



Beloved mother and grandmother Rosalyn Collins Lamb, 89, passed away on July 19, 2022, in Burwell, Nebraska. She left the world a better place for her family, friends and the many children whose lives she touched as an elementary school teacher for 33 years.

She is survived by her daughter Melissa Lamb Peale of Columbus, Ohio (Steve), son Paul Lamb of Burwell (Betsy) and granddaughters Kaitlyn and Hannah Peale of Portland, Oregon, and Los Angeles, California, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents Harry and Elsie Collins; sisters Lenora Peckinpugh, Marjanna Erwin, Jenny Maloubier and Donnabelle Boughton; brother Galen Collins and husband Lloyd Lamb.

Rosalyn was born in Winona Lake, Indiana, on September 3, 1932, and grew up in New Paris, Indiana. She graduated from Ball State Teachers College in 1954, where she received a Bachelor of Science in Education. She taught in the state of Maryland until 1960, when she decided to seek adventure and teach at a US military base on the island of Okinawa, Japan. On the long ship ride over, she met Lloyd, who was also teaching and coaching in Okinawa. They were married there on June 8, 1961, and shared 52 years together until his death in 2013.

After moving back to the US, Rosalyn gave birth to Melissa and Paul and remained home with them until 1971, when she resumed her teaching career in Bassett, Nebraska. The family moved to Burwell in 1976, where Lloyd was the elementary school principal. Rosalyn taught in a rural school north of Burwell for a year and then became a sixth-grade teacher at Burwell Elementary, where she taught for 20 years until her retirement in 1997.

Rosalyn loved children. Many of her former students kept in touch with her throughout the years and remembered her as their favorite teacher. She was also a devoted grandmother who cherished the time she spent with Kaitlyn and Hannah in Ohio and during the weeks they stayed with her in the summer. She was a wonderful mother and confidante to Melissa and Paul, as well as a warm, caring friend to many. She was active in a number of education, church and social organizations. Hers was a life well lived.

Visitation will be held at Hitchcock Funeral Home in Burwell from 5 – 7 pm on Thursday, July 21. The family will hold a private burial service at Cottonwood Cemetery on Friday. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Alzheimer's Association.