



## Mary Esther Scamehorn

October 15, 1923 - February 14, 2020

Mary Scamehorn, 96  
Kearney resident

Mary Esther Scamehorn, 96 of Kearney passed away Friday, February 14, 2020 at the Central Nebraska Veterans Home in Kearney. Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney. Interment will follow at Ft. McPherson National Cemetery in Maxwell, NE. Military honors will be provided by the U.S. Navy Funeral Honors Team in conjunction with the North Platte Honors Team. Visitation will be 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Monday at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney.

Memorials are suggested to Good Samaritan Society Prairie View Gardens Staff Crisis Fund. Condolences or personal reflections may be shared online at [www.osrfh.com](http://www.osrfh.com). Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services of Kearney.

Mary was born October 15, 1923 in Livingston County, Illinois to John and Teresa (Smith) Weber. She grew up on a farm near Saunemin, IL with her brothers Glen, Virgil and Harold. In High School, Mary excelled in 4H. After graduation from Saunemin High School, she attended college at Illinois State Normal, studying home economics. Mary proudly served in the United States

Navy in the WAVES during World War II. She was a pharmacist Mate and was awarded a World War II Victory Medal. She later served in the U.S. Naval Reserve. After the war, she moved to Nebraska and earned her bachelor's degree in Home Economics from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and later completed her master's degree at Kearney State College.

On November 22, 1952, Mary was united in marriage to Denver Scamehorn in Cullom, IL. This union was blessed with three children; John, Dan and Teresa. They lived in York, NE until 1972, when they moved to Lexington and later Elwood, NE. Mary and Denver were married for nearly 45 years, until his death in 1997.

After many years of working as an educator (including economics, general science and GED instruction), a volleyball coach, and a food and equipment demonstrator for a gas company, Mary retired and became an avid traveler. She participated in numerous trips around the country with the Elderhostel program as she enjoyed continuing her own education. She also traveled frequently with family and friends. Mary was very active with the local Flatwater WAVES and with the National WAVES Organizations. After Denver's death, Mary moved to Kearney in 1998. She found great joy in being a volunteer in the Kearney Community and participated in activities at the Peterson Senior Center. She loved to spend time with her granddaughters and was a devoted member of St. James Catholic Church.

Left to cherish her memory are her children, John Scamehorn of Norman, OK, Dan (Karin) Scamehorn of Kearney and Teresa Scamehorn of Norman, OK; grandchildren, Sarah and Laura Scamehorn and great grandchildren, Ava and Olivia all of Kearney.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents; brothers Glen, Harold and Virgil Weber; and her husband, Denver Scamehorn.



# Cemetery Details

## Fort McPherson National Cemetery

12004 State Highway 56A Spur  
Maxwell, NE  
(308) 582-4433

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 17. 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  
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## Funeral Service

FEB 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Esther Scamehorn*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of your mother's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

**Lorinda (Sage) Lauby** - February 18, 2020 at 03:01 PM



*Thank you Lorinda, appreciate your kind words.  
Teresa*

**Teresa Scamehorn** - February 20, 2020 at 08:43 PM



“ *Thank you for your Military Service. You inspired many.*

*Jimmi Ann Anderson*

**Jimmi Ann Anderson** - February 18, 2020 at 02:13 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Mary Scamehorn. We always enjoyed chatting with Mary and her family when we would visit my mother, Mildred, at Prairie View Gardens. Mary always had a smile on her face and a kind word to say. Mary's positive attitude was very contagious. Very sorry that we will not be able to attend Mary's Memorial service as we are out of state at the present time. Riley and Joan Harris*

**Riley Harris** - February 17, 2020 at 11:24 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Mary Esther Scamehorn.*



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February 17, 2020 at 02:04 PM



“ *Dearest Dan, Karen and Family:  
So many good memories with Evie, Pat, and Mary!! Remember how the ladies loved to eat at Sydney's with burgers/fries? Even Teresa was there a few times.  
Peace and prayers with you as you prepare to say goodbye to a wonderful, delightful, and sweet lady!  
I'm working in Missouri - so I won't be able to attend the funeral, but we'll have to honor Mary when I get back with a burger/fries!  
Hugs to all - Charmeen (and Curt)*

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**Charmeen White** - February 17, 2020 at 01:22 PM



*Thank you Charmeen, Those burger dinners were a favorite of times together Mom always enjoyed with wonderful friends.  
Teresa*

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**Teresa** - February 20, 2020 at 12:18 AM



*My sincere condolences on the passing of Mary Esther. She was a dear cousin of my mother, Dorothy Marie Glatz Shipton (almost like a sister... both born in 1923) and she spoke fondly of her often.  
May the perpetual light shine upon her always.*

*David Shipton*

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**David Shipton** - April 19, 2020 at 07:40 PM