



Joan Ruth Ekwall

November 5, 1929 - August 11, 2023

Joan Ekwall, 93, passed away peacefully Friday, August 11, 2023, at Fairview Manor in Fairmont, NE.

Graveside services will be conducted at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, August 17, 2023, at the Sutton Cemetery in Sutton, NE. In honoring her wish to be cremated there will not be a visitation or viewing.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the Fairmont Community Church.

Joan (Kohler) Ekwall was born in Sutton, NE on November 5, 1929. She attended Sutton High School and then attended Hastings College where she met and married her husband, Richard Ekwall.

Later Joan attended the University of Nebraska and received a bachelor's degree in education and an endorsement in gifted education. After graduation, she pursued a career as an elementary teacher and taught in Geneva Public Schools for 26 years.

Joan was a member of P.E.O., a past president of the Fairmont Women's Club, and a member of the Fairmont community church. Her interests included singing, playing bridge, reading, crossword puzzles, baking, and

preparing holiday meals that were enjoyed by all family members. She especially enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by children, Stephen Ekwall; David Ekwall; Sharon and husband Robert Hair; grandchildren, Shawn Ekwall and wife Megan; Nicole Ekwall; Christopher Ekwall; and Matthew Kellie; step-granddaughter, Erica Hair; great-grandchildren, Landon, and Nolan Ekwall; and Elijah Kellie.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Ekwall; Parents, Otto and Irma Kohler; brothers, Morrie and Victor Kohler; sister, Norma Wagner; and son, Thomas.

Cemetery Details

Sutton Cemetery

1202 N. Saunders Ave
Sutton, NE 68979

Previous Events

Graveside Service

AUG 17. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ 5 files added to the album *Flowers*



Sutton Memorial Chapel and McLaughlin Funeral Chapel - August 17, 2023 at 03:01 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of *Joan Ruth Ekwall*.

August 15, 2023 at 07:38 PM



“ *Enduring Grace* was purchased for the family of *Joan Ruth Ekwall*.



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“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Joan Ruth Ekwall.*



August 14, 2023 at 09:50 AM