

## Pawnee City, NE

Yvonne Dalluge, a devoted mother, cherished friend, and unwavering servant to her community, passed away Friday morning, February 28, 2025, at Beatrice Hospital in Beatrice, Nebraska. She was 89 years old. Her life was a testament to faith, passion, and fearless adventure, leaving an indelible mark on everyone who had the privilege of knowing her.

Yvonne was a lifelong member of the United Methodist Church, where her deep faith and compassion guided her in all that she did. She dedicated her life to serving others, leading by example, and living out her beliefs with grace and humility.

Yvonne was born on October 29, 1935 in Nelson, Nebraska, but spent the majority of her adult life in Pawnee City, Nebraska. Yvonne's love for her hometown was unparalleled. She poured her heart into the Pawnee City Historical Society, tirelessly working to preserve and share the rich history of the community she loved so dearly. She was a natural ambassador, convincing tour bus companies to bring visitors to the area, then hopping on board the bus as it crossed the county line to personally share the stories and charm of Pawnee City and Pawnee County. Yvonne's passion for promoting her community also led her to open My Blue Heaven Bed & Breakfast, not really as a business venture but because of her love of people and to ensure visitors felt welcomed in the magic of Southeast Nebraska.

Her advocacy for Southeast Nebraska went far beyond its borders. Yvonne would load her car with brochures and drive across the state, stopping at truck stops and attractions, passionately asking to leave behind materials showcasing her beloved community.

Her efforts were never about recognition or profit but always about service and love for the place she called home. Behind the scenes, she often would be instrumental in supporting restaurants, lodging, entertainment, and other projects for her beloved community.

Yvonne's adventurous spirit and curiosity were not confined to Nebraska. She traveled to over 20 countries and explored most of the United States. Whether as a tourist or on missionary trips, she sought to immerse herself deeply in other cultures, experiencing life through the eyes of those she met. She was fearless. She carried medical supplies to Jamaica and then helped in a local hospital there. She sampled unique local delicacies like tarantula spiders in Cambodia. She even volunteered at the Rose Bowl Parade just because she was curious about how the flowers on those gorgeous floats stay alive. At age 78, she rode a Segway through the desert, to the amazement of everyone there that day.

Her accolades and awards filled a wall, but a few of her most prestigious awards were the Nebraska Mother of the Year and the Henry Fonda Award, which is the state's highest tourism award. For her, though, it was always only about giving back, serving others, and living a life filled with purpose and love—not seeking recognition for herself.

Yvonne was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Duane; her sister, Mercedes Tevebaugh;

and her parents, Earl and Nellie (Knapp) Tevebaugh. She is survived by her sons, Bruce (Deb) and Charles (Sabine), and her grandson, Cedrick (Honor). Her family was the heart of her world, and her legacy of love and strength will live on through them.

The words Yvonne chose to conclude her autobiography highlighted what she held most dear:

"When I was growing up, I had no idea my life would be as full as it has been. I remember what John Kennedy said in his speech of 1961: 'Do not ask what my country can do for me but rather what I can do for my country.' It has not always been a smooth ride, but everyone has their ups and downs. In the Bible, it says that God never gives you more than you can handle." "I am extremely proud of both of my sons and their families. You have accomplished much and have followed your dreams."

She leaves behind a world made better by her presence, a community that will miss her deeply, and a family who will carry her memory forward with love and gratitude.

Yvonne's life was a beautiful story of service, adventure, and love. She will be missed, but her spirit will continue to inspire all who knew her.

Funeral services: 10:00 a.m., Saturday, March 15, 2025 at the United Methodist Church, Pawnee City, Nebraska, Pastor Lauri Beach officiating. The service will also be livestreamed on the Wherry Mortuary Facebook page for those unable to attend and a link to the livestream will be available for 30 days after the service on her webpage. Visitation: 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., with family greeting friends from 5-7 p.m., Friday, March 14, 2025 at Wherry Mortuary, 919 G Street, Pawnee City, Nebraska. Interment at the Pawnee City Cemetery, Pawnee City, Nebraska. Memorials to family choice for a later designation. Online condolences can be left at [www.wherrymortuary.com](http://www.wherrymortuary.com). Services entrusted to Wherry Mortuary, 919 G Street, Pawnee City, Nebraska.