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The NOU lost a longtime member in Kearney on August 7, 2014, when Margaret Sealing Triplett died.

Margaret spent her life in south central Nebraska. She graduated from Gibbon High School in 1939 and married Louie Triplett in 1942. She and Louie lived on a farm near Alda until they purchased their farm south of Gibbon in 1951, where they raised their five children. In addition to taking care of her home and family, volunteering at her church, and being active in the local extension club, Margaret was an active farmer's wife, working alongside her husband in the fields.



After Louie died in 1982, Margaret participated in Elderhostel programs, which took her around the United States. She was interested in reading and gardening, and she also enjoyed birding, both the birds and the company of birders.

Margaret will be remembered by the many friends she made among Nebraska birders, but even after those memories fade, she and her husband will be remembered as benefactors of Nebraska birding. She and Louie sold 160 acres along the Platte River to the Audubon Society in the early 1970s. Their willingness to part with 120 acres of accretion ground, of which 80 acres were open channel and 40 acres were wet meadow, helped to establish what is now known as Rowe Sanctuary. At one point, Louie was hired as a part-time warden and Margaret would type up his reports to send to Audubon. Their name lives on at Rowe Sanctuary in the trail through the grounds and along the river known as the Triplett Trail.