



Ida Mae (Best) Coover Killham

March 18, 1925 - October 29, 2025

Ida Mae (Best) Coover Killham, 100, of Lincoln formerly of Polk, died on Wednesday, October 29, 2025 at Hillcrest Firethorn Nursing Home in Lincoln. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, November 8, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. at Solt-Wagner Funeral Home in Central City with Pastor Mark Hartley officiating. Visitation will be held on Saturday, November 8th from 10:00 a.m. until service time. Interment will be held at the Polk Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.soltwagnerfuneral.com.

Ida Mae was born on March 18, 1925, to Carl and Alice (Landers) Best. She attended Central City Public Schools and graduated in 1943.

In 1944, Ida married Paul Coover. Together, they made their home on a farm six miles north of Polk, where they lived and worked side by side for 51 years. Paul passed away in 1998. Ida married Leonard Killham, and they shared several happy years together.

Ida was a woman of many talents and interests. She enjoyed bowling, crafts, painting, playing the organ, country music, dancing, cards, and bingo. Above all, her greatest joy was her family—spending time with her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren brought her endless happiness.

At the age of 13, Ida Mae was baptized and became a member of the First Baptist Church in Central City, where she accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior. In 1955, she joined the Methodist Church in Polk, where she

served faithfully in many roles over the years. She was Chairman of the Board, President of the United Methodist Women, and Chairman of the Funeral Committee for a decade. She also taught Sunday School, sang in the choir, and participated in countless church activities, sharing her faith and kindness with all who knew her.

In 2011, Ida moved to Lincoln to be closer to her family. Her warm spirit, positive energy, and genuine love for others made her a friend to everyone she met. She will be deeply missed by her family, friends, and those who lovingly cared for her.

Ida is survived by her son, Larry (Bev) Coover, and daughter, Marlene Swanson (Bernie Sojka); grandchildren Edd (Shelly) Coover, Shelly (Dan) Richards, Cindy (Scott) Draper, Tamara (Paul) Van Housen, Teri (Ty) Schreiber, Gary (Staci) Powell, Linda Swanson, Rod (Sherry) Swanson and Steve (Becky) Swanson; 11 great-grandchildren; 3 great-great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; and numerous dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Paul Coover and Leonard Killham; her parents, Carl and Alice Best; and siblings Wayne Best, Don Best, and Phyllis Flodman.

Cemetery Details

Polk Cemetery

polk, NE

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Solt-Wagner Funeral Home
1507 17th St
Central City, NE 68826
(308) 946-3095

Funeral Service

NOV 8. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

LF

“ Love, Rick, Rex & Vivian Best families! planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ida Mae (Best) Coover Killham.

Love, Rick, Rex & Vivian Best families! - November 05, 2025 at 10:43 AM

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“ Love, Rick, Rex & Vivian Best families! purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Ida Mae (Best) Coover Killham.



Love, Rick, Rex & Vivian Best families! - November 05, 2025 at 10:43 AM

SJ

“ Sheila J. purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Ida Mae (Best) Coover Killham.



Sheila J. - November 03, 2025 at 04:09 PM

DF

“ Dan, Carl, & Jim Best and Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ida Mae (Best) Coover Killham.

Dan, Carl, & Jim Best and Families - November 03, 2025 at 10:02 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ida Mae (Best) Coover Killham.*



November 03, 2025 at 10:02 AM



“ *Enjoyed our time with her, wish there had been more. She had class.
We are with you in spirit now and we all will be together in heaven.*

Love, Skip and Mary

Skiip - October 30, 2025 at 09:09 AM



“ *Ida Mae and Paul were best friends of my parents Warren & "B" Wegner. They all had so much fun together. I'll NEVER forget their laughs!! RIP Ida Mae. I'll never forget how sweet and how much fun you were! LOVE you!*

CORAL WEGNER - October 30, 2025 at 12:04 AM



“ *Gary and Staci Powell purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Ida Mae (Best) Coover Killham.*



Gary and Staci Powell - October 29, 2025 at 09:06 PM

GL

“ I went to high school with Ida Mae. we graduated the same year. I saw her one time in Lincoln , I live in Lakewood, CO. I am 99 years old. I have lost track of class members, I send my heartfelt sympathy to family members.

Gail Sidders Land - October 29, 2025 at 05:53 PM

CD

I wish I could have shared this with her! Thank you!!!

Cindy Draper - October 29, 2025 at 08:47 PM