



Emilyne Joan Bailey

February 10, 1931 – September 18, 2012

Joan Bailey, 81, of Ogallala, passed away September 18, 2012 at Ogallala Community Hospital.

She was born Emilyne Joan Friesenborg in Gothenburg, Nebraska on February 10, 1931, to Emil and Hattie (Nelson) Friesenborg.

Joan enjoyed church activities and music growing up, playing the baritone in the marching band. She also volunteered serving American WWII troops at the North Platte Canteen as a young teenager. She graduated as the Valedictorian of her Gothenburg High class of 1949.



She went to work for the Platte Valley Public Power and Irrigation District where she met electrical lineman Richard Bailey, whom she married on September 20, 1953. After her husband's Naval Service during the Korean Conflict, the couple moved to Lincoln so Richard could pursue his degree at UNL. After Richard's graduation, they lived in Springfield, IL for 2 years.

In 1961, they moved to Ogallala as Richard accepted a job at TRW, where they remained until 1989. Richard and Joan moved to Orlando, FL for one year and then Auburn, NE for 3 years until Richard's retirement from NPPD in 1993, when they retired to their Ogallala home.

Joan taught piano lessons in the 1960's and worked as the Ogallala "Welcome Wagon" Hostess for 13 years. She also sold Jewels by Park Lane and worked for the Ogallala Sears store. Joan was highly involved in the Ogallala First Baptist Church, its choir and served as a church pianist and organist for 27 years. She sang with the Sweet Adelines for a time. Her hobbies included flower and vegetable gardening, cooking and her pet Boston Terriers. Joan was involved with the Christian Women's Club and Bible studies for many years. She was a devoted wife, mother, friend and homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband Richard in 2010.

She is survived by 3 children--Susan Bailey of Ogallala, Greg Bailey of Gainesville, FL, and Tim Bailey of Ogallala. 2 brothers-Nelton (Ruth) Friesenborg of Sun City West, AZ, and Gaylan (Leona) Friesenborg of Cape Girardeau, MO, 2 Sisters-in-Law, Ramona Benjamin of North Platte and Delores Rodine of Gothenburg, 6 Grandchildren-Kai, Karli, Jamie, Samuel, Molly, and Adam, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be Monday, Sept. 24, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Draucker Funeral Home. The Funeral Service will be Tuesday, September 25, at 10 a.m. in the Ogallala First Baptist Church with Rev. Curtis Tschetter officiating.

Interment is in the Fort McPherson National Cemetery near Maxwell on Tuesday at 2 p.m. CDT. A memorial has been established to the First Baptist Church. Online condolences may be sent to webmaster@drauckerfh.com. Draucker Funeral Home of Ogallala is in charge of arrangements.