



Joan Maxine Sazama

August 27, 1935 - October 15, 2017

BLOOMFIELD – Services for Joan M. Sazama, 82, of Bloomfield will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, at Christ Memorial United Methodist Church in Bloomfield. The Rev. Lynde Linde will officiate with burial in the Osmond City Cemetery. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Wednesday at the church in Bloomfield. Stonacek Memorial Chapel of Osmond is in charge of the arrangements. She died Sunday, Oct. 15, 2017, at Sunset View Assisted Living in Bloomfield.

1935-2017

Joan Maxine Sazama, daughter of William and Hazel (Shabram) Ahlers, was born Aug. 27, 1935, on a farm south of Plainview. Joan's family moved quite often when she was young, and she attended country schools through the eighth grade in Plainview, Battle Creek, Petersburg, Newman Grove and Neligh. She attended Neligh High School for three years and finished her senior year at Plainview High School, where she graduated in 1953.

After graduation, Joan moved to Niles, Mich., where her aunt and uncle lived, and she worked in a Simplicity pattern factory, folding patterns for two years before moving back to Plainview. She then worked for two years as a nurse aide at the Plainview General Hospital.

On June 5, 1957, Joan was married to Glenn Sazama at the First Presbyterian Church in Osmond. They were blessed with five children: Ted, Kathleen, Julie, Rhonda and Marion. Joan was baptized as an adult at the First Presbyterian Church in Osmond.

Joan and Glenn lived on a farm 3½ miles north of Osmond, where all five of

their children were born. Eight years later, they moved to the Sazama family farm, which was 4 miles north and three-quarters of a mile west of Osmond. Glenn and Joan finished raising their family on this farm and resided there for 48 years until moving in September 2013 to Sunset View Assisted Living in Bloomfield to be closer to their daughters.

Joan began working at the Osmond General Hospital in 1969 as a nurse aide and continued to work there for the next 38 years, retiring in 2007. In 2002, she received the Nebraska Hospital Associations' Caring Kind Award.

Joan was a member of the First Presbyterian and United Methodist Churches in Osmond for 56 years and served faithfully on many committees and boards. She was a Sunday school superintendent and teacher and an active member of the United Methodist Women, serving as president for many years. In 2013, Joan transferred her membership to the Christ Memorial United Methodist Church in Bloomfield.

Joan was also a member of the VFW Auxiliary Post 7838 in Osmond.

Joan's greatest enjoyment came from spending time with her family, and she looked forward to their many visits. She will always be remembered for her delicious cooking and baking and for welcoming others into her home for a meal. Every meal ended with dessert and, if you visited other than meal time, you never left without "a little lunch."

Joan also enjoyed dancing, bowling and gardening in her younger years, attending her grandchildren's sporting and school events, visiting with friends at the Osmond Senior Citizens Center, playing cards, reading, using her computer and listening to Christian radio.

Joan is survived by her spouse, Glenn; her children, Ted Sazama (fiance Sheila) of Apache Junction, Ariz., Kathy (Steve) Auch of Lesterville, S.D., Julie (Ron) Broders of Bloomfield and Rhonda (Jeff) Surface of Bloomfield; 17 grandchildren: Amanda (Freddy) Rojas, Charles (Kristi) Sazama, Jared (Kaite) Sazama, Eric (Melody) Sazama, Vickie Sazama, Tabetha Sazama, Brandon (Jenna) Auch, Aaron Auch (girlfriend Erin), Brittany (Matt) Arens, Ryan Auch, Heather (Andy) Gubbels, Adam (Kyah) Broders, Rebecca Broders (boyfriend

Tyson), Timothy Broders, Kyle (Jessica) Surface, Megan (Jake) Runyon and Brady (Brooke) Surface; 14 great-grandchildren: Zelenka and Zoren Rojas, Zachary and Isaiah Sazama, Sawyer Sazama, Alexa Sazama, Tyson and Weston Auch, Macy Arens, Tadan and Rowen Gubbels, Zane Broders, Hudson and Hayes Runyon; and three more great-grandbabies on the way; two stepgreat-grandchildren, Savanna and Gaige Sazama; a sister, Shirley (Gene) Kiichler-Hixson of Osmond; an aunt, Lillie Shabram of Tilden; and many nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Hazel Ahlers; her daughter, Marion in infancy; a brother-in-law, Clarence Kiichler; and a nephew, David Kiichler.

Music will be provided by organist Deb Hoffman and soloist Amanda Rojas on "Just A Closer Walk With Thee." Congregational hymn will be "Precious Lord Take My Hand." Recorded hymns will be "Home" by Chris Tomlin and "When We All Get To Heaven" by Alan Jackson.

Casket bearers will be Charles Sazama, Jared Sazama, Eric Sazama, Brandon Auch, Aaron Auch, Ryan Auch, Adam Broders, Timothy Broders, Kyle Surface and Brady Surface. Honorary casketbearers will be Amanda (Sazama) Rojas, Brittany (Auch) Arens, Heather (Broders) Gubbels, Rebecca Broders, Megan (Surface) Runjon, Tabetha Sazama and Vickie Sazama. Online condolences may be sent to www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com.

Cemetery Details

Osmond City Cemetery

86500 547th Ave Osmond
Rural Osmond, NE 68765

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **18**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Christ Memorial United Methodist Church,
204 S. McNamara St.
Bloomfield, NE 68718

Service

OCT **19**. 10:30 AM (CT)

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204 S. McNamara St.
Bloomfield, NE 68718

Tribute Wall



“ *Stonacek Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Joan Maxine Sazama*



Stonacek Funeral Chapel - October 17, 2017 at 10:47 AM



Thank you for this beautiful tribute to our mother. You put it together very nicely. I especially was touched that you mentioned unconditional love. My mother talked of unconditional love to us, with us, about us. Unconditional love is what the world would be made of if my mother could of had anything to say about it.

Kathleen (Kathy) Auch - October 17, 2017 at 11:39 AM

CK

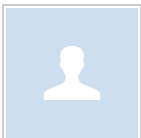
My very dear, dear friend, I will miss you. Charlotte

Charlotte Kiichler - October 17, 2017 at 07:49 PM

DS

Our sympathies to the entire Sazama family. We are so sorry we were unable to attend the services as we would have liked to give our condolences in person. We will especially keep Ted (class of 1976 with Dan) and Kathy (class of 1977 with Pam) in our thoughts and prayers. May the good Lord bless and comfort you. Dan and Pam Schmit

Dan and Pam Schmit - October 23, 2017 at 03:44 PM



“ *Joan Maxine Sazama*

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM

RJ

“ *Sending my deepest sympathy to the entire Sazama family. I remember Joan's loving heart from many church activities growing up.*
Rae Reed Johnston

Rae Johnston - October 23, 2017 at 12:16 AM

JU

“ *Jackie Uhri lit a candle in memory of Joan Maxine Sazama*



Jackie Uhri - October 17, 2017 at 06:52 PM

JU

A kind and caring lady to work with at Osmond General Hospital. Thoughts of sympathy to Glenn and family.

Jackie Uhri - October 17, 2017 at 06:54 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joan Maxine Sazama.*



October 17, 2017 at 01:27 PM



“ 114 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Stonacek Funeral Chapel - October 17, 2017 at 09:26 AM

ME

“ *Deepest sympathies! We know she is with the Lord, but it is still hard....HUGZ & prayers!!*

Mary Elder - October 16, 2017 at 06:58 PM

KA

Thank you Mary!

Kathy Auch - October 17, 2017 at 11:21 AM