



## Mary Lou "Bonnie" Burton

June 25, 1933 - March 9, 2020

Mary Lou "Bonnie" Burton, 86  
Kearney resident

Mary Lou "Bonnie" Horsley Burton, 86 of Kearney passed away Monday, March 9, 2020 at Mother Hull Home in Kearney. Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Friday, March 13, 2020 at the Pleasanton United Methodist Church with the Rev. Seung Park officiating. Interment will follow at Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be held 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Thursday at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney and one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorials are suggested to Gideon's International. Condolences may be shared online at [www.osrfh.com](http://www.osrfh.com). Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Mary Lou "Bonnie" VanVleet Horsley Burton was born June 25, 1933 in St. Edward, NE, the fourth child of six born to Vern and Carrie (Dolan) VanVleet. She received her education in Gibbon and Kearney. Bonnie married Ralph E. Horsley of rural Minden. To this union five children were blessed; Kathryn Jean, Christine LaVonne, Rick R., Tamela Kristi, and Rod Scott. After Ralph's death in 1995, she married Robert W. Burton of rural Pleasanton, NE.

Bonnie's family and friends were a priority in her life. She enjoyed baking and cooking and published a family cookbook. She was gifted in embroidering. She made several quilts and throws for family members. She was active in the community as a member of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, the Sunflower Kensington Club, and a volunteer at both an assisted living facility and a nursing home. She enjoyed playing cards with her friends and at the Senior Center in Kearney. She donated toys to the Salvation Army at Christmastime and was a long-time supporter of St. Jude's Hospital.

Always active in her church, she served as the Kindergarten Sunday School teacher in the Kearney Church of the Nazarene for many years. She also served as a teacher for the Kids for Christ after school program at the United Methodist Church in Pleasanton. In 2014 she wrote the song "We Are Blessed." It was recorded in March 2015.

Her work experience included Head Start, Head of Housekeeping and Laundry at Mother Hull Home, housekeeping at Good Samaritan Hospital, and Day Care nursery attendant for fifteen years.

Bonnie also appeared in a commercial for the South Central Agency on Aging and in Joy Johnson's 2014 calendar of older women.

Left to cherish her memory are her daughters, Kathryn Thorne of Lincoln, Christine Dungan of Beatrice, and Tamela Sikes of Alma ; sons, Rick Horsley of Lincoln, and Rod Horsley of Kearney; 19 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; sister, Betty Reeves of Omaha; sisters-in-law, Tillie VanVleet of Valley, and Dora Horsely of Minden; brother-in-law, Kenneth Marlatt of Chadron and several nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husbands, Ralph Horsley and

Robert Burton; brothers, Don, LaVern, and Bobby VanVleet; and sister, Beverly Marlatt.

# Cemetery Details

## Kearney Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 12. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations  
4115 Ave N  
Kearney, NE 68847  
(308) 234-3500  
info@osrfh.com  
<https://www.osrfh.com>

## Funeral Service

MAR 13. 2:00 PM.

Pleasanton United Methodist Church  
Pleasanton, NE

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Lou "Bonnie" Burton*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *To the family of Bonnie Burton, I am so sorry to hear that Bonnie has passed. I am so glad I got to visit with her a couple of times last summer, we had such a good time reminiscing from way back. How we run into each other in a rest area in Tennessee. They were on a bus, I was in my truck at this time. How our children grew up so fast. I kept up with her through Rick at the airport, delivering people there. I found her through Rod this last summer. She will be missed so very much, she was a sweetheart. Bless you all.*

**Louise Hein . (Marzolf)** - March 22, 2020 at 06:40 PM



“ *I wanted to return to Pleasanton for Bonnie's services. The weather report for the day kept me off the roads. Every time I returned to the area, I stopped by to see Bonnie and get a hug. She was a special friend.*

**Jo Ann Koertner** - March 16, 2020 at 12:18 PM

LM

“ Condolences to you all. I live in Republican City but drive to Kearney to see my mother at Mother Hull Home. I got to know Bonnie because she was a table mate in the dining room with my mom! Bonnie was a sweet lady and I always enjoyed seeing her and visiting. She often told my that Tammy lived in Alma, knowing it was close to where I live. I will miss her soft smile!

*Linda Morosic*

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**Linda Morosic** - March 13, 2020 at 09:24 AM

DP

“ I'm so sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. I spent a lot of time at your house growing up. I'm sure Bonnie must've felt she had an extra child most of the time! I remember there was always a lot of activity in your home - it seemed to be the place for all of us to congregate. Such fond memories!

*I'll never forget her warm smile and how she would embrace all the children who entered her home as well as in her Sunday school class. She seemed to always enjoy children!*

*May God comfort you during this difficult time and the cherished memories you shared with your mother bring you peace and solace. May God strengthen you in the days ahead and surround you with His loving Spirit.*

*My thought and prayers are with you all.*

*With deepest sympathy,*

*Debbie Perleberg (Lyons)*

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**Debra Perleberg** - March 12, 2020 at 10:21 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Lou "Bonnie" Burton.*



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March 12, 2020 at 10:14 AM



“ *I feel so honored to have known and grown up with Bonnie in my life. You are in my thoughts and prayers during this time.*

*Garry Nordhues*

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**Garry Nordhues** - March 12, 2020 at 09:22 AM



“ *Bonnie will be missed very much as she was one of my favorite sister inlaws. she loved to play cards and every visit we had with her was playing cards if time permitted. she loved to cook and if she was expecting me for dinner it was always fried chicken, my favorite. she always had a smile to greet you and a friendly hug. I know she is in a better place today with no more aches and pain and is surrounded by family who had gone before her. I know my wife, Beverly is especially happy to see her. although we miss you today, Bonnie, we know we shall be together someday in the future. bless you and keep you until we meet again.*

*Kenneth marlatt*

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**kenneth marlatt** - March 11, 2020 at 09:06 PM

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“ I have many fond memories of Bonnie over the past 28 years that I've known her. I treasure every one of them. She now rests in the assurances of God's never ending promises.

*Blessings,*

*Chuck Bentjen*

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**Chuck Bentjen** - March 11, 2020 at 09:31 AM

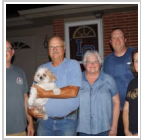


“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Lou "Bonnie" Burton.*



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March 11, 2020 at 09:31 AM



“ *I remember Bonnie well. You lived south of us on Avenue A when we were kids. She was always so kind and pleasant. I remember her fondly. I am so sorry about your loss. My parents both died about 22 years ago.*

*Linda Newquist Bond*

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**Linda Bond** - March 10, 2020 at 02:50 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Lou "Bonnie" Burton.*

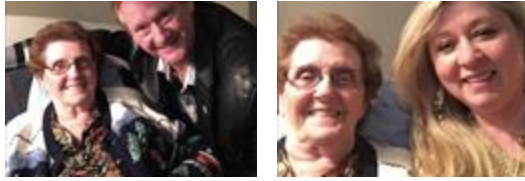


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March 10, 2020 at 12:14 AM

KH

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**Kathleen Horsley** - March 09, 2020 at 11:31 PM