

# Obituaries

## **Ruth Marie (Mortiz) Conner**

1932-2023

Ruth Marie (Mortiz) Conner, age 91, of Julesburg, Colorado, and formerly of Arnold, Nebraska, passed away on March 16, 2023. She was born February 2, 1932, in Overton, Nebraska, to Frank and Olga (Venhauer) Moritz.

She was raised on various farms in the Lexington area. She and her brother, Glenn, helped to raise sheep and pigs while also working in the corn and beet fields. Ruth was well known and recognized for her ability to raise Nebraska (Aksarben) 4-H champion sheep.

Ruth graduated from Lexington High School and attended Duchesne Academy of the Sacred Heart College in Omaha Ne., where she earned her B.A. in Home Economics. After starting her teaching career, Ruth married LV Conner, the love of her life, on June 8, 1957, was married for over 66 years and raised two children, Marcia and Brad, while living in Arnold, Ne. During her long career in education, most of it employed by Callaway Public School District, she was recognized in 1979 as the Nebraska Home Economics Teacher of the Year.

Ruth was a devoted Catholic Christian and was active in St. Agnes Catholic Parish in Arnold, and some of her many activities included: American Legion Auxiliary, Red Cross Blood Drive volunteer, and Meals on Wheels volunteer. Some of her fondest memories were time spent with both fam-



ily and friends and traveling in the U.S. and abroad.

She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother to three granddaughters and is survived by husband LV Conner of Julesburg, CO, daughter Marcia, (Dennis) Hill of Julesburg, CO, son Brad (Marabeth) Conner of Clay Center, KS, granddaughter Aubrie Hill of Arvada, CO, granddaughter Brenna (Christian) Kaufman of Wichita, KS, granddaughter Payton (Drew) Kuckleman of Marysville, KS, Sister -In-Laws: Betti Moritz, Alice Conner and many very special family members.

Rosary will be held at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Arnold, Nebraska on Saturday, March 25th, 9:00 a.m., followed by the funeral mass at 10:00 a.m. Graveside services will be immediately following mass, and all are invited to attend the funeral reception at St. Agnes. Memorials may be made to the St. Agnes Catholic Church, Arnold, Ne. or the Hospice of the Plains, Sterling Co.

Govier Brothers Mortuary of Arnold is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences can be left at [www.govierbrothers.com](http://www.govierbrothers.com)