



Cindy S. McHargue

May 13, 1957 - January 19, 2023

Cindy S. McHargue, 65 of Kearney was welcomed into heaven at her home while surrounded by her family on Thursday, January 19, 2023. She valiantly battled breast cancer for over three years. A celebration of life will be held 10:30 a.m. Monday, January 23, 2023 at Kearney E-Free Church with Pastor Charles Bauer officiating. The family will receive friends 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Sunday at the church.

In lieu of flowers, Cindy would have you please consider memorials to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital or Kearney Area Animal Shelter. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Cindy was born May 13, 1957, in Grand Island, NE to LaVerne 'Babe' and Margaret 'Peggy' (Clark) Kalkowski. She grew up in Grand Island and graduated from GI Senior High in 1975. Cindy attended the University of Nebraska - Lincoln for 2 1/2 years where she primarily studied art. Cindy married her soul mate, George McHargue Jr, on September 19, 1981, in Grand Island. Through the beautiful gift of adoption, they were honored and blessed to be the parents of Jess and Kya.

In January 1982, the couple moved to Kearney. Having previously worked at Buckle in Grand Island, Cindy resumed her employment with Buckle in

Kearney in 1987. In June 2021, she retired after a career of almost 35 years, with the majority of those years sharing her artistic talents as one of the artists/designers for Buckle Screenprinting.

For Cindy, family— immediate, extended, church — was the constant throughout her life that she deeply treasured. Humbly selfless, she always gave priority to her family's needs ahead of hers.

As a mother, the time she spent shuttling Jess and Kya to all their activities/practices was never a burden to her. If they had an event, she was present, cheerleading from her seat. It was something she loved and continued doing for her grandchildren, as well.

As a sister, celebrating holidays, birthdays or a 'just-to-get-together' with her two brothers' families or her three sister-in-laws' families, those dates were always something she looked forward to. And especially when it came to celebrating her favorite holiday: Christmas. Cindy continued the family tradition, started by her mother, of stuffing her children's and subsequently her grandchildren's Christmas stockings to overflowing!

As a believer in Jesus Christ, in 1985 she brought Kearney Efree church into her family circle. Throughout those years, Cindy was an active participant in numerous Life Groups, served as an Awana Cubbies leader — where some of her most cherished church memories were made — and then concluded her ministry-serving time sharing her love and care for the toddler age group during Sunday worship services.

Running a close second to Cindy's love of all-things family, was her love of slalom water skiing. Most times whenever she was gliding gracefully atop the water it coincided with a family campout. A combination that always put a smile of pure, boundless joy on her face.

Remaining behind to cherish Cindy's memory are her husband of 41 years, George; son, Jess (Annalise) McHargue of Central City; daughter, Kya McHargue of Kearney. Deeply loved by 'Grammie', her grandchildren: Mercer, Londyn and Jasper McHargue of Central City. Brothers: Clark (Patsy) Kalkowski and Karlye (Debbie) Kalkowski, both of Grand Island. Sister-in-laws: Chris Bieber of Sheridan, WY; Jody (Doug) Schult of Windsor, CO; Stacey (Tony) Meyer of Omaha. Nieces: Ariann (Mark) Brown of Elkhorn, NE; Jenny (Dave) Forsberg of Granite Springs, NY; Tia Bieber of Sheridan, WY; Katie (Devin) McWilliams of Wellington, CO; Suzie (Chris) Schwery of Windsor, CO; Megan Meyer of Sioux Falls, SD; Ciara Lederer of Omaha. Nephews: Kash (Jamie) Kalkowski of Grand Island; Chad (April) Liebsack of Lincoln, NE; As well as numerous grand nephews/nieces and cousins.

Cindy was preceded in death by her parents, Babe and Peggy Kalkowski; in-laws, George and Leona McHargue; brother in-law, John Bieber; niece, Sara Delgado; her beloved dog, Jewel.

Previous Events

Family receiving friends

JAN **22**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Kearney E-Free Church
4010 7th Ave
Kearney, NE 68845
<http://www.kearneyefree.com>

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ *Cindy S. McHargue*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *I am so very sorry, for the loss of Cindy. I know she will be missed by your family and friends. I've known Cindy for a long time, we had a lot of fun at her mom and dad's, and in the pool. She was my moms best friend. I will always have fond memories of Cindy!*

Karen Strawder - January 25, 2023 at 03:07 PM



“ *George and family,*

Prayers to you at this time. I am so sorry for your loss. Thanking God for all those memories. May God's hope give you peace and comfort.

KIMBERLY REBMAN - January 23, 2023 at 02:39 PM



“ *KIMBERLYREBMAN lit a candle in memory of Cindy S. McHargue*



KIMBERLYREBMAN - January 23, 2023 at 02:32 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Cindy S. McHargue.*



January 22, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ *So sorry George and family to hear of Cindy's passing. May the Love of the Lord give you some comfort of peace in the days ahead.*
Brenda Fugitt

Brenda Fugitt - January 21, 2023 at 12:06 PM



“ *Dick and Annie Bahde purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Cindy S. McHargue.*



Dick and Annie Bahde - January 21, 2023 at 10:50 AM



“ *Dear George, Kya and Jess. Remembering when you were my neighbors on Apache Lane with such fondness. Cindy was a friend who was just there for me so often. Close to my heart today as I recall her kindness when pain or grief were part of my life, smiles at the fun and funny times. etc. Prayers for all of you in this loss. She's home.*

Karen Park - January 21, 2023 at 10:12 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album Cindy



Jody - January 20, 2023 at 10:37 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cindy S. McHargue.



January 20, 2023 at 06:47 PM

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“ Chad and April Liebsack purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Cindy S. McHargue.



Chad and April Liebsack - January 20, 2023 at 05:34 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Cindy S. McHargue.



January 20, 2023 at 11:51 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cindy S. McHargue.*



January 19, 2023 at 10:40 PM