



## Elaine "Sue" Paysen

July 13, 1947 - October 22, 2025

Elaine "Sue" Paysen, 78 of Kearney, formerly of Wayne, NE passed away Wednesday, October 22, 2025 at Kearney Regional Medical Center in Kearney. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation. 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.

Sue was born July 13, 1947 in Carroll, IA to Bert and Mavis (Larson) Gerdes. She attended country school and later Wall Lake Community School. She was involved in 4-H and was a past Sac County Dairy Queen. After graduation, she attended Iowa School of Beauty in Des Moines, IA. On August 11, 1968, Sue was united in marriage to Bill Paysen in Carnarvon, IA. The couple made their home in Wayne, NE where Sue was a beautician for many years.

Sue enjoyed cooking and was a gracious host. She also enjoyed interacting with her clients in her beauty shop. Most of all she loved spending time with her family.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband, Bill Paysen of Kearney; son, Chad Paysen and Fiancée, Jennifer Shafer of Kearney; grandchildren, Joe and Olivia Paysen and Rochelle Schiltz all of Kearney; siblings, Bernice (Dick)

Dickson of Camden, AR, Marilyn Aschinger of Wall Lake, IA, Jane (Lynn) Thronson of New Hampton, IA, and Bruce (Rachel) Gerdes of Wall Lake, IA; brothers-in-law, Dennis Paysen and Bruce (Roberta) Paysen all of Wall Lake, IA; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Sue was preceded in death by her parents; and sister-in-law, Patricia Paysen.