



## Emily Nelson

November 20, 1935 - August 28, 2021

Emily Nelson, 85 of Gibbon, passed away Saturday, August 28, 2021 at Mount Carmel Home. A graveside service will be held 2:00 p.m. Thursday, September 2, 2021 at Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney.

Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation. Condolences or personal reflections may be submitted at [www.osrfh.com](http://www.osrfh.com). O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Emily was born November 20, 1935 in Ravenna, Nebraska to Emil and Beulah (Vroman) Kunes. She was raised in Ravenna and received her education from Ravenna High School, graduating with the class of 1953. Emily was united in marriage to Andrew Nelson in Oceanside, California on November 24, 1954. The couple moved back to Kearney where Emily was employed at the Credit Bureau for 24 years. The family later moved to Gibbon to take over the family farm.

Emily enjoyed knitting, sewing and crocheting. She made numerous quilts over the years for family, friends and different organizations. Emily loved volunteering her time with the American Cancer Society and making quilts for patients at the hospital. She would later be the recipient of the Freedom Award for her volunteering. She was a longtime member of St. James Catholic

Church where she was involved in book club.

Left to cherish her memory are her son, Robert Nelson of Kearney; daughter, Julie Simpkins and husband, Gene of Kearney; grandchildren, Laura Pasbrig and husband, Dan of Minden, Shannon Petrick and husband, Travis of Hildreth, Megan Ingram and husband, Eric of Hildreth, Steven Simpkins of Kearney, Justin Nelson and wife, Lindsey of Lincoln and Destinee Shearer and husband, Matt of Farragut, IA; great grandchildren, Dalton, Jaxson and Everleigh Pasbrig, Keegan and Allie Petrick , Taylor Ingram, Brantley and Kinley Shearer and Leo Nelson; sisters, Mila Gappa de Kok and husband, Bob of Grand Island and Wuanita McGaugh and husband, Buddy of Eldorado, Arkansas; as well as many nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

Emily was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Andrew Nelson; infant son; daughter-in-law, Cheryl Nelson; 2 sisters; and nephew, Allen Miller.

# Cemetery Details

## **Kearney Cemetery**

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

# Previous Events

## **Graveside Service**

SEP 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Emily Nelson*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Emily was a wonderful volunteer for Road to Recovery for the American Cancer Society. Whenever we had a new patient, I could always count on her to help. I still tell the story of the patient eating all of the grandkids candy in the backseat of her car when Emily ran into the drugstore to get a RX for the patient. I have many memories of those times and her kindness.*

*God bless,  
Nan May*

**Mary May** - September 01, 2021 at 03:39 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Emily Nelson.*



August 31, 2021 at 01:30 PM



“ *Your Frito Lay Family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Emily Nelson.*



**Your Frito Lay Family** - August 31, 2021 at 08:41 AM

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“ *I loved your smile and laughter back in high school! We all such good times together.* ”

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**Shirley Urwiller** - August 30, 2021 at 03:36 PM