



Winifred "Winnie" Enquist

October 22, 1924 - December 22, 2021

Winifred Enquist, 97 of Kearney formerly of Elm Creek passed away Wednesday, December 22, 2021 at Mt. Carmel Home in Kearney. Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Monday, January 10, 2022 at Williamsburg United Methodist Church of Rural Elm Creek with Pastor Venedith Vargas officiating. Interment will follow at Moses Hill Cemetery. At this time, masks or facial covering can be used at the discretion of those attending.

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

Winifred "Winnie" was born October 22, 1924 in Manhattan, Kansas to Cass and Margaret (Toothman) Bell. She moved to Nebraska at the age of 11. She received her education from Scottsbluff High School, graduating with the class of 1941. Winnie then moved to Seattle, Washington where she worked for Boeing Aircraft during WWII. She moved to Elm Creek in 1946 and later married Raymond Enquist on October 23, 1948 in Elm Creek, NE. The couple made their home South of Elm Creek where they farmed for many years.

Winnie enjoyed reading, quilting and belonged to Quilts of Valor, American Legion, 50 year member of Williamsburg UMC, past 4-H Leader and a longtime volunteer at Good Samaritan Hospital. She shared many cups of

coffee with the Williamsburg Coffee Club girls which she had been a part of since the 1950's.

Left to cherish her memory are her many nieces and nephews, Terry and Mary Gugle, Matt, Nichole, Cate, Callan Gugle, Lydia Bell, Linda Allgood, Keith and Vanessa Allgood, Kami, Justin, Jack, Luke, Shae Johannes, Johanna and John McCarthy, Casey, Cathy, Scotty, Corey, Alex Beije, Angie, Kevin, Khrystyne, Zach, Jordan, Austin Simpson, Sara Willmueller and family, Heather Wallace and significant other, Wes Peterson, Brandy Peterson and significant other, Preston Barnes, Ethan Watson, Morgan Jones and significant other, Taislee and Raylee, Amanda Jones and Significant other, Kinslee, Bryce Gosselin, and her beloved exchange girls, Elizabeth Klemmer-Wolff, Mette Ring, Dorit and Else.

Winnie was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond Enquist; parents; sisters, June Beije and husband and Imogene Carlson and husband; brothers, Keith Bell and wife and Jackie Bell; and her niece, Vicki Peterson; as well as her many loved furr babies.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JAN 10. 11:00 AM (CT)

Williamsburg Methodist Church
Elm Creek, NE

Tribute Wall



“ *Winifred "Winnie" Enquist*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *I have wonderful memories of Ray and Winnie. They lived across the road from the Dean Cruise family and would visit in the evenings many nights a week. Us three Cruise boys loved to play ball with Ray. Having no children, he seemed to enjoy it as much as we did. Such great people and dear friends. Ray passed in '91 and we all missed him. Winnie lasted 32 years without him, but they are reunited now. God bless her soul for eternity. Russ Cruise. (Shared with Robert and Richard Cruise)*

Russ Cruise - January 10, 2022 at 10:04 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Winnie*



Anders Ring - January 09, 2022 at 05:59 AM

AR

“ Thinking about Winnie brings a lot of amazing memories! My sisters and I visited Winnie in Nebraska several times during the years since 1990. Our mom, Mette, always only called Winnie “Mom”, and so did we. And that nickname was very appropriate because Winnie really was one of the most kind, caring and loving person I have ever met. She opened her home and welcomed us in her own caring way. We always enjoyed our summer-vacations in Nebraska.

Back in 2010 we visited Winnie and my wife was overwhelmed by the way Winnie took her under her arms and by her instant love. Winnie also showed much love and interest in the next generation, thus she made the most beautiful carpets for both our girls. She also made carpets for my sisters kids.

We were always very fascinated and impressed by her finger skills, from which we have indeed benefited and for that we are truly grateful.

Dear Winnie (Mom) thanks for everything. Thank you for letting us into your live and into your heart. You are inspiring us and we learned a lot from you.

We will always remember you and cherish your memory.

Anders

Anders Ring - January 09, 2022 at 05:58 AM



Elizabeth Klemme-Wolff - January 10, 2022 at 09:33 AM



“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



Elizabeth Klemme-Wolff - January 09, 2022 at 05:19 AM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Winifred "Winnie" Enquist.



