



Gayle Bontz

August 29, 1953 - June 20, 2025

Gayle Lynn (Asche) Bontz, of Kearney Nebraska, went to be with Jesus on June 20th, 2025. She left peacefully and was with her family at the time. Gayle was born August 29th, 1953 in Grand Forks, North Dakota to Joest and Catherine Asche, and is the younger of their two daughters, with Diane Derra being the eldest.

Gayle spent her early years in Grand Forks, but later moved to Gering Nebraska where she graduated High School. She then attended Western Nebraska Community College before graduating from Kearney State College, in Kearney Nebraska, with a Bachelor's Degree in Special Education. Upon graduation, Gayle served as a special education teacher for 17 years in the Kearney Public School system.

Gayle married her beloved husband Brian on June 22nd, 1990 in an intimate ceremony held in her parents living room in Gering. Brian and Gayle lived in Kearney throughout their marriage and were blessed with four children (Ashley, David, Michael, and Stephen), who were her pride and joy. After raising her four kids, Gayle returned to teaching as a paraeducator at Kenwood Elementary for another 14 years.

Gayle was exceptionally passionate about playing the piano, frequently filling her home with beautiful music and serving on the worship team along with her husband at their church. She was a deeply committed and active member at

Grace Fellowship Church in Kearney for over 40 years and highly regarded by many as a woman of great faith who loved serving others. In addition to the worship team, she loved her time serving in the children's ministry for many years, teaching Sunday school, and was always involved with large community events hosted at the church.

Gayle is survived by her husband Brian; children Ashley, David, Michael, and Stephen; her sister Diane; and grandchildren Meadow, Memphis, Mackson, Ailish, Arthur, and Blythe.

A visitation will be held on Sunday, June 29th, from 6:00pm to 8pm at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home (4115 N Avenue, Kearney, NE 68847). A Celebration of Life service will be held at Grace Fellowship Church (4305 19th Avenue, Kearney, NE 68845) on Monday, June 30th at 10:00am. The service will be livestreamed on the Church website (www.KearneyGrace.com) and on their YouTube Channel (@KearneyGrace) for those who cannot attend in person. An interment will occur following the service, in Minden Nebraska and a reception will be held at Kearney Fellowship Church afterward.

The family suggests that any memorials be given to Grace Fellowship Church, designated specifically for their "Worship School" program. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Gayle Bontz please visit our Sympathy Store.

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Cemetery Details

Minden Cemtery

Minden, NE

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **29**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations
4115 Ave N
Kearney, NE 68847
(308) 234-3500
info@osrfh.com
<https://www.osrfh.com>

Funeral Service

JUN **30**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Grace Fellowship
4305 19th Ave
Kearney, NE 68845

Tribute Wall

KG

“ We send so many prayers to Gayle's family at the loss of this wonderful woman. She was Kelsey's first teacher, in preschool at the age of 3, and they stayed together through 6th grade. We could not have imagined a more perfect person to teach and guide our special child. She was a sweet, loving, and gracious lady.

Kim Gronewold - June 28, 2025 at 05:03 PM

TF

“ The Volker family. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Gayle Bontz.



The Volker family. - June 27, 2025 at 08:52 PM

TF

“ The Volker family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gayle Bontz.

The Volker family. - June 27, 2025 at 08:52 PM

LL

“ My deepest sympathy to Brian and Gayle's four children and their families! I was so very sorry and saddened to hear of Gayle's passing. I taught with Gayle at Central Elementary. She was such a kind and caring person. I remember her fondly. Rest in peace, Gayle. May God help the family in the difficult days ahead.

Linda Liebig - June 27, 2025 at 01:36 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Gayle Bontz.



June 27, 2025 at 01:28 PM



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June 27, 2025 at 01:03 PM



“ Scott, Michelle, Emily and Blake Meyer purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Gayle Bontz.



Scott, Michelle, Emily and Blake Meyer - June 26, 2025 at 09:43 PM



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Scott, Michelle, Emily and Blake Meyer - June 26, 2025 at 09:43 PM

KS

“ *Kandy Storrs lit a candle in memory of Gayle Bontz*



kandy Storrs - June 26, 2025 at 09:31 PM

BH

“ *I met Gayle about 27 years ago. I was a single mother and Gayle always made me feel special and treated me like a best friend. Her smile was so warm and welcoming. I never felt judged by her. She was always there for me those years I lived in Kearney. I will miss her joy.*

Beth Huff-Green - June 26, 2025 at 09:14 PM

BB

“ *Bonnie and Jody Butler purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gayle Bontz.*



Bonnie and Jody Butler - June 26, 2025 at 08:11 PM

JM

“ *Joan Mickelsen lit a candle in memory of Gayle Bontz*



Joan Mickelsen - June 26, 2025 at 07:56 PM

FP

“ *Gayle was a dear friend going back to our Nebraska Western College years. We had so much fun and made wonderful memories from those years that has lived on all this time. We love you Gayle and you forever will be in our hearts. We send our love, our prayers and our most heartfelt condolences to Brian and the entire family. RIP, sweet lady. ❤️🙏*

Fred & Maureen Propp - June 26, 2025 at 07:40 PM

SM

“ *Scott & Stephanie Monthey purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gayle Bontz.*



Scott & Stephanie Monthey - June 24, 2025 at 11:22 PM

TH

“ *Sending so many prayers. She was so special. A wonderful person. My heart hurts to see this. I know she is with the best of the best, her loving savior.*

Tiffany Hartman - June 24, 2025 at 04:57 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Gayle Bontz.*



June 23, 2025 at 06:56 PM