



## Betty A. Willard

November 19, 1934 - June 11, 2020

Betty Willard, 90  
Kearney resident

Betty Willard, 90 of Kearney passed away Thursday, June 11, 2020 at Hilltop Estates in Gothenburg, NE. A Funeral Mass will be held 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at St. James Catholic Church in Kearney. Father Joe Hannappel will celebrate. Interment will follow at Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Monday at the church followed by a vigil/prayer service.

Betty was born November 19, 1929 in Stuart, Nebraska to Frank and Rose (Kramer) Hamik. She was raised in Stuart and attended Stuart High School. Betty later attended Lincoln Beauty Academy in Lincoln. She was united in marriage to Leland Willard on October 28, 1954 in Stuart, Nebraska. To this union five girls were born: LeAnne, Lori, Lisa, Lynelle and Lichelle. The couple made their home in Kearney and they enjoyed traveling extensively together.

Betty enjoyed staying home to raise her family. As her children grew, Betty began a career with Avon where she was in sales for over 30 years. Betty loved to spend time with her family. She was a gracious host and especially looked forward to cooking for family and their guests.

She was an active member of St. James Catholic Church where she was involved in the Altar Society and Prayer Chain. Betty was a longtime volunteer with the American Red Cross and Good Samaritan Hospital. She was an avid bowler and a proud member of the Betty Club.

Left to cherish her memory are her daughters, LeAnne Lacey and her husband, Mike of Shelton, Lori West of Kearney, Lisa Schwab and her husband, Kent of Silverthorne, Colorado and Lichelle Aden and her husband, Jim of Gothenburg; grandchildren, Jessica Frink (Jeremy), Justin Lacey (Jill), Timmy, Nicole and Dillon West, Sydney Schwab, Kyle Schwab (Elle), Bailey, Grace, Maggie and Sophia Aden; 4 great-grandchildren, Owen and Elliot Frink and Madi and Barrett Lacey; as well as many nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Lee Willard; daughter, Lynelle (Willard) Parks; grandson, Isaiah Aden; and her sisters and brothers.

# Cemetery Details

## Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I  
Kearney, NE 68847  
(308) 233-3244

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **15**. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church  
3801 Avenue A  
Kearney, NE 68847

## Vigil / Prayer Service

JUN **15**. 6:00 PM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church  
3801 Avenue A  
Kearney, NE 68847

## Funeral Mass

JUN **16**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church  
3801 Avenue A  
Kearney, NE 68847



# Tribute Wall



“ *Betty A. Willard*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *John Smith lit a candle in memory of Betty A. Willard*



**John Smith** - June 17, 2020 at 06:19 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Betty A. Willard.*



June 15, 2020 at 02:38 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Betty A. Willard.*



June 15, 2020 at 12:02 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty A. Willard.*



June 14, 2020 at 10:54 PM



“ *Love Everlasting Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty A. Willard.*



June 14, 2020 at 10:19 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty A. Willard.*



June 14, 2020 at 04:35 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty A. Willard.*



June 14, 2020 at 12:52 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Betty A. Willard.*



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June 14, 2020 at 12:52 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Betty A. Willard.*



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June 14, 2020 at 11:22 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty A. Willard.*



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June 12, 2020 at 10:24 PM