



## Helen "Maxine" M. Gutz

September 21, 1930 - May 25, 2023

FOSTER – Funeral service for Helen M. “Maxine” Gutz, 92, of Osmond will be held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 31, 2023 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Foster. Rev. Jerome Leckband will be officiating. Interment will be held at the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery, Osmond. Visitation will be 4:00-7:00 p.m., Tuesday at the church in Foster. Maxine passed away on Thursday, May 25, 2023 at the Homestead Assisted Living in Norfolk. The service will be live-streamed on the Stonacek Funeral Chapel Facebook page. Memorials are designated to the Trinity Lutheran Church in Foster or the St. Jude’s Childrens Hospital. Stonacek Memorial Chapel in Osmond is in charge of the arrangements.

Maxine (Helen) Gutz was born to William and Bertha Helena (Gast) Wachholtz on September 21, 1930 on a farm southwest of Plainview, Nebraska. Maxine was baptized October 19th, confirmed Dec, 16th 1945, at Trinity. She attended school in Pierce and Antelope counties. She graduated from Plainview High School in 1947.

After graduation she helped her parents farm south of Osmond. She shared fond memories of barn dances and music with her family. During that time Maxine started writing to her neighbor boy, Bud Gutz, who was serving in the Armed Forces. They became best friends.

On May 23, 1954, Bud and Maxine were united in marriage at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Maxine farmed with Bud for 20 years near Foster, Ne. Four daughters were born to their marriage. In 1975, the family moved to Bud's parent's farm near Osmond, where they lived and farmed for 45 years. Bud and Maxine were members of Trinity Lutheran Church of Foster, where Maxine served as Sunday School and Vacation Bible School teacher, quilting, a member of choir and Ladies Aid. Maxine also had a lovely voice and sang at many weddings and funerals. She was a lifetime member and officer of the American Legion Auxiliary of Osmond.

Maxine was a wonderful seamstress and sewed many of her daughters' clothes and her own. She managed a big garden, enjoyed canning, with her specialty being dill pickles, which she loved to share with others. She was a 4H leader, was in a bowling league with Bud, and loved growing and arranging flowers. Maxine enjoyed cooking and baking for her 13 grandchildren. She created a special farm scrapbook for each grandchild. Grandma always kept her candy drawer stocked during their visits. Maxine and Bud were avid Husker volleyball fans.

Survivors include her four daughters Linda Hansen and Barb Maxey of Norfolk, Deb (Jerry) Pohlmann, of Lincoln, Brenda (Ken) Schmit of Omaha, 13 grandchildren, and 24 great-grandchildren. Maxine was preceded in death by husband of 68 years Bud (Arnold) Gutz, her parents, siblings—Vernon, Dale, Warren, Vivian Cox and their spouses, and her great grandson Gabriel Maxey.

Casket bearers (grandsons) will be Justin Maxey, Anthony Maxey, Eli Hansen, Austin Pohlmann, Logan Pohlmann, Adam Schmit, Brandon Schmit, son-in-laws, Jerry Pohlman and Ken Schmit. Honorary casket bearers (granddaughters) will be Courtney Hansen, Linnea Fellows, Karma Pribnow, Brittany McCleery, Hillary Schwichtenberg, and Katlyn Maxey. Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at [www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com](http://www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com).



# Cemetery Details

## Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery

Rural Osmond, NE

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **30**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church - Foster  
301 W. Schneider St  
Foster, NE 68765

## Funeral Service

MAY **31**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church - Foster  
301 W. Schneider St  
Foster, NE 68765

# Tribute Wall



“ *Helen "Maxine" M. Gutz*

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ *These are a few lessons that will stick with me for life!*

*Never grab a mason jar by its lid! Sorry about the new carpet. But man, was that homemade jelly good stuff!*

*Hats off at the dinner table! You'd be proud to know my son knows this and will pass it down. :)*

*Love you, Grandma! So grateful to know without a doubt that you and Gramps are back together! Thanks for instilling in us that He is #1 above all things!*

Eli - May 30, 2023 at 06:24 PM



“ *The Bergers and The Bidroskis purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Helen "Maxine" M. Gutz.*



The Bergers and The Bidroskis - May 30, 2023 at 10:20 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Helen "Maxine" M. Gutz.



May 29, 2023 at 01:47 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Helen "Maxine" M. Gutz.

May 29, 2023 at 01:47 PM



“ Somewhere in heaven your loved one is shining bright. One so Special may be gone from your lives but not from your 💕. May the caring prayers of others sustain you as loving memories ❤️ help comfort you.  
Our Deepest Sympathy Dwaine and Delores Hoffman



D.Hoffman - May 29, 2023 at 11:28 AM



“ My deepest condolences to the entire extended family!



Brian Schlote - May 27, 2023 at 01:05 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Helen "Maxine" M. Gutz.*



---

May 27, 2023 at 01:00 PM



“ *Linda & Family - We were sorry to read of y our mother's passing. All of you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

---

**Don & Betty Dammast** - May 27, 2023 at 12:46 PM