



Dora R. Day

September 18, 1922 - July 25, 2022

Dora Day, 99 of Kearney passed away Monday, July 25, 2022 at Wel-Cove Assisted Living in Kearney. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, August 2, 2022 at First United Methodist Church in Kearney with Pastor Seungli You officiating. Interment will follow at Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the First United Methodist Church, Daughters of the Revolutionary War, or donor's choice. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Dora Rea Day was born September 18, 1922 to Ray and Hazel Karner (Williamson) on a farm near Odessa, Nebraska. She was the oldest of three girls. She attended Odessa School and graduated in 1940. Dora helped her parents farm and worked around Odessa, including assisting at the store and post office. In December 1942, she married C. Homer Rea and from this marriage two sons were born, Patrick E. and Charles Homer Rea. Dora lived around Odessa where she and her husband operated the Rea's Filling Station. Charles died at infancy and Patrick was tragically killed in November 1962 delivering fuel in a tank wagon on a road in which the road signs had been stolen. Homer passed away January 1982. Dora became a cook and was employed at the Reform School, Marshall Sale Barn, and then retired

from Eaton Corporation.

In November 1984, Dora married Duane Day. They were married over 25 years but their marriage ended in divorce. Dora did a lot of traveling throughout her life, including trips with her mother and each of her husbands. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Daughters of the Revolutionary War, VFW Auxiliary, Disabled American Veterans, American Legion, Trails and Rails Museum, Fort Kearney Genealogy Society, Rebekah Lodge – Gibbon 89, East Lawn Kensington, and several card clubs. Dora helped start the Eaton Retiree's Organization. Her hobbies include quilting, donating the quilts, and volunteering throughout the community. In 2014, she received the Kearney Hub Freedom Award for her generosity.

Dora was preceded in death by her two sisters: Maxine Zimmer and Opal Anderson, two sons: Patrick E. and Charles Homer Rea, niece Gail Gardner, nephew Tyler Anderson and cousin, Fern Bieck.

She is survived by her great nephews, numerous second cousins, close friends Kelly and Jim Shada, Fern Shea and numerous cherished friends.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 2. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
4500 Linden Drive
Kearney, NE 68847

Funeral Service

AUG 2. 10:30 AM (CT)

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4500 Linden Drive
Kearney, NE 68847

Tribute Wall



“ *Dora R. Day*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Dora was an amazing lady, a wonderful friend and great aunt. She was generous, funny, forthright and sincere.*

Life will be emptier without her but she will live on in our hearts & memories, and her quilts will keep us warm for years to come. 💕💕 *Emrick & Elin*



Elin Bostrom - August 02, 2022 at 02:47 PM



“ *Dora spent many birthday parties and celebrations at the Banzhaf house! She was a "Grandma" to all! My 5 grandchildren are so very lucky to have had Dora make them a special quilt. She was such a sweet lady and will be missed.....Kathy Smallfoot*

Kathy Smallfoot - August 01, 2022 at 01:24 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Dora R. Day.*



July 31, 2022 at 09:11 PM

MM

“ We loved to see all her quilts for veterans!! A real accomplishment!!
A life well lived. Marilyn Miller from Spirit Lake, Iowa

Marilyn Miller - July 31, 2022 at 03:25 PM

AS

“ Angela Jeanette Siegmann lit a candle in
memory of Dora R. Day



Angela Jeanette Siegmann - July 31, 2022 at 12:14 PM

KA

“ Dora was a beloved member of Fort Kearney Chapter, Daughters of
the American Revolution. She contributed in many ways to our
chapter, and we will miss her.

Kari Anderson - July 30, 2022 at 09:49 PM

JS

“ Dora, she was quite a gal. I spent considerable time at their service
station and was good friends with her son Pat. She was always
kidding around and making us laugh. She was also very kind
hearted and a good cook. As boys she would feed us at her kitchen
table when we were helping Homer. I stopped to see her about a
month ago and she was as sharp as ever. I will miss you Dora, You
were quite a lady. Jim

Jim Stone - July 30, 2022 at 05:55 PM

PS

“ We will miss our friend and DAR sister as we know her family and friends will too. Ft Kearney Chapter NSDAR

Pat Skiles - July 28, 2022 at 02:01 PM

PS

“ Pat Skiles sent a virtual gift in memory of Dora R. Day



Pat Skiles - July 28, 2022 at 01:54 PM

SD

“ Sherrie Dux-Ideus lit a candle in memory of Dora R. Day



Sherrie Dux-Ideus - July 28, 2022 at 12:57 PM