January 08, 2022 at 06:41 PM

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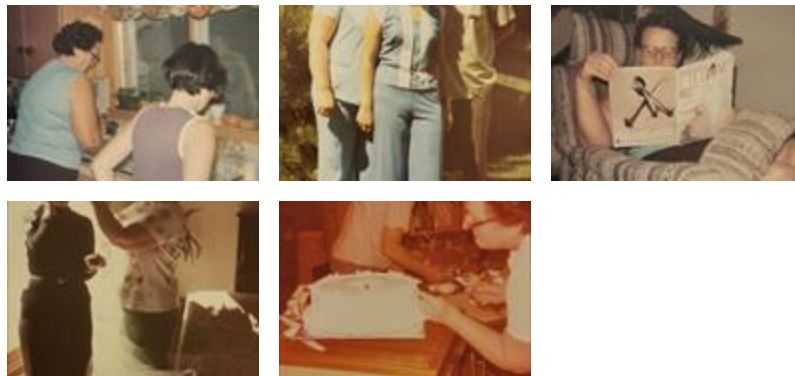
“ I met Winnie and Ray for the First time almost 52 years ago this month. They had chosen me, out hundred other exchange students, to be their foster daughter for 6 months. Little did I know then that this experience and this lovely American couple, back then in their forties, would change my Life forever.

From the very Beginning I was asked to call them Mom and Dad, what after just a few days didn't come difficult at all since they treated me as the daughter the had never had before.

Up to that time I had never met a couple before who loved each other so much and worked so hard together in order to make a living. I learned so much from them and my love and respect for them grew every day I spent with them.

Through the years we had to say Good-bye to each other many times, each one got harder than the Last one. Now this is my final good-bye until we see each other again in the after Life.

Rest in Peace Mom Winnie. You and dad Ray will always have my love and eternal gratitude 🙏



Elizabeth Klemme-Wolff - January 08, 2022 at 05:13 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Winifred "Winnie" Enquist.*



January 08, 2022 at 12:11 PM



“ *The CRM Firm (Stephanie Hagan) purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Winifred "Winnie" Enquist.*



The CRM Firm (Stephanie Hagan) - January 07, 2022 at 10:57 AM



“ *The Gugle families purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Winifred "Winnie" Enquist.*



The Gugle families - January 05, 2022 at 10:50 AM



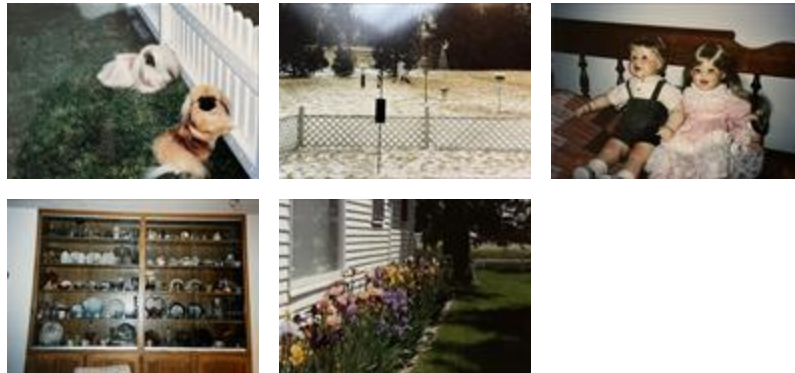
“ *Mette Ring and Family purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Winifred "Winnie" Enquist.*



Mette Ring and Family - January 05, 2022 at 02:41 AM

MR

“ 6 files added to the album Winnie



Mette Ring - December 31, 2021 at 08:36 AM

MR

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Since 1973 Winnie - Mom has been such an important part of my life.

I'm so thankfull that I came to Ray and Winnies home as their 4th exchange student.

They have been part of me and my family's life ever since. We have stayed in contact with letters and have been visiting each other.

My last visit was in April 2019 together with my son Anders. Winnie had just moved to Homestead. We had a very joyfull visit and enjoyed meeting with Linda and Tink.

I'm so greatfull to know that Linda and Tink have been there for Winnie all the time.

Mette and family

Denmark

Mette Ring - December 29, 2021 at 03:15 PM

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Mette Ring - December 29, 2021 at 03:13 PM

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Mette Ring - December 29, 2021 at 03:06 PM

PS

“ Many fond memories of Winnie as a 4-H leader, family friend and one of the "coffee ladies". She always had a smile and encouraging word. My sympathy to her family.

Pat Meier Smith

Pat Smith - December 24, 2021 at 10:42 AM