



## Doris E. Steele

March 14, 1926 - November 30, 2020

PIERCE -- Graveside service for Doris E. Steele, 94, of Pierce, will be held on Friday, December 4, 2020 at the Ainsworth City Cemetery with Rev. Terry Buol officiating. Doris passed away Monday, November 30, 2020 at her residence in Pierce. Stonacek Memorial Chapel in Pierce is in charge of the arrangements.

Doris was born March 14, 1926 in Rock County Nebraska to Harry and Lydia Brown. She grew up near the Niobrara River close to the former town of Carns, NE. As a child, she spent hours exploring the river valley with her trusty dog, Jack. She graduated from Rock County High School, and she then attended the University of Nebraska Lincoln where she earned her teachers certificate. She taught several years at Carns Country School north of Bassett, NE. During World War II, she worked at the Munitions factory near Grand Island, which was critical to the American war effort. At the end of the war, she met a recently-discharged Army Soldier, Dale Steele, and the two married on November 24, 1948 in Ainsworth, NE.

Dale and Doris made their home on a ranch South of Bassett, NE, where they raised three sons, one daughter, and many award-winning Hereford cattle. In 1970 they relocated to Pierce, NE where Dale became the manager at Farmers Cooperative Assn., and Doris worked as the Bookkeeper alongside her husband.

Doris was active in the Pierce Library Association and the Pierce Congregational Church, baking pies for various fundraisers. Her pie-making

skills were known all over town, and no event was complete without one of her delicious pastries.

After retirement, Doris dedicated her time to helping raise her grandchildren and welcoming neighborhood children for tree climbing, offering homemade cookies after school while helping them with their homework.

Doris is survived by her husband Dale, children Alan Little, Robert (Laurrie) Steele, Roger (Liana) Steele, Colleen Steele and Four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Harry and Lydia Brown.

Memorials may be made to the Pierce Library Foundation and the Pierce Senior Center.

Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at [www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com](http://www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Ainsworth City Cemetery - Ainsworth

Rural Ainsworth  
South of Ainsworth, take South Pine St. 1  
mile  
Ainsworth, NE 69210

# Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall



“ *Doris E. Steele*

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ *I just got my Rock County Leader here in Kentucky and just learned about Doris. I was so sorry to hear this sad news. I was a friend of Bob's and spent a lot of time with Bob at the Farmer's Union and also spending time out at Bob's home. Doris was a great mom and wife. She was a special lady. My prayers and condolences to the whole family. I was so sorry to lose track of them after they moved.*

**Jim Copeland** - December 08, 2020 at 12:39 PM



“ *Dale, Alan, Bob, Roger and Liana, and Colleen, My deepest sympathies! She was the sweetest little lady! Many, many good memories with your family which includes Harry and Lydia as well! Thinking of you all! Blessings to everyone!*

**Pat Nolles Larson** - December 07, 2020 at 02:15 PM



“ *Dear family of my former teacher, Doris. I am so sad to hear of her passing. She was my seventh grade teacher in 1948 during the blizzards. As I recall she was married after Christmas and did not get back to Carns until February 1 when they brought her back in an Army vehicle. We did school over the telephone. The land lines never went down, so we had daily instructions and our parents gave us the tests. I remember her well. My deepest condolences to each of you.*  
*Carolyn*

**Carolyn Hall** - December 04, 2020 at 11:23 AM

MN

“ Dale and family,  
I am saddened for your loss. I have great memories of Doris and the generations of our families deep friendship. My deepest condolences to each of you.

Mike Nolles - December 03, 2020 at 02:40 AM

DN

“ I'm so sorry for your loss, May she rest in God's Holy Peace, you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Debra Nolles - December 02, 2020 at 08:34 PM

DV

“ Thinking of your family and wishing you peace and happy memories.  
~~ Mark and Doris Verplank

Doris Verplank - December 01, 2020 at 01:46 PM

DV

“ Doris Verplank lit a candle in memory of Doris E. Steele



Doris Verplank - December 01, 2020 at 01:45 PM

AK

“ Ted and I are so sad to hear this. She was such a sweet sweet lady. Our sympathies to Dale and her family.

Anne Krienke - November 30, 2020 at 07:00 PM