



Frances L. Ernst

August 2, 1939 - January 15, 2026

NORFOLK – Memorial service for Frances L. Ernst, 86, of Norfolk will be held on Friday, January 30, 2026 at 10:30 at Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk. Inurnment will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery in Norfolk. Pastor Rick Hemphill will be officiating the service. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, Memorials can be made to the Northeast Nebraska Animal Shelter in Norfolk. Frances passed away on Thursday, January 15, 2026 at the Bel Air Nursing in Norfolk. Stonacek Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Frances Loraine Ernst was born on August 2, 1939 to Fred and Theresa Ernst (Moler) in O'Neill, NE. Frances graduated high school from St. Frances in O'Neill in 1957 and then graduated from Beauty College in Norfolk in 1958.

Frances was married to George Schnebel and to this union 4 children were born, Timothy John, Terese Marie, Thomas Joseph, and Mary Catherine. She has 10 grandkids and 20 great grandchildren. She has 1 brother, Vincent Ernst.

Frances enjoyed gardening, square dancing, crochet, playing cards, sewing, and traveling. She was an animal lover and she could not meet enough cats. She loved spending time with her family and friends, especially her grandkids.

Frances worked as a manager at “Fashions At Large” in downtown Norfolk, worked at Norfolk Regional Center, and also as the manager at Westport Apartments where she resided for 22 years. Ten years as manager and 12 years as a resident. She entered Heritage of Bel Air after a fall in 2023. She enjoyed residing at the nursing home where she made friends and participated in many activities.

Frances is survived by her children, Tim, Terese, and Mary, 10 grandchildren, and 20 great grandchildren, brother Vincent Ernst, nieces, nephews, and many cousins.

She is preceded in death by her parents Fred and Theresa, son Thomas, and 3 grandchildren, Myles, Jason, and Megan and her special friend of 12 years Junior Novak.

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

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery - Norfolk

1950 N. 13th St.
Norfolk, NE 68701

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JAN 30. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Stonacek Funeral Chapel - Norfolk
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Tribute Wall

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“ *My deepest condolences to the entire extended family and friends! What a dear sweet lady!* ”



Brian Schlote - January 26 at 06:32 PM

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“ *Fran , was a loving n caring person, I loved visiting with her , when we both resided at Westport Apartments, in Norfolk, Love you, n always will* ”

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