



## Vera E. Bruner

November 21, 1932 - March 28, 2025

NORFOLK – Funeral service for Vera Evelyn Bruner, 92, of Norfolk, will be held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 1, 2025 at the First Christian Church in Norfolk. Pastor Tim DeFor and Jim Hopkins will be officiating the service. Entombment will be held at the Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery Mausoleum in Norfolk. Visitation will be 5:00-7:00 p.m., Monday, March 31, 2025 at the Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk. Vera passed away on Friday, March 28, 2025 at the Heritage of Bel-Air Nursing Home in Norfolk. Please make memorials to the family for a family choice later on. Stonacek Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Vera was born November 21, 1932 in Cherokee County, Iowa to Elmer and Mable (Anderson) Hanson. She graduated from Calumet High School in Calumet Iowa in 1951. She was talented in music, playing the piano for numerous activities, and the saxophone in the band. She shared her singing voice in school and church choir and sang for numerous funerals.

Following graduation, she began working for Northwestern Bell Telephone Co. in Cherokee, Iowa. Beginning as a switchboard operator, and after receiving a number of advancements, she became an instructor. On April 20, 1952 she married Donald Bruner, better known as Dick. They were blessed with two daughters; Wanda Jean and Dawn Nanette. In September, 1962 the family moved to Norfolk, Nebraska for four years so her husband could pursue his

passion for ministry.

In 1962, the family moved to Sioux City, Iowa; until 1970. They then moved to Unionville, Missouri where she was very involved in teaching and training workers for Christian service. She began the Children's Ministry and ministry to older women and shut-ins. The older women would introduce her as "this is my minister." The family lived here for more than 15 years.

Vera and Dick helped in starting a new church in Columbia, Missouri for more than two years. In 1988, she and her husband returned to Norfolk, Nebraska where she often traveled with her husband, helping him as the Director of Development at Nebraska Christian College. She continued to faithfully work and serve her Lord and Savior throughout her days

Survivors include her husband Dick Bruner of Norfolk, two daughters and a niece that they helped raise plus their spouses: Wanda (Douglas) Henry of Moberly, Missouri, Dawn (Chris) Lahm of Carl Junction, Missouri, and Janeane (Jerry) Brockman of Columbia, Missouri plus 8 grandchildren; Jeremy (Susan) Henry, Tonya (Nathan) Woodward, Jason (Lacey) Henry, Derek (Cassie ) Lahm, Mallory (Matt) Lawson, Christiana (Chad) Peterson, Tesia (Reese) Hollingsworth, Shelby Erickson plus 20 great grandchildren, and many friends and relatives. She was preceded in death by her parents Elmer and Mable Hanson, three sisters, Ilene Prince, Joyce Johnson, and Ruth Stoltenberg, and four brother-in laws.

Vera had a great love for entertaining guests and missionaries. She was a great wife, mother, sister, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at [www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com](http://www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Stonacek Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Vera E. Bruner*



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**Stonacek Funeral Chapel** - March 31, 2025 at 11:31 AM

MK

“ *Sending condolences from the Margaret Ferrin Family. We didn't hear about it until after the Funeral. She was a beautiful and kind woman. I remember visiting with her at reunions.*  
*Marilyn Ferrin Kofmehl*

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**Marilyn Kofmehl** - April 08, 2025 at 09:50 AM

GA

“ *My extensive prayers, thoughts and sympathies to Dick and the whole family, I have a lot of memories of Vera and she will be missed. She was sweet and caring.*

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**Gail Allen** - March 31, 2025 at 08:18 PM

WY

“ *Wybert/Maulsby purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Vera E. Bruner.*



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**Wybert/Maulsby** - March 31, 2025 at 03:43 PM

TH

“ *The Family of Chris & Marilyn Henry purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Vera E. Bruner.*



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**The Family of Chris & Marilyn Henry** - March 31, 2025 at 03:16 PM

