



## Joyce L. Overturf

February 2, 1943 - October 25, 2020

A Funeral Service for Joyce will be held on Thursday, October 29, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the Federated Church in Sutton, Nebraska with Pastor Mary Scott presiding.

Public Visitation will be held on Wednesday, October 28, 2020 from 4:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Sutton Memorial Chapel in Sutton, Nebraska.

Graveside Services will be conducted following the funeral service at the Chapel Grove Cemetery in rural Clay County, Nebraska.

In Lieu of Flowers - Memorials may be directed to the family to establish a scholarship in Joyce's name.

Joyce Lurene (Herbaugh) Overturf of Edgar, Nebraska was born to Lois and Beula (Kennedy) Herbaugh on February 2, 1943 in Thedford, Nebraska and passed away on October 25, 2020 with her family by her side at the age of 77 years 8 months and 23 days.

At a young age Joyce's family moved from Thedford, Nebraska to Sedro Wooley, Washington where her father worked as a lumberjack. In 1949, they decided to return Nebraska and lived in rural Box Butte County and then resided in Hemingford, Nebraska and this where she attended her schooling.

Joyce was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She married George Overturf on June 23, 1974 and together they raised 4 children.

Once their children graduated high school and Joyce and George were empty nesters, she made a decision to return to college and earned a bachelor's degree in special education. Not satisfied with just one degree she decided to further her education earning a master's degree in advanced english with honors.

Some of her proudest accomplishments was receiving the Summa Cum Laude honor and being elected as President of the Non-Traditional Student of Hastings College and Alphi Chi Society for her 4.0 gpa.

She taught special education for a short time at Clay Center Public Schools in Clay Center, Nebraska before taking a job at Silver Lake Public Schools where she taught advanced english, drama and speech. Joyce had such a strong passion for teaching and cherished the many students that walked through her door.

In retirement Joyce and George enjoyed time spent with each other on their acreage and loved gardening, canning, quilting and creating homemade gifts for all their family.

Joyce is survived by her husband, George; children, Mike (Mary Sue) Furman, Pat (Terri) Furman, Pamylla (David) Adams and Daniel (Deb) Furman; 12 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; sister, Elsie (Pat) Haller and brother-in-law, Myron "Woody" Overturf.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lois and Beula; parents-in law,

Melvin and O'Linda Overturf; grandson, Mathew Furman; Baby Furman; siblings, Bill Herbaugh, Bud Herbaugh, Dennis Herbaugh and Linda Winter.

# Tribute Wall

MH

“ Pam I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. I can remember the stories you told about growing up while we worked together so many years ago. Especially the names your said your Mom would call you guys: "Pammy No No," and "Danny Damn It." :) Remember the fun times and her love for you. Sending hugs and a prayer! Love, Mary

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**Mary Hobelman** - November 13, 2020 at 01:44 PM

WJ

“ Sorry for your loss. She was a wonderful teacher, and I will never forget her.

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**Waylon Johnson** - October 30, 2020 at 07:21 PM

JH

“ I am so sorry for your loss, George. Joyce was a very special lady and will be missed by many. Cherish the memories you made together and may the good Lord hold you and your family in his arms and comfort you at this difficult time.

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**June Hussmann** - October 28, 2020 at 06:38 PM

TP

“ Condolences on your loss. She was one of my favorite teachers and really cared. I hope you find peace in your grief.

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**Trista Peterson** - October 28, 2020 at 10:13 AM

DV

“ George,  
so sorry to hear about Joyce. She was a great lady and a wonderful teacher. I have such good memories of teaching with her at Clay Center. She truly touched a lot of lives.  
You and your family are in our thoughts.

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**Dennis Valentine** - October 28, 2020 at 10:07 AM

JS

“ Mrs O -- you have touched so many lives. Thank you for teaching our children the "greats" of the literary world. You will be terribly missed by the students who never knew what a wonderful person, teacher and mentor you were.

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**Jenny Scott** - October 28, 2020 at 09:59 AM

CS

“ George and Family,  
I am so sorry to hear of the loss of such an amazing person. Mrs. O had a profound impact on so many student's lives, including my own. I am so grateful to have known her and to have experienced her compassion, wisdom and influence. She expected the most of her students and believed in each and every one of us - the absolute best kind of teacher to have! Please know that while she will be deeply missed by so many here on earth, her influence and legacy lives on through each of us. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this most difficult time.

