



Carolyn M. O'Brien

January 29, 1943 - December 28, 2019

Carolyn O'Brien, 76
Kearney resident

Carolyn M. O'Brien, 76 of Kearney passed away Saturday, December 28, 2019 at her home. A Funeral Mass will be held 10:30 a.m. Friday, January 3, 2020 at Prince of Peace Catholic Church. Father Paul Colling will officiate. Interment will follow at Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Thursday at the church with a Rosary/Prayer service beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Carolyn Budler was born on January 29, 1943 in Geneva, NE to Louis and Ann (Kamler) Budler. She grew up on the family farm near Fairmont, NE and was the oldest of five children. She graduated from Fairmont High School as valedictorian in 1960 and in 1964 graduated from Kearney State College with a BS in Mathematics and Secondary Education.

She married Maurice O'Brien on June 10, 1963 at St. Helena's Catholic Church in Grafton, NE. They had six children: Loretta, Michael, Timothy, Leticia, Katrina and Matthew.

Carolyn began her career with a math teaching position at the Youth Regional Training Center in Kearney where she worked for three years. She continued to teach math at the Junior and Senior high school level for 20 years in Kearney, York, Fairmont, McCook and Lexington including 10 years at St.

Ann's High School and 3 at Lexington High School. She then served for 20 years as the office manager for Dawson County Parent Child Center in Lexington before retiring in 2011.

She and Maurice have resided in Kearney since 2001. Besides keeping up with activities for her grandchildren, she has a lifetime of service for the Catholic Church through various committees, CEC, bible study groups and Altar Society. She is a member of Prince of Peace Catholic Church. Survivors include her husband, Maurice O'Brien; their children Lori (John) Snyder of Valley, NE; Mike (Patrese) of Kearney; Tim (Lauren) of Kearney; Ticia (Craig) Niemeier of Worms, NE; Kate (Dan) Bodmann of Omaha; and Matt of Omaha. She has 14 grandchildren, 3 step-granddaughters, 2 great grandchildren and 7 great step-grandchildren. Siblings include sister Barb (Bill) Lorenz; brothers Larry Budler; Jim (Doni) Budler; and John (Linda) Budler.

Preceded in death by parents Louis and Ann Budler, nephews Chris Lorenz and Andy Budler, and sister-in-law Sharon Budler.

Memorials are suggested to KCHS Foundation, American Cancer Society or to Prince of Peace Catholic Church. 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

Visitation

JAN 2. 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Prince of Peace Catholic Church
2407 W. 56th Street
Kearney, NE 68845

Vigil / Prayer Service

JAN 2. 7:00 PM (CT)

Prince of Peace Catholic Church
2407 W. 56th Street
Kearney, NE 68845

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 3. 10:30 AM (CT)

Prince of Peace Catholic Church
2407 W. 56th Street
Kearney, NE 68845

Tribute Wall



“ Carolyn M. O'Brien

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ I have many fond memories of teaching with Carolyn at St. Ann's and going to various events at the school. She and Maury also had us over to the house to play games and enjoy visiting. My deepest sympathy to Maury and her children. Jean (Hellman) Hellwege

Jean Hellwege - January 03, 2020 at 10:33 AM



“ It is with deep sorrow that I hear of the passing of Mrs. O'Brien. Lori and I were class mates and I spent much time in the O'Brien home during high school. I send hugs and prayers of comfort and peace for all of the family. May Carolyn and my Mom smile down upon all of us. Heaven has a new angel. Connie (Caraway) Smith

Connie Smith - January 02, 2020 at 07:58 PM



“ Thinking of you and sending my deepest sympathy. So glad a few of us got together not long ago and we were able to enjoy a nice visit. So sorry for your loss. Sending thoughts and prayers to you and your family.

With Sympathy,
Charlene (Arbuck) Olson Vice
Classmate

Charlene Olson-Vice - January 02, 2020 at 06:34 PM

DC

“ Condolences and prayers Maurice to you and your family. May her soul Rest In Peace in the hands of Jesus. David Colling

David Colling - January 02, 2020 at 03:47 PM

DW

“ Doug & Melonie Welsh purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Carolyn M. O'Brien.



Doug & Melonie Welsh - January 02, 2020 at 12:45 PM

DO

“ My sympathy to Carolyn's family. She will be missed by all who knew her. She is fondly remembered by the St. Helena Catholic Church family of Grafton.

Donna O'Brien - January 02, 2020 at 11:33 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carolyn M. O'Brien.



January 02, 2020 at 10:56 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Carolyn M. O'Brien.*



January 02, 2020 at 10:40 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carolyn M. O'Brien.*



January 02, 2020 at 10:32 AM



“ *Mrs. O'Brien was my tenth grade geometry teacher at LHS. I was a poor math student, but she demonstrated boundless patience. She was also incredibly kind and generous with her time; I remember going over to her house for extra help in the evenings. I'm praying that God's presence feels especially near to her family and that they find peace in their grief.*

Erin Laux Hanna - January 01, 2020 at 11:27 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Carolyn M. O'Brien.*



January 01, 2020 at 08:22 PM



“ *Pretty Please* was purchased for the family of Carolyn M. O'Brien.



January 01, 2020 at 12:46 PM



“ *thinking of the O'Brien family and remembering the good old days in Lexington.*
Arvada Czaplewski
Papillion, NE

Arvada Czaplewski - January 01, 2020 at 09:46 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of Carolyn M. O'Brien.



December 31, 2019 at 02:23 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Carolyn M. O'Brien.



December 31, 2019 at 02:12 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Carolyn M. O'Brien.*



December 31, 2019 at 01:47 PM



“ *Everything twist and challenge in life has led you here, which is a great place, and we wouldn't be who we are without those life experiences.*

-this is adapted from Mom's words.

Love, Live, Give

-Matt

Matthew O'Brien - December 31, 2019 at 01:07 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Matthew O'Brien - December 31, 2019 at 12:59 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Carolyn M. O'Brien.*



December 31, 2019 at 12:50 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to you, Maurice, & all of the family. We are in Illinois visiting our daughter, Kristi, & family, so will not be able to be with you for Carolyn's rosary & funeral Mass. We will say the rosary here. May God send you his peace & mercy.*

Dorothy Moravec - December 30, 2019 at 11:24 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to you, Maurice, & all of the family. We are in Illinois visiting our daughter, Kristi, & family, so will not be able to be with you for Carolyn's rosary & funeral Mass. We will say the rosary here. May God send you his peace & mercy.*

Dorothy & Harold Moravec - December 30, 2019 at 11:24 PM



“ *Carolyn will be missed. What a wonderful legacy she gave your family. Thoughts and prayers will continue.*

Jane and Bob

Bob and Jsne Patterson - December 30, 2019 at 10:21 PM

KH

“ Thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.
Karen and Lydell Husmann

Karen Husmann - December 30, 2019 at 07:29 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the
family of Carolyn M. O'Brien.



December 30, 2019 at 05:42 PM

BP

“ Thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Jane and Bob

Bob Patterson - December 30, 2019 at 10:20 AM