



Connie Jo Wakelin

October 14, 1942 - February 25, 2019

Connie J. Wakelin
Kearney Resident

Connie J. Wakelin, 76, of Kearney died Monday, February 25, 2019 at the Country House Assisted Living Facility in Kearney. Memorial services will be 10:30 a.m. on Monday, March 4 at the O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney with Rev. Michael Freitag officiating. Family will receive friends 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Sunday, March 3 at the funeral home. Inurnment will be at the Kearney Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to St. Agnes Academy in Alliance, NE or the Kearney Public Schools Foundation. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

She was born on October 14, 1942 in Kearney, Nebraska to Harold and Loretta (Neal) Burtis. She grew up in Kearney and graduated from Kearney High School in 1960. It was through a blind date that she met her husband of 48 years, Roger Wakelin. They were wed on April 17, 1964 in Kearney, after which the couple made their home in Grand Island. To this union, two daughters were born; Lynne Renee and Janelle Jo. The family made their homes over the years in Spencer, IA, Chickasha, OK and Kearney.

Connie worked as the Bookkeeper/Secretary of the Superintendent for Kearney Public Schools and the Central District for the United Methodist Church. She did taxes at H&R Block for several years before pursuing her degree from Kearney State College. Connie earned her bachelor's degree in education from Kearney State College, graduating with Honors. She was a past Bluebird Leader, volunteer for the church, and kept her family full of fruit cups, grandma's muffins and ice cream dessert. She was a meticulous housekeeper and hostess and was very detail oriented with everything she did. Connie was an excellent cook and enjoyed 50's music. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

In 1988, Roger and Connie purchased the Kearney Ford New Holland Dealership, which was renamed Wakelin Implement. After a very successful seven years of ownership they sold the business to Fairbanks Implement.

Left to cherish her memory are her daughters, Lynne Beckstead and husband, Patrick of Ankeny, IA, Janelle Rolls of Alliance, NE; grandsons, Joshua (Raegan) Follmer and Nicholas Follmer, Colton and Gage Rolls; granddaughter, Ryley Rolls; sister-in-law, Joanne (Wendell) Lanman of Parker, CO; nieces, Stephanie Braeden, and Krista Schmidt, also of Parker, CO.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; and an infant brother.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Family receiving friends

MAR 3. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Connie Jo Wakelin*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Thinking of all of you at this difficult time - Connie was a wonderful person.*

Darleen Farwell

Darleen Farwell - March 04, 2019 at 12:59 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. May your precious memories get you through this difficult time.*

Steve & Pam Rasmussen

Pam Rasmussen - March 04, 2019 at 10:46 AM



“ *We both attended UNK with Connie and Joan worked with Connie at H & R Block. We later purchased Roger and Connie's Corvette and it was used to carry the cremains of Roger to Kearney Cemetery after he passed. We enjoyed many Corvette trips with Roger and Connie. Know she will be missed greatly by her family - such an elegant lady.*

Loel and Joan Kugler

Joan Kugler - March 02, 2019 at 09:48 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Connie Jo Wakelin.



February 28, 2019 at 08:18 PM



“ Gary & Karon Toney lit a candle in memory of Connie Jo Wakelin



Gary & Karon Toney - February 27, 2019 at 02:45 PM



“ I met Connie during Sunday service at the Alliance Methodist Church, we had a nice visit. For several Sundays, we would sit together during service. I then invited her to come to Circle, she attended a few times and we all enjoyed our time together. Connie was a very sweet, quiet lady and I missed seeing her. I later found out that she was back in Kearney. May the family find comfort in knowing that Connie is finally at peace.
My condolences to all. Janine Haines

Janine Haines - February 27, 2019 at 12:02 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Connie Jo Wakelin.*



February 27, 2019 at 11:45 AM



“ *We took several good trips with Roger and Connie and will miss them dearly. We had lots of fun with them both. Our deepest sympathies to Lynne and Janelle's families. We are making a memorial gift to the Tehama Shrine Transportation Fund in their name.*

Gary and Ellen Martin

Ellen Martin - February 27, 2019 at 10:08 AM