



Dorothy M. Rowley

May 18, 1925 - September 8, 2025

PIERCE – Funeral service for Dorothy M. Rowley, 100, of Pierce will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, September 12, 2025 at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Pierce. Father Hula will be officiating the service. Interment will be at the St. Joseph’s Catholic Cemetery, rural Pierce. Visitation will be 9:00 a.m., to service time at the church. Dorothy died on Monday, September 8, 2025 at the Accura Health Care Nursing Home in Pierce. Stonacek Memorial Chapel in Pierce is in charge of the arrangements.

Dorothy Marie (Stech) Rowley was born on May 18, 1925 to Victor and Ida Jilg Stech in Osmond, Nebraska. She attended St. Mary’s Catholic School in Osmond through the eighth grade. She made her First Communion on May 27, 1934. She graduated from Osmond High School, class of 1943. Dorothy worked at the Pierce County Attorney’s Office for E.D. Beech and Sheriff Earl Dean from 1945 through 1949. She married James N. Rowley on June 2, 1948. James operated the Rowley Auto Repair. James passed away on June 9, 2004. Seven children were born to them. James D. of Pierce, Nebraska, Thomas of Tucson, Arizona, Marilyn of Denver, Colorado, JoAnn of Omaha, Nebraska, Janet of Pierce, Nebraska, Joyce of Aurora, Colorado, and Barbara of Austin, Texas.

In 1969 Dorothy began working at the Pierce Telephone Office until 1982. She was a member of the Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Pierce, Nebraska.

Leisure time was spent traveling to visit children, playing cards, crocheting, reading and volunteering. She enjoyed being with friends and family.

Dorothy is survived by her seven children: James D. and Rhonda Rowley, Thomas and Nancy Huhra Rowley, Marilyn and Al Stocker, JoAnn Schaible, Janet and Mike Pentico, Joyce and Randy Musser, and Barbara and Doug Ray, 16 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her brother, Edwin, sister Delores Muller, and parents Victor and Ida Stech, husband James

Music will be by organist Celine Fehringer, Duet and Cantors Rick and Cheryl Higgins.

Casket Bearers will be Matthew Pentico, Mark Pentico, Andrew Pentico, Laura McLaughlin, Tim Musser, Jenny Musser, Jamie Watson, Eric Schaible, Lindsay Schaible, Kristin Schaible, Patrick Rowley, Pamela Rowley, Ben Rowley, Tyler Ray, Dylan Ray, Spencer Ray

Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph's Catholic Church - Pierce

118 Willow St.
Pierce, NE 68767

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 12. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church - Pierce
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Mass of Christian Burial

SEP 12. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

PR

“ Thinking of you all as you grieve the loss of Dorothy. We were honored and blessed to know and to be able to take care of Dorothy. From all the staff at Accura HealthCare of Pierce, our deepest condolences.

Pastor Ricky Rohrig - September 12, 2025 at 10:24 AM

JA

“ My deepest sympathy to Dorothy's family. She was a client of mine at Hair Magic for many years. She was a dear sweet lady and I enjoyed our many talks. God's blessings

Joyce Andersen - September 11, 2025 at 08:32 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dorothy M. Rowley.



September 11, 2025 at 04:45 PM

BS

“ My deepest condolences to the entire extended family & friends. While I did not know her, Sheriff Dean was my Great Grandfather.



Brian J. Schlote - September 11, 2025 at 01:55 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dorothy M. Rowley.*



September 11, 2025 at 09:12 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dorothy M. Rowley.

September 11, 2025 at 09:12 AM



“ *Ben and Laura Rowley & Family purchased the Divine Light for the family of Dorothy M. Rowley.*



Ben and Laura Rowley & Family - September 10, 2025 at 10:00 PM



“ *Marlene Moritz lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Rowley*



Marlene Moritz - September 09, 2025 at 08:05 PM

AK

“ So sorry to hear this. Our sympathies to her family. We always enjoyed Dorothy as she was such a kind and welcoming woman. May she rest in peace with her Lord. Ted and Anne Krienke



Anne Krienke - September 09, 2025 at 11:28 AM