



Maria K. Tucker

May 2, 1923 - November 24, 2016

Maria K. Tucker, 93 of Grand Island and formerly of Kearney died, Thursday November 24, 2016 at St. Francis CHI in Grand Island. Maria requested her remains to be cremated and be returned to Ljubljana, Slovenia. Private interment will at a later date in her parent's family plot. Online condolences may be shared at osrfh.com. O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney is in charge of arrangements.

She was born May 2, 1923 in Mohorjan, Yugoslavia to Onton and Katarina (Zalar) Klancar. She was married to Ray Tucker in 1957. They were later divorced. During this time she worked for the 2nd Division 7th US Army in Germany. She moved to the USA in 1958. Maria made her residence in Odessa, NE where she purchased a tavern. She owned the tavern, Maria's Tavern for many years and various rental properties in Kearney. After selling the tavern, she managed her rental properties and took care of her garden and yard.

She is survived by nephews, Bojan and Zwone Osmak and their families in Slovenia, Mike Pristavec of Holdrege, great niece, Mya Walker of Orleans and great nephew, M. J Pristavec and his wife, Liz of Holdrege.

She was preceded in death by her parents, 3 sisters and 3 brothers.

Tribute Wall



“ *Maria K. Tucker*

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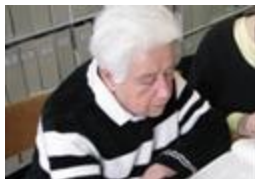
“ *I remember Maria so vividly when she came into the travel agency I worked at at the time during my career. My, how interesting a lady she was. I had no idea of her background or her Odessa background, but I so loved her walking into the agency and booking her trips. This was back oh, in the '80's. I had no idea she moved to Grand Island. Much love and I am so glad to be able to tell her surviving family she is well remembered and endeared by me in my career. It's people like her why I became so interested in different cultures and the travel industry. Thank you.*



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“ *Maria loved her reading lessons. Thanks to all of the people at CCC and the Kearney Library that helped her.*



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