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Elaine (Nickels) Lurkowski of Papillion (formerly of Murray) passed away at her home on April 24, 2020 at the age of 85. She was born on May 7, 1934 in Omaha to Bud and Blanche (Scotten) Nickels. She graduated from Plattsmouth High School in 1951 and attended the University of Omaha. On June 5, 1953 she married John Lurkowski at Offutt Air Force Base. They raised their three daughters in rural Murray.

In her early career, Elaine was a teacher in rural Cass County schools. She began work for the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services in the Plattsmouth office in 1975 and retired as supervisor in 1998.

She was an accomplished cake decorator, making many wedding cakes over the years, along with teaching cake decorating classes in her home. She served as leader for her daughters' Campfire and 4-H groups and was an excellent seamstress and avid crafter.

Elaine was preceded in death by her parents, husband John in 1994 and daughter, Monica Moyer, in 1998.

She is survived by daughters Julie (Chuck) Simon of Omaha and Karen (Patrick) Weber of Keller, Texas, along with three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Private burial at Lewiston Cemetery in Murray with a Celebration of Life to be

held at a later date.

Memorials to Endless Journey Hospice Care, Inc., 10909 Mill Valley Road
Suite 205, Omaha, NE 68154 or www.endlessjourneyhospice.com.

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

Cemetery Details

Lewiston Cemetery

Murray, NE

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall



“ Shirley Elaine Lurkowski

October 09, 2023 at 12:23 PM



“ Sorry to hear of the passing of Elaine. Elaine and all of her family will be in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless

Nancy Klein - June 04, 2020 at 11:58 AM



“ All of us at EJ were blessed to have been given the opportunity to know Shirley. We thank you for allowing us to follow her along her journey. She will always hold a special place within our hearts. Please know we are always here for your family.

Erika Sayles - May 19, 2020 at 11:45 AM



“ I knew Elaine from my Weight Watchers group. She had an inspiring story of losing "another person" and was able to successfully keep that "other person" off. What a blessing that must have been for her and her caregivers in the end. I didn't know until reading her obituary of how many talents she had. Blessing to her friends and family. Hold on to each other and cherish the memories...they are etched in your heart. .

Joanne Ferguson Cavanaugh - April 30, 2020 at 01:25 PM



Joanne, mom enjoyed being part of the Weight Watcher's community. Thank you for the kind words.

Julie Simon - April 30, 2020 at 07:06 PM

JG

“ Julie and family - you have my sympathy in the loss of your mother.
Take care. Jody (Meisinger) Gesell

Jodean Gesell - April 30, 2020 at 09:28 AM

JS

Jody, thank you so much for your words of comfort.

Julie Simon - April 30, 2020 at 07:03 PM

LR

“ She was my teacher. At country school in Murray
A one room school house

Linda DeLong Ruff - April 29, 2020 at 01:33 PM

LR

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Linda DeLong Ruff - April 29, 2020 at 01:32 PM



She was my first teacher in Murray Nebraska as well as sister Judy
brothers Fred and Leonard RIP teacher prayers to her family

Linda Ruff - April 29, 2020 at 01:36 PM

JS

Linda, Thank you for sharing this. Mom was only 17 when she started
teaching - hard to believe. Julie

Julie Simon - April 29, 2020 at 02:54 PM

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“ To the family of "Elaine": Unfortunately I did not have the privilege of meeting her. As a Chaplain for Endless Journey Hospice, please accept my condolences and prayers as you go through this difficult time.

Chaplain Bud

Norbert Bunn - April 28, 2020 at 04:10 PM

JS

Thank you for your comforting words and to the loving staff at Endless Journey.

Julie Simon - April 29, 2020 at 02:58 PM