



Beverly K. Gilroy

September 15, 1968 - November 6, 2020

Beverly Gilroy, 52
Kearney resident

Beverly K. Gilroy, 52 of Kearney passed away peacefully at her home November 6, 2020, exactly 3 years after her mother's passing. A funeral mass will be held 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at St. James Catholic Church in Kearney. Father Joseph Hannappel will celebrate. Interment will follow at Kearney Cemetery.

Beverly was born September 15, 1968 in Kearney, the 2nd daughter of Paul and Irene Gilroy. She grew up in a rural setting of Kearney and graduated from Kearney High School in 1987.

At an early age Beverly suffered a series of traumatic strokes from the age of 3 months to 15 years old, which left her with a learning disability, resulting in several brain surgeries during her life. That would never dampen her giving and generous nature. She defied many obstacles in her way for a person with such a setback, graduating from high school, being an active member of the Catholic church and the Kearney community. One group that really made an impact on her life was the Unity House in Kearney. There she not only built friendships there but also the skills needed to lead an independent life of her choosing. This was something she was immensely proud of to have

accomplished, not to live at home, but to have her own apartment and her own cat.

She had a contagious smile and generous nature, always quick with a hug and she did give the best hugs ever. She also had an amazing memory, always knew when everyone's birthdays and anniversaries were. Even though she never drove she knew exactly how to get to everyone's homes. She always knew what anyone in the family was doing, whether it was a brother, dad, or even our cousin's. She was a gifted knitter and along with mom they would sit and weave sweaters, scarves, dish towels together for hours. Her favorite color was purple, which was perfect for her: symbolizing devotion, dignity, peace, and pride. Growing up on the outskirts of Kearney, Beverly had a fondness for animals, with her favorite being cats. Her love and ability to care was genuine and deep. She was fiercely loyal and dedicated to her family. Those who chose to look past her disability would learn how incredibly beautiful and talented she was. The world is hard on unique people and she stood up to it and lived her life how she wanted to, not by anyone else's rules, only hers. Which to some made her appear very stubborn, but she was very courageous. There are times I wished I had her courage.

Left to cherish her memory are her father, Paul Gilroy of Kearney; and her siblings, Brenda Karels of Littleton, CO, Eddy Gilroy of Valencia, CA, Jeff Gilroy of Parker, CO, and John Gilroy of Olathe, KS.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Irene Gilroy; grandparents, Paul and Martha Gilroy, Jacob and Adola Miller; along with many other loved family members.

The family suggests in lieu of flowers that a memorial contribution be made to The Kearney Animal Shelter or your local favorite shelter to support her love of animals. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services

are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

NOV 10. 2:00 PM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home created a Beverly Gilroy funeral mass in memory of Beverly K. Gilroy*



O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations - November 10, 2020 at 03:13 PM



“ *Beverly K. Gilroy*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *I knew Beverly through Unity House and the Consumer Family Coalition. She was an advocate for her peers and was interested in Behavioral Health. I always enjoyed chatting with Beverly and we shared our love for our pets. She told me stories about her family and her cat Butterscotch. I will miss her smile and our talks. I would see her in church and she would always wave hello. She was a kind person and I will miss her.*

Tammy Fiala - November 13, 2020 at 03:03 PM

RC

“ *My heartfelt condolences go out to the Gilroy Family. God bless all of you in this time of grief.*

*Rob Caha
San Diego, CA*

Rob Caha - November 11, 2020 at 11:39 AM

AC

“ *To Bev's family,
I am sorry that I couldn't share your sorrow in person. Your beautifully written tribute of love to Bev brought a smile and a tear. My deepest sympathy to you.
Love, Audry Caldwell*

Audry Caldwell - November 10, 2020 at 01:17 PM

DF

“ *Our sincere sympathy to your family at this sad time. What a beautiful daughter, she made the world a better place.
Dennis & LaVonne Fries*

Dennis Dale Fries - November 10, 2020 at 10:22 AM



“ *A beautiful written obituary to honor Beverly.
Our thoughts & prayers to the Gilroy family.
Steve & Bari McCormick
Omaha, Ne*

Steve Mccormick - November 09, 2020 at 09:03 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Beverly K. Gilroy.*



November 09, 2020 at 11:37 AM



“ *Bev was such a kind person she always made me laugh and I have great memories of her....*

Kristi Downer - November 08, 2020 at 01:51 AM



“ *I worked with Beverly at the college. She was a sweetheart! We always exchanged Christmas cards! So sorry for your loss!*

Sharon Ripp - November 07, 2020 at 06:05 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Beverly K. Gilroy.*



November 07, 2020 at 01:10 PM

MF

“ *Mike and Virginia Baye and The Dave Drew Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Beverly K. Gilroy.*



Mike and Virginia Baye and The Dave Drew Family -
November 07, 2020 at 12:57 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Beverly K. Gilroy.*



November 07, 2020 at 11:44 AM