



## Dorothy "Dot" Irene VonSpreckelsen

January 4, 1933 - March 10, 2021

Former Clay Center, NE resident Dorothy "Dot" Irene VonSpreckelsen, 89, passed away Wednesday, March 10, 2021, at CHI Nebraska Heart Hospital in Lincoln, NE.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, March 13, 2021, at the Evangelical Free Church in Hastings, NE with Pastor Scott DeWitt and Pastor Matt Sass officiating. Interment will follow at the Clay Center Cemetery in Clay Center, NE. Visitation will be Friday from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m., at McLaughlin Funeral Chapel in Clay Center, NE.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the donor's choice, the College of Saint Mary in Omaha, NE or the Evangelical Free Church in Hastings, NE.

Masks are encouraged to be worn at the services.

Condolences may be left at [www.mclaughlinchapel.com](http://www.mclaughlinchapel.com)

Dorothy "Dot" Irene VonSpreckelsen was born January 4, 1932, at Spring Ranch, NE to Herman and Effie (Koch) Kluver. She received her education in Fairfield, NE. On November 9, 1952, she married Bert VonSpreckelsen in Fairfield, NE. She and Bert were married for 68 years and farmed in the Clay Center area.

Dot was well known for her love of farming, baking, and gardening. She and Bert traveled the world including trips to South America, Europe, China, Africa and mission work in the Philippines. She never met a stranger and was always ready to help those in need. Her strong faith was demonstrated by her caring for others. She loved her time spent with her grandchildren. She enthusiastically supported young adults in their educational endeavors.

She was a member of the Evangelical Free Church in Hastings, NE., the American Legion Auxiliary, and a past member of the Happy Homemaker Extension Club and the Clay County Extension Board.

She is survived by her husband, Bert VonSpreckelsen of Kearney, NE., formerly of Clay Center, NE; Daughters, Irene Potter of Lincoln, NE and her children, Mary and (D.J.) Pellatz and Ann Kemper; LeAnn (Laverne) Cooksley of Worthington, IA and their children, Matt and Sarah Cooksley; and their children, Leland and Harlynn; and Cliff and Kelly Schanbeck and their children, Alex, Jared, Ryan and Jase; Holly (Jeff) Christensen of Dannebrog, NE and their children, Joshua and Supra Parthasarathy Christensen and Jacob Christensen.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Herman and Effie Kluver; brothers, Harry Kluver; Frederick Kluver, Art Kluver and Eldon Kluver; sister, LaVeda Stang; and an infant son, Roger VonSpreckelsen.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

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

McLaughlin Funeral Chapel  
204 W. Johnson Street  
Clay Center, NE 68933  
(402) 762-3474  
suttonmemorial@windstream.net  
<http://www.mclaughlinchapel.com/>

## Funeral Service

MAR 13. 10:30 AM (CT)

Evangelical Free Church  
2015 N St Joseph Ave  
Hastings, NE 68901

# Tribute Wall



“ Thinking of you and wishing you God's peace and comfort in Christ.  
*Freda (Flessner) Hoffman*

**Roger Hoffman** - March 17, 2021 at 07:54 PM



“ I was sorry to hear of Dorothy's passing. Dorothy was my grandmother's niece and my second cousin. I visited with her on several occasions and always enjoyed our conversations. Her obituary did not appear in our local paper until the day of her funeral service and I am so sorry to have missed the service for her.

**Judy K. Rader** - March 15, 2021 at 03:45 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dorothy "Dot" Irene VonSpreckelsen.



March 14, 2021 at 09:02 PM

BT

“ I was so sorry to hear of Dot’s passing. Bert and Dot meant so much to our family over many, many years when we all lived in Clay Center. I use Dot’s recipe book often and while my baking never compares, it nonetheless brings great memories of Dot’s warm, loving and generous personality, not to mention her world class cooking & baking. I will always remember her laughter as well as she had a great sense of humor and her laugh was contagious. I am a better person for having known and loved Dot and for having been fortunate enough to be loved by Bert and Dot. I have no doubt Dad was one of the first to welcome her to heaven (and most likely find a kitchen for her to start baking). All my love and condolences to Bert, Irene, LuAnn and Holly and their families. Beth Townsend

Beth Townsend - March 14, 2021 at 08:27 PM

BT

I’m sorry LeAnn, I see my darn autocorrect changed your name to LuAnn.

Beth Townsend - March 14, 2021 at 08:29 PM



“ 36 files added to the album Flowers



Sutton Memorial Chapel and McLaughlin Funeral Chapel - March 13, 2021 at 02:42 PM

LG

“ Love, J.J. Jody, Samantha, Allison and Max Granstr purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Dorothy "Dot" Irene VonSpreckelsen.



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**Love, J.J. Jody, Samantha, Allison and Max Granstr** - March 13, 2021 at 10:04 AM

EN

“ We heard of your loss of Dorothy. Our sympathy and prayers go out to each of you. We ask the Lord to bless you with strength and comfort. We know that God has prepared a place for her. Some day we will be together again if we remain faithful to the Lord.

*Neva Fate Faber and Ernie Faber*

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**Ernest and Neva** - March 12, 2021 at 08:40 PM

OF

*I am sorry for loss.of your love one.*

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**obesidad. Barton Fox** - November 24, 2021 at 04:49 AM

BK

“ Barbara K. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Dorothy "Dot" Irene VonSpreckelsen.



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**Barbara K.** - March 12, 2021 at 03:04 PM

BK

“ *What memories we have of wonderful meals at Dot's house as well as great picnics out with the boat! I still have her "Dot's Cookbook" and cherish it. She was a gem and a loving Christian woman who it was a pleasure and an honor to know. Your legacy lives on in your children, Dot. You will be missed. Our deepest sympathy to Irene, LeAnn and Holly as well as their families.*

Barbara Knox - March 12, 2021 at 02:59 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Dorothy "Dot" Irene VonSpreckelsen.*



March 12, 2021 at 11:40 AM

CE

“ *Centura Board of Education purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Dorothy "Dot" Irene VonSpreckelsen.*



Centura Board of Education - March 12, 2021 at 10:03 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Dorothy "Dot" Irene VonSpreckelsen.*



March 11, 2021 at 10:25 PM

JH

“Joyce and Ed Holeman purchased the Beautiful i  
n Blue for the family of Dorothy "Dot" Irene  
VonSpreckelsen.



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**Joyce and Ed Holeman** - March 11, 2021 at 09:51 PM

NS

“How awesome was Grandma Dot - she helped my family so very  
much along with 2 of her daughters who were baby sitters for our  
sons Craig, Brian and Kyle; One of my fondest memories is when I  
needed to go to Wichita for my father-in-laws heart surgery and  
Bruce was out of the country - she kept our sons over the weekend  
while I traveled to the hospital in Kansas and returned Sunday  
evening. I have a copy of her recipe book also - she was a fantastic  
cook - I didn't realize Bert was in Kearney and I assume he is at the  
vets home. Prayers for the entire family - Dot was loved by many!

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**Nancy Schanbacher** - March 11, 2021 at 09:44 PM

ME

My prayers are with your entire family. I also felt welcomed & accepted  
by Dot-she knew how to make everyone feel loved. I know she will be  
missed.

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**Melanie** - March 11, 2021 at 11:09 PM



“Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the  
family of Dorothy "Dot" Irene VonSpreckelsen.



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March 11, 2021 at 08:29 PM