



Elizabeth Griess, 85

June 23, 1939 - July 23, 2024

Sutton resident Elizabeth Griess, 85, passed away Tuesday, July 23, 2024, at Legacy Square in Henderson, NE.

Memorial services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m., Friday, July 26, 2024, at Hope Reformed Church in Sutton, NE with Rev. Scott Henry officiating. Private family interment will be held at the Sutton Cemetery in Sutton. Visitation will be Thursday, from 1:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., with the family present from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., at Sutton Memorial Chapel in Sutton, NE.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the family to be designated later.

Liz was born June 23, 1939, at home on the family farm to Hilmar and Hilda (Griess) Nuss. She was the 9th child out of 11. She traveled to a country school by horse and buggy until the 10th grade and then later helped on the family farm.

As a young child, she enjoyed roller skating, going to the movies on the weekends, and had a love for Elvis. She remembered seeing Elvis for the first time on TV, only waist down, and it made her cry tears of joy. She even saw many impersonators later in life. She was a member of the Free German Reformed Salem Church and German was her first language. Many Sundays

after church, her family ate bread with butter and watermelon.

She married Melvin A. Griess and together they had 4 children. They lived on a farm for many years and milked dairy cows. Later in life, Liz worked at the Sutton Community Home for 26 years; she was a cook for 8 years and then the Food Service Supervisor for 17 years.

Liz was quick to tell you her favorite stories of her kids, grandkids and great-grandkids. One of her favorites was how Randy was the good one, Rhonda kept her on her toes, and Ranae was the sweetheart, but constantly bragged about her grandkids and their achievements.

Liz enjoyed cooking traditional German Russian food, like cheese buttons, knep, hot German potato salad, kuchen and runzas. She also made a mean kvass, whom she shared with many daring souls in the dead of summer. She loved watching her Soap Operas, The Voice, and American Idol amongst other challenge and game shows. She also collected stamps and made an “award-winning” stamp ball, which weighs over 50 pounds. She was an avid gardener and was very particular about the care of her crops. She canned many of her vegetables she grew and had a room full of Mason Jars in her basement. Liz was able to travel to many places far and near and was always up for a good adventure.

If anyone knew Liz, they knew that she collected refrigerator magnets. Many friends and family would bring back a magnet from their vacation and Liz adorned it on her fridge for all to see. Her grandkids especially loved the jukebox magnet that played obnoxious music.

Liz also loved a sweet treat and would often say, “a person should eat dessert first”. She grew up in a time before electronics but later got an iPhone and iPad which she admitted she never knew how to use.

She spent many hours attending her grandchildren's activities, such as band concerts, baseball games, soccer games, dance recitals, dive meets, and gymnastic meets.

Liz is survived by her children; son Randy (Lisa) Griess of Sutton, NE; daughters Rhonda (Cris) Sahrer of Omaha, NE; Ranae (Ric) Stoakes of Lincoln, NE; grandchildren, Ansley (Andrew) Lovgren of St Paul, MN; Chelsea (Shay) Sahrer of Omaha, NE; Cole Sahrer of Omaha, NE; Ashton (Colton) Marshall of Chapman, NE; Aleni Stoakes of St Paul, MN; Adisen Stoakes of Lincoln, NE; great-grandchildren, Zoey, Carter, Sawyer, and Keeva. She is also survived by her siblings, Naomi Griess, Silas Nuss, Armin Nuss, Marie Hembree, Miriam Sinnen, and Donna Mae Nuss; and one of her closest friends, Karen Ackerman.

She was preceded in death by her parents Hilmar and Hilda Nuss; daughter Rolene; brothers Gideon Nuss, Don Nuss, and Tom Nuss; sister Ruth Griess; and great-grandson Evander Marshall.

Liz will especially be elated to be reunited with her daughter, Rolene, again.

