



Alice Fern Brandes

April 12, 1925 - October 28, 2015

Alice Fern Brandes, 90, of Central City, died on Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at Litzenberg Memorial County Hospital. Funeral services will be on Monday, November 2, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at Fairview United Methodist Church in Central City with Pastor Janet Burgel officiating. Visitation will be on Sunday, November 1st from 5-7 p.m. at Fairview United Methodist Church. Interment will be at the Central City Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the family or to Fairview United Methodist Church. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.soltwagnerfuneral.com.

Alice was born at home on Easter Sunday, April 12, 1925 in Central City to Frank and Ruby (McCollister) Chrisp. She attended Central City Schools, graduating from High School in 1943. Alice and Earl Brandes were united in marriage on October 6, 1946. While living in Central City, Alice worked for the Merrick County Extension Office, Eoff Grocery Store, the County Judge and Clerk of the District Court. In 1950, Alice and Earl moved to farm north of Central City where she became a farmwife in every sense of the word; stay at home mom, farmhand, lunch and meal maker, errand runner, painter, kid raiser, yard and lawn caretaker, and family peacemaker.

Alice was a member of the United Methodist Church, beginning April 10, 1938. She was active in United Methodist Women, a Sunday School teacher while her children were growing up, and a sponsor, along with Earl, for Methodist Youth Fellowship, MYF. She was a member of District 8

Homemakers in town, and after moving to the farm, Friendship Club for over 40 years. She became Mrs. Merrick County during that time. She also held offices in the County and State Extension Clubs, including serving as historian of the Nebraska Council of Home Extension Clubs. Alice was a 4-H Leader for 30 years, mentoring the Jolly Jills and Jolly Jinks clubs in early years. She was a beautiful seamstress, one year making 12 leisure suits for men, not to mention many other items lovingly made for her family. Another hobby she enjoyed was drawing over 25 different house plans for families and friends, in her meticulous penmanship. Alice was active in Farm Bureau for many years, as well. She became a member of Chapter AB, P.E.O. in 1983. After convincing Earl to begin golf at age 58, Alice joined him for over 30 years playing the sport, especially during their winters in Arizona.

Those left to cherish her precious memory are her partner in life for 69 years, husband Earl; her oldest son, Roger and Sharon Brandes, of Central City; her daughter, Gail and Doug Brand of Seward; her youngest son, Evan and Roxanne Brandes, Central City; her grandchildren, Jarrod, Kane and Julie, Jess and Kelly, Caitlin and Jordan, Eric and Natalie, Kylie and Jason, Krissy and Russ, Carly and Jeff, Cortney and Beau and Alex; and her adoring great-grandchildren, Cole, Ryan, Hailey, Leo, Brooke, Will, Caroline, Sam, Luke, Lincoln, Emma, Trig, Alaina, Elise, Connor, Ava, Tate, Tye, Riggins and Rustin; her sister, Lola Ross of Seward and sister-in-law, Arlene Chrisp of Central City; and many other family members and friends.

Alice was preceded in death by her parents, brother, David Chrisp, brother-in-law, Ken Ross, son-in-law, Randall Schilling and infant great-granddaughter, Allison Penke.

Cemetery Details

Central City Cemetery

Central City, NE 68826

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 1. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Fairview United Methodist Church
2398 13th Road
Central City, NE 68826

Funeral Service

NOV 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall


Michael
Chrisp

“ 4 files added to the album Aunt Alice



Michael Chrisp - September 26, 2025 at 02:56 PM

AO

“ Alice is forever woven into my memories of growing up in the Fairview community. My thoughts & prayers are with Earl & the family. RIP dear lady.



Alicia Johnston Opoku - November 02, 2015 at 11:10 AM


Ryan
Senkbile

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Brandes family as you grieve the loss of Alice. Ryan, Diana and the kids

Ryan Senkbile - November 02, 2015 at 09:29 AM

TT

“ *The Learning Child team purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Alice Fern Brandes.*



The Learning Child team - October 31, 2015 at 09:38 PM

CU

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. There are no words that can make it easier but your entire family will be in our prayers.*

Carol (Eastwood) and Jerry Urbanski

Carol and Jerry Urbanski - October 31, 2015 at 10:55 AM

LW

“ *Sending our love and thoughts to you all. Bob and Laurie (Chrisp) Williams*

Laurie Williams - October 31, 2015 at 10:02 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Alice Fern Brandes.*



October 30, 2015 at 11:29 PM

JL

“ Growing up in the Fairview community, we kids all thought Alice was the "most fun mom" ever and envied Rog, Gail and Evan. As I matured I grew to understand that it was simply a manifestation of all her other extraordinary qualities. Her passing will leave a huge void in a community of many special people who cherished her highly..

Jerry L Lippincott - October 30, 2015 at 03:02 PM

CS

“ Cheryl Brandes and Shan, Dale, Risa, Sarah & Steve purchased the Glorious Grace Bouquet for the family of Alice Fern Brandes.



Cheryl Brandes and Shan, Dale, Risa, Sarah & Steve -
October 30, 2015 at 09:54 AM