



Margaret Ruth (Brown) Kennedy

September 23, 1923 - May 28, 2018

Margaret Ruth (Brown) Kennedy, 94, of Central City, died at her home on Monday, May 28, 2018. Funeral services will be on Friday, June 1st, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Central City with Rev. Tom Lucas officiating. Visitation will be on Thursday, May 31st from 5-7 p.m. at Solt-Wagner Funeral Home in Central City. Interment will be held at the Central City Cemetery immediately following the funeral service. Memorials are suggested to the United Methodist Church in Central City as well as to the Merrick County Child Development Center. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.soltwagnerfuneral.com.

Margaret Ruth was born on September 21, 1923 in Grand Island to Ronald Reid and Pearl Ruth (Ellis) Brown. Margaret grew up in Alda, and graduated from Alda High School in 1941. Following her graduation she then attended Kearney State College. While attending college, she met William Truman Kennedy. They married on May 26, 1946 in Alda at the Methodist Church. Truman and Margaret then moved to Conway, Arkansas while he finished his college degree. In 1949, Truman got his first teaching job in Central City. They would remain in Central City until 1960 when he got a job teaching in Cody, Wyoming and remained there until 1966. They moved to Gillette, Wyoming until 1969 and then came back to Nebraska, where they would live in Gresham until 1972. They made their final move in 1972, returning to Central City. While living in Central City, Margaret would work for Dr. Barry Turner as

his aide, as well as working as a secretary for the United Methodist Church. In the early 1990's Margaret and Truman bought the Crawford Motel, where they owned and operated it together until his death in 1996. She then sold the motel and retired in 1997.

Margaret was a lifetime member of the United Methodist Church, as well as a member of the United Methodist Women and PEO Chapter AB. She was an avid sports fan, especially the Chicago Bulls and Los Angeles Lakers, as well as the Chicago Cubs and Kansas City Royals. She enjoyed playing bridge with her friends, and volunteering within the community. Her greatest loves were for her faith, and her family. She spent her whole life as a devoted Christian and mother.

Those left to cherish her memory are her children; Carmen Rickett of North Platte, William (Wanda) Kennedy of Central City, Ronald (Marci) Kennedy of Central City, and Brent (Sue) Kennedy of Central City; 9 grandchildren and 18 plus one on the way, great-grandchildren, and 5 great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, William Truman Kennedy; daughter-in-law, Paula Kennedy; and granddaughter, Jana Kennedy Fye.

Cemetery Details

Central City Cemetery

Central City, NE 68826

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 31. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Solt-Wagner Funeral Home
Central City, NE

Funeral Service

JUN 1. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

United Methodist Church, Central City

Tribute Wall

PB

“ It was a privilege to serve as Margaret's pastor for five years. She was a dear heart and a gracious woman. My condolences to the family.

Paul Blanchard - June 30, 2018 at 10:42 AM

HR

“ Dear Kennedy Family, Margaret & I want to send you our condolences to you and to let you know our thoughts are with you. Sincerely, Harley & Margaret Riley

Harley & Margaret Riley - June 16, 2018 at 10:09 AM

TB

“ Our condolences to the family. Even though those in the memorial tombs have “fallen asleep” in death, Jesus said, “The one who exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life.” (John 11:11,25) May this beautiful hope held out for the future bring comfort.

TBC - June 01, 2018 at 08:11 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Margaret Ruth (Brown) Kennedy.



May 31, 2018 at 08:33 AM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Margaret Ruth (Brown) Kennedy.*



May 30, 2018 at 07:46 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Margaret Ruth (Brown) Kennedy.*



May 30, 2018 at 06:07 PM



“ *Sorry to hear of Margaret's passing. We are distant cousins of hers on the Searson side of the family history. Elmer Greenwood was my father. I am Lois Nielsen and live now in Lincoln, Nebraska. She was a beautiful person and I enjoyed knowing her. Lois Nielsen, 8024 Cooper Ave, Lincoln NE 68506.*

Lois Nielsen, Lincoln, NE - May 30, 2018 at 03:45 PM



Thank you Lois. I appreciate your message. Mom spoke of you every time we saw a cattle truck that said Nielsen. Carmen

Carmen Rickett - May 30, 2018 at 09:34 PM

TD

“ *Condolences to all the Kennedy Family. This special lady will be missed by all. What a beautiful person Margaret was, kind and caring. Find comfort & cherish those memories of Grandma, Mom & a life well lived.*


God Bless-Tracy (McIntire) Kahl

Tracy Kahl D.O. - May 30, 2018 at 03:00 PM

SW

“ *Bill and Margaret were a big part of our lives.....Bill when we were younger as a teacher and mentor.....Margaret as a friend..... like a sister.....For several years Margaret, Sonia Holbrook and Shirley had a birthday club and spent time talking over the world.....Margaret was such a kind and thoughtful person and always knew just when someone needed a ride or just wanted to talk....Jerry and i played lots of bridge with the two of them... There is a hold left in our hearts since they have left this earth.....Love to all her family*

Shirley / Jerry Willhoft - May 30, 2018 at 02:36 PM

 James
Tobey

“ *I will keep Margaret and your family in my thoughts. She was a wonderful lady. I remember driving up to Central City with my parents to see her when your dad passed away.*

I was home in Gresham and York over the weekend, I live in Los Angeles, and went to the Memorial Day service at Green Lawn.

My best to all of you,

*James Tobey
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James Tobey - May 30, 2018 at 11:51 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Margaret Ruth (Brown) Kennedy.*



May 29, 2018 at 10:19 PM

MR

“ *Margaret was a Very Special Lady. Margaret and Grandma Gert can now continue to play cards in Heaven. Thoughts and Prayers to the Family*



Kerry & Marlene Rodysill

Marlene Rodysill - May 29, 2018 at 12:53 PM