



Roma Jean Engdahl

December 27, 1930 - July 12, 2025

ROMA JEAN ENGDAHL

1930 – 2025

Roma Jean (Swanson) Engdahl, age 94, of Colon, Bayard, Elkhorn, Waterloo and Plattsmouth, NE, peacefully passed away on Saturday, July 12, 2025.

She was surrounded by her loving family at The Nebraska Masonic Home in Plattsmouth. She was born on December 27, 1930 to Lloyd A. Swanson and Ethel (Carlson) Swanson in Wahoo, NE. Roma was raised and schooled in Colon and she graduated from Wahoo High School with the class of 1948. Roma lived a rich and remarkable life. She never knew a stranger, and her warmth and sense of adventure left a lasting impression on everyone she met. As a young woman, she left home to live and work in Phoenix and later in Chicago, pursuing life on her own terms with a spirit of independence uncommon for women of her generation.

After returning to Nebraska, Roma met her husband, Carrol Weldon Engdahl, at a dance hall in Arlington. They shared 23-years of marriage before his passing in 1979. Though widowed, Roma remained an intrepid traveler and enthusiastic concertgoer – especially when country music was involved.

Her kindness, humor and deep faith made her beloved by many. Roma was a natural storyteller, a faithful friend and someone who made even a short conversation feel like a cherished memory. Her Swedish heritage was a source of pride, and her love of laughter, fellowship and her Christian faith touched countless lives.

Roma is survived by her brother and lifelong friend, Larry Swanson; her son, K.C. (Zoe) Engdahl; her daughter, Cara (Stan) Olson; granddaughter, Kristyna Engdahl (Eric Hinze); grandsons, Aidan Heim and Jeremy (Terri) Birch; and many dear cousins, nieces, nephews and extended family members – all of whom she cherished deeply, and who loved her just as much in return. She is preceded in death by her parents Lloyd and Ethel Swanson; her husband Carrol Engdahl, sister-in-law Jean Swanson; and in-laws Paul (Vernelle) Kellogg, Chuck (Ilene) Lundquist, and Keith (Mary) Berquist. She cherished her role as a mother, grandmother, aunt, sister and friend – and to those who knew her best, simply as Mee Maw.

In keeping with Roma's wishes, cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Her Life will be held on Wednesday, July 16, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at The Nebraska Masonic Home in Plattsmouth with Pastor David Linkugel officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The Nebraska Masonic Home or Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Elkhorn.

Services are entrusted to Roby Funeral Home, 346 Ave. A, Plattsmouth, NE 68048. (402) 296-3123 robymfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL **16.** 10:00 AM (CT)

The Nebraska Masonic Home
1300 Avenue D
Plattsmouth, NE 68048

Tribute Wall

KA

“ Cara, Stan & family. We send our sincere condolences for your loss. We only met Roma a few times, but what a sweet & feisty young lady she is 😊 she will be missed...prayers for all of her family & friends. ❤️

Karen - July 17, 2025 at 04:30 PM

KJ

“ Roma was a beautiful child of God. Her kindness and sweetness was ever present.



Kathie Johnson - July 15, 2025 at 05:50 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Roma Jean Engdahl.



July 15, 2025 at 09:21 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Roma Jean Engdahl.

July 15, 2025 at 09:21 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Roma Jean Engdahl.*



July 14, 2025 at 09:16 PM



“ *May you find peace and comfort in knowing we share in your grief. Your mom Roma was an amazing person and will be missed by many.*

Henthorn Family - July 14, 2025 at 09:01 PM



“ *The Henthorn Family lit a candle in memory of Roma Jean Engdahl*



The Henthorn Family - July 14, 2025 at 08:59 PM



“ *Love Karin, Jon, Mary and Anna Heine purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Roma Jean Engdahl.*



Love Karin, Jon, Mary and Anna Heine - July 14, 2025 at 08:24 PM

FF

“ From the Majors family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Roma Jean Engdahl.



From the Majors family - July 14, 2025 at 06:49 PM

MM

“ Growing up with Swedish ancestors there were 11 cousins. Roma was the oldest and I am the youngest. I have so many fond memories Roma living in my hometown and later neighbors for a year. She was such a kind and special lady. Loved country music and watching sports. I will miss our visits.
Love you Roma! Tom and Marilyn Majors

Marilyn Majors - July 14, 2025 at 06:41 PM

HO

“ Hannah Olson and Ian Ostler purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Roma Jean Engdahl.



Hannah Olson and Ian Ostler - July 14, 2025 at 05:59 PM