Cemetery Details

Sutton Cemetery

1202 N. Saunders Ave
Sutton, NE 68979

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 25. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Sutton Memorial Chapel
804 S. Saunders, Ave.
PO Box 612
Sutton, NE 68979
(402) 773-4100
suttonmemorial@windstream.net
<http://www.suttonmemorial.com/>

Family Present At Visitation

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Memorial Service

JUL **26**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Hope Reformed Church
311 E Hickory St
Sutton, NE 68979

Tribute Wall

CS

“ *My deepest sympathy to family members, my cousins.....Liz was a great person and a very hard worker back in the day. Have some very fond memories of this very fine lady. RIP Liz!!!*

Carol Schultz - August 01, 2024 at 05:57 PM



“ *48 files added to the album Flowers*



Sutton Memorial Chapel and McLaughlin Funeral Chapel - July 26, 2024 at 02:39 PM

K(

A wonderful lady. Enjoyed workinf for her and with her at the Sutton nursing home. Prayers to the family.

Kris Wolfe (Borders) - July 29, 2024 at 03:03 PM

LC

“ Love Roshelle & Mariyka Campbell purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Elizabeth Griess, 85.



Love Roshelle & Mariyka Campbell - July 25, 2024 at 04:09 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Griess, 85.



July 25, 2024 at 12:24 PM

MD

“ Matthew D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elizabeth Griess, 85.

Matthew D. - July 25, 2024 at 11:56 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Griess, 85.



July 25, 2024 at 10:14 AM

AD

“ Alicia, Frank, Becky and Dave planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elizabeth Griess, 85.

Alicia, Frank, Becky and Dave - July 25, 2024 at 10:14 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Griess, 85.



July 25, 2024 at 10:03 AM

ST

“ Sincerely, API EPMO team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elizabeth Griess, 85.

Sincerely, API EPMO team - July 25, 2024 at 10:03 AM

RS

“ Ryan and Traci Swinton purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Elizabeth Griess, 85.



Ryan and Traci Swinton - July 25, 2024 at 09:09 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Griess, 85.



July 24, 2024 at 11:09 PM



“ Love, Kelly, Pam, Craig & kids planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elizabeth Griess, 85.

Love, Kelly, Pam, Craig & kids - July 24, 2024 at 11:09 PM



“ Clair and Lesa Christiancy purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Elizabeth Griess, 85.



Clair and Lesa Christiancy - July 24, 2024 at 10:04 PM



“ Clair and Lesa Christiancy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elizabeth Griess, 85.

Clair and Lesa Christiancy - July 24, 2024 at 10:04 PM

BA

“ Bob and Tracy Alexander purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Elizabeth Griess, 85.



Bob and Tracy Alexander - July 24, 2024 at 09:01 PM

AS

“ Alan & Pam Schroetlin lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Griess, 85



Alan & Pam Schroetlin - July 24, 2024 at 02:06 PM

AS

Liz was one of a kind...I will miss her weekly visits when she came into the news office to pick up her paper. She will be missed by many. She had a quick wit and a sense of humor that made my day every time I visited with her.

Alan Pam Schroetlin - July 24, 2024 at 02:10 PM

AH

“ Angela H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elizabeth Griess, 85.

Angela H. - July 24, 2024 at 12:50 PM

DT

“ Sorry for your loss. Had many visits with Liz while Mike was in the hospital. She was so gracious and caring. She will be missed-Diane Thompson

Diane Thompson - July 24, 2024 at 12:38 PM

NB

“ So sorry for your loss. I will always remember her in the serving lines at various German festivals and church events. She cooked and served and was always joyful to do it. Our loss but heaven’s gain.

Nyla and John Bitunjac. - July 24, 2024 at 12:26 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Griess, 85.



July 24, 2024 at 12:02 PM

AT

“ API Women's Summit Planning Team purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Elizabeth Griess, 85.



API Women's Summit Planning Team - July 24, 2024 at 10:25 AM

SS

“ So sorry for your loss, she was one of a kind. She’d bring cherry tomatoes, cucumbers, pepper’s and other garden produce to the school. All in pristine condition, but she’d say if they’re no good throw them away. With a wave of her arm. Hugs and healing prayers to you.

Shelley Seager - July 23, 2024 at 10:09 PM

GF

“ Gilbride family purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Elizabeth Griess, 85.



Gilbride family - July 23, 2024 at 08:00 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish* was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Griess, 85.



July 23, 2024 at 06:56 PM

MS

“ Michelle Jones Sitzman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elizabeth Griess, 85.

Michelle Jones Sitzman - July 23, 2024 at 06:56 PM