



## Ella Mary Kerns

September 27, 1937 - December 22, 2022

ELLA MARY KERNS

1937 – 2022

Ella Mary (Nielsen) Kerns age 85 of Plattsmouth, NE passed away on Thursday, December 22, 2022 at the Bellevue Medical Center.

She was born on September 27, 1937 to George Harry Nielsen and Lillian Cole (Adams) Nielsen at St. Joseph Hospital in Omaha, NE. Ella Mary was raised and schooled in Plattsmouth. She attended country school and graduated from Plattsmouth High School with the class of 1954. After high school she attended Normal school training at Peru State College. In high school Ella Mary met the love of her life, Charles Virgil Kerns and they were later married on October 8, 1955 in Red Oak, IA. Ella Mary and Charlie made their home throughout the United States, while Charlie was working river and pipeline construction, until 1965 when they settled in Plattsmouth. Ella Mary taught country school in Cass County. She worked as the secretary at First Presbyterian Church, was the bookkeeper for Kerns Excavating from 1976 until the late 1980's, and then worked at First Data Resources in Omaha until she retired in 2000.

Ella Mary was a was a member of First Presbyterian Church and she was the past Worthy Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star Home Chapter #189 both of Plattsmouth.

She is survived by her husband: Charles "Charlie" Kerns of Plattsmouth, NE; two daughters: Tammy Gebhart and her husband Bill of La Vista, NE: Tallie

VanWesten and her husband Glen of Plattsmouth, NE; her son: Terry Kerns and his wife Sandy of Plattsmouth, NE; six grandchildren: Marty VanWesten and his fiancée Keisha, Alicia Wolles and her husband Patrick, Ken Kerns and his wife Nicolette, Amy Kotera and her husband Mitch, Chris Kerns and his wife Colette, and Nic Gebhart; seven great grandchildren: Gryffyn, Elle Marie, Loretta, George, Wilhelmina, Charlie, and Molly; sister-in-law: Joyce Sievers and her husband Jerry of Bellevue, NE; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents: George and Lillian Nielsen, her sister: Maxine Bowman, and her brother: Russell Nielsen.

Visitations will be held from 5:00 to 8:00 P.M., with an Eastern Star Service at 7:00 P.M., on Wednesday, December 28, 2022 at Roby Funeral Home in Plattsmouth.

A Funeral Service will be held at 10:30 A.M., Thursday, December 29, 2022 at First Presbyterian Church in Plattsmouth with Pastor Matthew Coplen officiating.

The Pallbearers will be Marty VanWesten, Alicia Wolles, Ken Kerns, Amy Kotera, Chris Kerns, and Nick Gebhart.

The Honorary Pallbearers will be Mike Bowman, Dave Nielsen, Ran Nielsen, Steve Nielsen, Stu Nielsen, and Scott Sievers.

His Final Resting Place will be at Oak Hill Cemetery in Plattsmouth.

Memorials to the Family (a suitable charity will be chosen at a later date).

Services are entrusted to Roby Funeral Home, 346 Avenue A, Plattsmouth, NE 68048 (402) 296-3123 [robysfuneralhome@charter.net](mailto:robysfuneralhome@charter.net) [www.robysfuneralhome.com](http://www.robysfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Hill Cemetery

149 Oak Hill Road  
Plattsmouth, NE 68048  
(402) 298-8046

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **28**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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## Eastern Star Service

DEC **28**. 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Service

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DEC **29**. 10:30 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church  
701 Chicago Ave,  
Plattsmouth, NE 68048

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ella Mary Kerns*

October 09, 2023 at 12:23 PM



“ *We are sending prayers for all of you during this difficult time.  
With love, Ron and Jo Ann*

**Jo Ann Schneider** - December 28, 2022 at 07:06 PM



“ *The VanWesten families purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White for the family of Ella Mary Kerns.*



**The VanWesten families** - December 26, 2022 at 04:30 PM



“ *Mary Babcock purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Ella Mary Kerns.*



**Mary Babcock** - December 24, 2022 at 11:48 AM