobile librarian as they visited rural Brown County schools. Later Irene began a career in nursing home administration with Bethesda.

Irene committed her life to Christ as a young child and was active in church in each community where they lived. She taught Sunday School classes and club classes for young girls. She taught herself to play the ukulele and piano and used her musical abilities in various churches. Irene enjoyed crocheting and hand-quilted beautiful quilts for family members.

Her memory will be cherished by her two daughters, Glenna Arent of Colorado Springs, CO and Marilyn Davis of Kearney, NE; four grandchildren; six great grandchildren and six great great grandchildren as well as numerous extended family members and friends.

Irene was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Bernie of 73 years, son-in-law Lyle Arent; grandson Chad Davis; and her siblings, Lucy Thiede, Orrin Wilkins, Lawrence "L.E." Wilkins, Duane Wilkins and Velma Peck.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial donations to Convoy of Hope, PO Box 1125 Springfield, MO 65801. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations
4115 Ave N
Kearney, NE 68847
(308) 234-3500
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Tribute Wall

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“ *To the Family of Irene Correll,*

Our thoughts are with you. A life well lived!

Mary Ellen Lantis and family

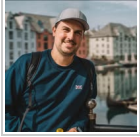
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“ *So sorry to hear of Irene's passing .. I will always cherish the memories of good times shared and her and Bernie's friendship (though far away) through the years! God be with your family at this time. Dolores & Charles Williams*



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“Gomammy” Some of my earliest memories revolve around Gomammy. I remember all the times she would bring a big bag of Tootsie Roll pops, and I would take all of the brown chocolate ones during her visits to Alabama. Whenever Gomammy and Papa came over, I was fortunate enough to spend weeks on end with them, creating lasting memories. Whether they were on babysitting duty or staying an extra week, due to my moms request, those moments were truly priceless. One early memory was when she couldn't quite grasp my request to watch "Blue's Clues," all she could catch was "loose loose, loose loose." It was a comical moment, and who knew I would remember over two decades later!

During some of those extended stays, we embarked on incredible trips together, venturing from Branson to DC and even a Canadian cruise. Each additional moment I had with them felt like a blessing beyond measure. I am grateful for the time spent in Nebraska, which holds a special place in my heart.

I could never forget the mouthwatering French toast that Gomammy would make. Gomammy had a magical touch when it came to creating the most delicious French toast. Each slice was perfectly crisp on the outside, yet fluffy on the inside.

I vividly remember her solving the daily crossword puzzles, showcasing her sharp intellect and unwavering dedication. I also remember and admire her love for reading books and spending time in God's word. Some people radiate a closeness with the God, and Gomammy was one of them. Her unwavering faith and prayers as a true prayer warrior for our family serve as a godly example for us all.

Knowing how deeply Gomammy loved me fills my heart with warmth and gratitude. I am truly blessed to have had 26 years of her presence in my life. While I am sad for me and my loss, I find peace in the knowledge that she is now with God, Papa, Boppy and all of the other missed loved ones from her life in heaven. I will miss Gomammy, and hold onto the memories that got to create with her

during my life! It is a blessing to know because of Jesus sacrifice on the cross we some day will have a perfect reunion in heaven.

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