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**Chelsea (Karr) Swarm** - October 28, 2020 at 08:29 AM

CL

“ Words cannot describe how saddened we are with the loss of Mrs. Overtuf. She is the kind of teacher that you can never forget. Her love for the language arts was contagious and she left such an impression on so many lives. She had the best stories and she proudly shared her love for George and her family with her students. I am forever grateful to Mrs. O! Love and prayers to her family and friends.

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**Crystal (Parr) L'Heureux** - October 28, 2020 at 07:47 AM

GS

“ George, My sincere condolences to you and your family. It is so very difficult losing a spouse. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

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**Gertie Schmer** - October 28, 2020 at 07:08 AM

PT

“ Mrs. O was an amazing person and wonderful teacher. She taught me so much during my time with her. She instilled in me a deep annoyance of poor grammar and always had the best stories. She knew each student's talent, even if they didn't know it themselves.. She will be truly missed in this world. My deepest condolences go to you, George, and your family. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

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**Paige Trausch** - October 27, 2020 at 09:19 PM

NL

“ Mrs. O was one of the best teachers and she always pushed us to do our best and try our hardest! I'm glad that I was one of the students lives that her path crossed and that she was able to help mentor me! She was a great lady and will be greatly missed by many! She left such an impact on so many!

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**Nadine Lovejoy** - October 27, 2020 at 08:28 PM

ML

“ I am so sad to hear of your passing however your amazing legacy of educating teenagers will forever carry your memory well into the future. You are not only one of the great inspirations that helped me accomplish where I am today but I am positive you touch many other lives. Thank you so much for your untiring compassion and dedication to see the best in us and push us to greatness. You will be missed greatly but you will be thought of frequently and forever. God bless your family and friends.

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**Marisa Lheureux** - October 27, 2020 at 07:18 PM

JA

“ George and family-  
I want you to know that Joyce was one of the single-most significant impacts of my life in high school. She worked so hard, expected so much and cared more than anyone. I will adore her always and she will be missed!  
Sincerely and with love,  
Jess

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**Jessica (Heuertz) Anderson** - October 27, 2020 at 07:03 PM

DE

“ Joyce was a mentor to me in my first year of teaching. I wanted to be able to reach kids the way that she could. She was a class act and loved every one of her students. She was so proud of George and her family, and spoke so highly of them. She will be missed by so many - what an impact she left on all of the lives she touched.

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**Dana Epley** - October 27, 2020 at 06:38 PM

MP

“ I learned so much from this wonderful lady. She has truly touched so many lives. She will be forever missed dearly. I am constantly correcting my family and friend's English.... (a lot of times it's to myself to avoid the eye roll). But I always think of Mrs. O when I do it! Lots of hugs to George and the family.

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**Melissa (Hall) Parr** - October 27, 2020 at 06:13 PM

MC

“ Mrs. O had the most positive impact on me throughout my school years; more so than any other teacher. She was a great person and a true teacher and mentor and I will always remember her positive and insightful guidance. The world has truly lost an amazing person today. Our prayers to the family.

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**Matt Church** - October 27, 2020 at 05:51 PM

PG

“ George and family. So sad to hear of Joyce's passing. I always felt so bonded to her because of what we went thru. She was a very special Lady. Prayers of comfort. With Love and Caring; Patsy and Dayle Gewecke

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**Patsy Gewecke** - October 27, 2020 at 05:48 PM

HB

“ Sorry to learn of you mother's passing. Our hearts are with your family.

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**Heather Bolte** - October 27, 2020 at 04:11 PM

EH

“ Chance made us sisters Hearts made us friends . dearly missed.

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**Elsie Haller** - October 27, 2020 at 03:53 PM

DH

“ We are so, so saddened to hear of Joyce's death. She was one classy lady ... and teacher. She left a positive impression on so many lives. Joyce always had time for her students, her friends, and her family. The world will truly miss this wonderful lady. Hugs to George and kids.

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**Dan & Joni Heuertz** - October 27, 2020 at 12:19 PM

KR

“ Pam... I want to give you lots of hugs. I am so very sorry for your loss. Love you my dear friend!

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**Kathy Rocolo** - October 27, 2020 at 11:50 AM