



Leota (Ehly) Urbauer Snell, 92

July 31, 1933 - November 12, 2025

Sutton, NE resident, Leota (Ehly) Urbauer Snell, 92, passed away Wednesday, November 12, 2025, at the Sutton Community Home in Sutton, NE.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m., Friday, November 21, 2025, at the Federated Church in Sutton, NE with Pastor Edison Toe officiating. Interment will follow at the Ong Cemetery in Ong, NE. Visitation will be Thursday, from 1:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., with the family present from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m., at Sutton Memorial Chapel in Sutton, NE.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the Sutton Community Home in honor of Leota Snell.

Leota was born July 31, 1933, to Theodore and Lydia (Griess) Ehly in Clay County, NE, on a farm North of Sutton, NE, the sixth of thirteen children. She received her education at country school and graduated from Sutton High School in 1951. Leota attended summer sessions at Kearney State College and taught country school for four years in District #8 and Farmers Valley. She married Loren Urbauer on May 18, 1956, in Clay Center, NE, and was a farmwife and homemaker for their family. After his passing, she married Ernest Snell on September 5, 2014, in Sutton, NE.

Leota loved to sing along with her sisters, Salome, Marie and Johanna. The Ehly sisters had a lot of fun singing for various family and community functions. She enjoyed playing Scrabble, loved the snow and made a mean pot of chili, her favorite food.

She is survived by her children, Lon (Pam) Urbauer of Edgar, NE; Jeff (Ramona) Urbauer of Athens, GA; Rod Urbauer of Sutton, NE; and Joleen (Bill) Billingham of Wheaton, IL; stepdaughters, Cindy Iliff of Lincoln, NE and Julie Zimmerman of Aurora, NE; brothers, Eph (Lori) Ehly of Shawnee Mission, KS; Dave (Sue) Ehly of Sutton, NE; Don (Rita) Ehly of Lincoln, NE; Marv Ehly of Lincoln, NE; Milt Ehly of MO; sisters, Lydia (Kenny) Griess of Sutton, NE; and Gertie Schmer of Sutton, NE; grandchildren, Joshua Billingham of Brooklyn, NY; Adam (Danielle) Billingham of Los Angeles, CA; Eliza Billingham of Spokane, WA; and Jeremiah Urbauer of Edgar, NE; great-grandchild, Everly Kaye Urbauer.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Loren Urbauer and Ernest Snell; her parents, Theodore and Lydia Ehly; sisters, Elizabeth (Hugo) Schwarz; Johanna (Edgar) Nuss; Salome (Willard) Reichert; and Marie (Ted) Schroetlin; and brother, Harold (Mary) Ehly.

Cemetery Details

Ong Cemetery

Road 305 and Main Street
Ong, NE 68452

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 20. 1:00 PM - 7:00 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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Funeral Service

NOV **21**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Federated Church
407 N. Saunders Ave.
Sutton, NE 68979
(402) 773-5336
<https://www.suttonfedchurch.org>

Tribute Wall

TA

“ Tavia lit a candle in memory of Leota (Ehly)
Urbauer Snell, 92



Tavia - November 25, 2025 at 10:11 PM



“ 16 files added to the album Flower Arrangements



Sutton Memorial Chapel and McLaughlin Funeral Chapel - November 25, 2025 at 03:21 PM

DB

“ So sorry to hear Leota is no longer with us. I know she will be greatly missed. I have so many memories of the fun times we spent together especially when we went to KC with all the Ong board members and Leota and I ditched everybody and spent a couple of days having a great time! Each and every time I saw her we would reminisce about our fun times together. My heart goes out to the family during this time of sorrow. She was loved by many.

Doris Sanner Blair - November 21, 2025 at 03:19 PM

MG

“ *Leota was the sweetest lady. Memories of her always make me smile. She was our neighbor while we growing up, she also substitute taught in Ong School when I was in the first few years there. I enjoyed running into her when I was back in the area! My deepest sympathy to you all.*

Mona (Gowen) Geiser

Mona (Gowen) Geiser - November 20, 2025 at 01:08 PM

EE

“ *Eph and Lori Ehly purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Leota (Ehly) Urbauer Snell, 92.*



Eph and Lori Ehly - November 20, 2025 at 12:04 AM

EE

“ *Eph and Lori Ehly planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leota (Ehly) Urbauer Snell, 92.*

Eph and Lori Ehly - November 20, 2025 at 12:04 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Leota (Ehly) Urbauer Snell, 92.*



November 17, 2025 at 11:00 AM

CT

“ CPI Transporation Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leota (Ehly) Urbauer Snell, 92.

CPI Transporation Team - November 17, 2025 at 11:00 AM

KH

“ So sorry for your loss always remember summers spent at my grandparents and getting together with her kids for summer fun and shenanigans she was a great lady and will be missed greatly

Kurt Hanlin - November 16, 2025 at 09:38 AM

LK

“ Larry And Joyce Klein lit a candle in memory of Leota (Ehly) Urbauer Snell, 92



Larry and Joyce Klein - November 15, 2025 at 03:35 PM

IB

“ What a sweet lady. Always with her pretty smile. I'm so glad that you and my Uncle Ernie found each other. I always felt your love for each other a joy to watch the two of you. You will always be remembered as a blessing for our family. God Bless you and your family.
My deepest sympathies.
Irene Blau Bevard and family.

Irene Bevard - November 14, 2025 at 01:48 PM

AP

“ *Leota, you were such an inspiration to me and for my faith. Thank you for your love and friendship. I will miss you. My prayers are with the family. Rest, my friend, until we can study together again.*

Audrey Peterworth - November 13, 2025 at 08:23 PM