SR

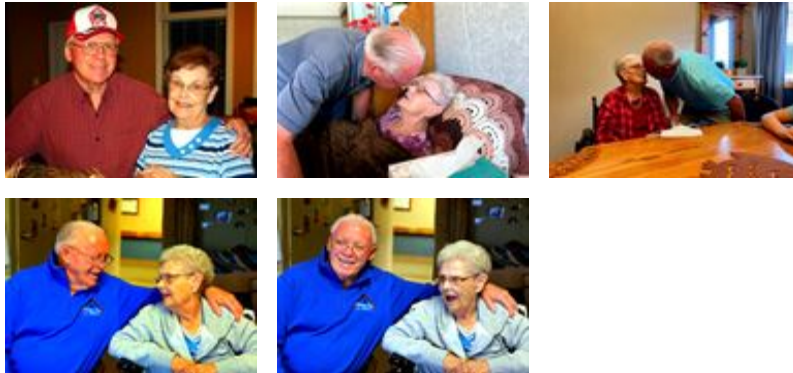
“ *I have known Vera all 75 of my years and never saw a frown on her beautiful face. Such a gracious and wonderful lady. A loss to all of us blessed to know her. We sorrow with Dick and family. What a reunion awaits in Heaven!*  
*Shannon Reed*

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**Shannon Reed** - March 31, 2025 at 12:27 PM



“ *159 files added to the album LifeTributes*



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**Stonacek Funeral Chapel** - March 31, 2025 at 11:19 AM

KV

“ Kent Henry and Sarah Vanskike purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Vera E. Bruner.



Kent Henry and Sarah Vanskike - March 31, 2025 at 09:16 AM

KV

“ Kent Henry and Sarah Vanskike planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vera E. Bruner.

Kent Henry and Sarah Vanskike - March 31, 2025 at 09:16 AM

JH

“ Jeremy, Susan, Cameron & Max Henry purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Vera E. Bruner.



Jeremy, Susan, Cameron & Max Henry - March 30, 2025 at 10:11 PM

JH

“ Jeremy, Susan, Cameron & Max Henry planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vera E. Bruner.

Jeremy, Susan, Cameron & Max Henry - March 30, 2025 at 10:11 PM

LH

“ *Larry and Darlene Casady Jackie Heater purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Vera E. Bruner.*



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**Larry and Darlene Casady Jackie Heater** - March 30, 2025 at 08:08 PM

WF

“ *Whitaker, Seagraves & Davidon Families purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Vera E. Bruner.*



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**Whitaker, Seagraves & Davidon Families** - March 30, 2025 at 03:05 PM

WF

“ *Whitaker, Seagraves & Davidon Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vera E. Bruner.*

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**Whitaker, Seagraves & Davidon Families** - March 30, 2025 at 03:05 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Vera E. Bruner.*



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March 30, 2025 at 10:16 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Vera E. Bruner.

March 30, 2025 at 10:16 AM



“ So very sorry, thinking of all of you during this most difficult time!  
Darlene Ryals 🌸

**Darlene Ryals** - March 29, 2025 at 09:22 PM



“ I met Dick and Vera when they first moved back to Norfolk. I was helping them find a home. They always were the kindest , sweetest couple, with a strong love of each other and their Lord. I saw them several times over the years and they were always joyous , and smiling! They are a very bright spot in my memory and I cherish the times we spent together. My deepest Sympathy to Dick and family for the loss of this beautiful lady but I'm very sure you will all meet again !

**Debra Praeuner** - March 29, 2025 at 08:56 PM



“ I have a fond memory of a time when Dick and Vera hosted my family for Sunday lunch. I was maybe 12 or 13, and Vera had prepared the most delicious homemade noodles! In fact, they may have been my first taste of homemade noodles, and they have lived on in my memory as the best ever—the gold standard of what noodles should be! She was such a gracious hostess! I'm so glad I had the opportunity to know her.  
Angie (Steele) Jones

**Angela Jones** - March 29, 2025 at 07:33 PM

GD

“ *Greg Dickson purchased the Enchanted Cottage  
for the family of Vera E. Bruner.*



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**Greg Dickson** - March 29, 2025 at 10:19 AM