



## Denise D. Scott

June 16, 1959 - June 23, 2025

Denise (Vannier) Scott passed away Monday, June 23, 2025 at St. John's Good Samaritan Home in Kearney one week following her 66th birthday following a 15 year battle with cancer.

Denise was born in Kearney, NE on June 16, 1959 to Kenneth and Elnor (Kiehl) Vannier. She attended Kearney High School, graduating with the class of 1977. After High School graduation, she worked for Verizon Corporation for 31 years until her retirement. Denise was married to Dennis Scott who also was a Kearney native. While working at Verizon, Denise and Dennis lived in various locations including Kearney, Columbus, and finally in Grinnell, IA where she and Dennis were living when she retired. Denise moved back to Kearney to be with her family when the cancer progressed to the extent that she could no longer live alone. Denise was a member of First Lutheran Church in Kearney.

Left to cherish her memory are her brother, David and his spouse Kevin Marion of Plano, TX; a sister, Jolene Jelinek, niece Anndee Jelinek, niece, Abbie Jelinek, nephews, Abraham Jelinek all of Omaha; brother-in-law, Don Roth and wife, Jean Detlefsen, nephews, Tim Roth and wife Sharleen and their daughter Emma Lou all of Lincoln; nephew Nick Roth and wife Nicole and their son Hayes all of Pella, IA; niece Amber (Roth) Thygesen and her husband Paul and their children, Sarah, Jonathan, and Alivia all of Lincoln; as

well as many friends from Kearney and Iowa. Denise is also survived by her cousin Kent Hawkinson who was her roommate and support during the last five years as she battled cancer and her fill in “mom” Jean Thompson all of Kearney. Denise was preceded in death by her parents; husband and sister Mary Lou Roth.

A celebration of her life will be held 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, August 13, 2025 at First Lutheran Church in Kearney. Inurnment will follow at the First Lutheran Church Columbarium at that time.

Memorials are suggested to the First Lutheran Church. Condolences may be shared online at [www.osrfh.com](http://www.osrfh.com). Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

AUG 13. 10:30 AM (CT)

First Lutheran Church  
3315 Ave G  
Kearney, NE 68847

# Tribute Wall

DB

“ Rest in peace old friend. We had a lot of great times growing up together, seems like yesterday. Although we lost touch with the years, I think of those times often. Rest with ease my friend.

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**Doug Blaha** - August 13, 2025 at 06:59 PM

JB

“ Denise worked for me for a period of time at GTE/Verizon. She always had such a positive attitude and always fun to be around. We took a business trip to California one time, and had such a good time with great laughs. I am sorry to hear of her passing. Sincerely,  
Jo Wells Becker

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**Joann Becker** - July 10, 2025 at 09:25 AM

CA

“ Denise was a good friend and delight to work with. Got to know her and Dennis while in Grinnell IA. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.  
Cheryl Allen

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**Cheryl Allen** - July 03, 2025 at 08:55 AM

RR

“ Rest in pain free peace my sweet friend. even though we didn't talk a lot I will always think you my dear friend. And I was happy to share my mom with you.

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**Ronda Russell** - July 02, 2025 at 11:24 AM

RS

“ Denise was one of the first classmates I met when my family moved to Kearney in 1974. As part of the Lutheran Church Youth Group, we hung out together on a trip to the State Fair at Lincoln. Over the next few years in High School, Denise often encouraged and complimented me as I learned to play guitar. Bless you Friend! Rest in Peace...

Randy Schulze - July 02, 2025 at 10:49 AM

JO

“ I worked with Denise at GTE/Verizon. She was a sweetheart. Always had a smile. Cared about everyone. Denise you are reunited with your love Dennis. Rest in peace my dear friend. You will be missed. Jo olson

jo olson - June 26, 2025 at 11:17 AM

TA

“ Rest in peace “Nino”. I couldn't have had a truer childhood friend.



tami Eatherton Anderson - June 24, 2025 at 09:19 AM