



## Frances Mary Draeger

March 13, 1930 - June 17, 2021

PIERCE -- Funeral service for Frances Mary Draeger, 91, formerly of Pierce, will be held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at the St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Pierce. Father James Kramper will be officiating. Interment will be held at the St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery, Pierce. Visitation will be 4:00-7:00 p.m., Monday, also at the St. Joseph's Catholic Church with the Rosary service beginning at 7:00 p.m. The funeral service will be live-streamed on the Stonacek Funeral Chapel Facebook page. Frances passed away on Thursday, June 17, 2021 at the Alpine Village in Verdigre, Nebraska. Stonacek Memorial Chapel in Pierce is in charge of the arrangements.

Born March 13, 1930, in rural Petersburg, Frances Mary Draeger was the daughter of Leo and Mary (Hahn) Wiegand. She attended St. John's parochial school and graduated from St. John's Catholic High School in 1948 at Petersburg. She then attended clerical school in Omaha.

After college, she worked as a legal secretary in Albion.

She married Harold Draeger on Nov. 21, 1950, at St. John's Catholic Church in Petersburg. They lived in Albion until 1960, when they moved to Pierce. Frances worked as a secretary for the Soil Conservation Service. In 1969, Frances began work as a secretary at the Pierce High School, where she worked for 23 years. She retired in 1992. Frances was a member of the Country Piecemakers Guild for many years and was an avid quilter. Over the years, Frances had several quilts featured in national magazines. She also was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Pierce and its altar society and Christian Mothers. She assisted with the CCD program and did volunteer work at Our Lady Of Lourdes Hospital and Faith Regional Health Services, both in Norfolk, and the Pierce Manor and Pierce Senior Center for several years.

Survivors include her sons, Dave (Kathy) Draeger of Seward and Jim (Peggy) McNieve-Draeger of Shawnee, Kan.; a daughter, Pat (Bob) Altwine of Niobrara; five grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Leo and Mary; her spouse, Harold on March 20, 2001; and her brother, Bob.

Music will be provided by organist Celine Fehringer, duets by Rick and Cheryl Higgins. "In The Garden", "Ave Maria", "On Eagles Wings", recorded hymns "Go Rest High On The

Mountain", "I Can Only Imagine". Casket bearers will be Chad Altwine, Luke Altwine, Brandon Draeger, Jared Draeger, Terry Terrill and Don Wood.

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

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery - Rural Pierce

Rural Pierce  
Pierce, NE 68767

## Previous Events

### Visitation

JUN 21. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church - Pierce  
118 Willow St.  
Pierce, NE 68767

### Rosary

JUN 21. 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church - Pierce  
118 Willow St.  
Pierce, NE 68767

### Funeral Service

JUN 22. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church - Pierce  
118 Willow St.  
Pierce, NE 68767

# Tribute Wall



“ *Frances Mary Draeger*

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM

JD

“ *6 files added to the tribute wall*



**James M Draeger** - June 19, 2021 at 08:44 AM

JJ

“ *From my memories, Frances was a lovely warm & caring woman and a valuable member of the church & community! Joan James (Australia)*

**Joan James** - June 19, 2021 at 05:04 AM

RW

“ *Sending prayers and hugs to everyone. She was such a sweet lady. Rest in peace Frances!*

**Rita Wragge** - June 18, 2021 at 04:24 PM

AD

“ *Frances was always so cheerful and kind. She will be missed!  
My deepest sympathies to Dave, Pat, Jim and families!  
Rest In Peace dear Frances!*

**Ann Doss** - June 18, 2021 at 04:08 PM