



Denise J. Wagner

May 5, 1954 - October 9, 2021

Denise J. Wagner, 67 of Kearney passed away Saturday, October 9, 2021 at CHI Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney. Funeral services will be 3:00 p.m. Monday, October 18, 2021 at the O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney with Pastor Mitch Ivey officiating. Interment will be held at a later date. Visitation will be 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Sunday, October 17, 2021 at the funeral home.

Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Denise was born May 5, 1954 in Geneva, Nebraska to Gerald and Betty (Osborn) Pickerell. She was raised in Geneva, NE until her family moved to Bruning where she graduated with the class of 1972.

Denise worked as a bank teller in Seward and in Kearney and later worked as an administrative assistant for the Gateway District for many years. On February 14, 2003, Denise was united in marriage to Richard Wagner at the Kearney First United Methodist Church. The couple later moved to Washington State before returning to Kearney in 2011. Denise was also a longtime employee at Walmart and most recently at Central Hydraulics, retiring in 2020.

Denise had a zest for life and enjoyed being around people.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband, Richard Wagner of Kearney; sons, Ben Kerwood and wife, AJ of Lincoln and Dan Kerwood and wife, Cindy of Alexandria, NE; daughter, Sarah Olival of Spokane, WA; 10 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren; sisters, Judy Pendergraft and husband, Ron of Gold Canyon, AZ, Sue Naiman of Newman Grove, NE and Nancy Calahan of Chandler, AZ; brother, Don Pickerell and wife, Dorothy of Columbia, MO; sister-in-law, Marti Miller and husband, Des of Mountain View, MO; as well as many nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

Denise was preceded in death by her parents; and step-children, Randall and Rebecca Wagner.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **17**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

OCT **18**. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Denise J. Wagner*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Vern, Ken, Kellie and Becky Matzen purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Denise J. Wagner.*



Vern, Ken, Kellie and Becky Matzen - October 12, 2021 at 09:00 PM



“ *We remember Denise as a caring and gifted administrative assistant in the District Office. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time.*

-The People of the Gateway District, UMC

Christy Baltzell - October 12, 2021 at 05:42 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Denise J. Wagner.*



October 11, 2021 at 11:43 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Denise J. Wagner.*



October 11, 2021 at 07:08 PM



“ *Don and Dorothy Pickerell, and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Denise J. Wagner.*



Don and Dorothy Pickerell, and family - October 11, 2021 at 02:24 PM