



Geraldine M. Prather

December 14, 1916 - November 18, 2013

Geraldine Prather, 96
Kearney resident

Geraldine M. Prather, 96, of Kearney, died Monday, November 18, 2013 at the Mt. Carmel Keens Memorial Home. Funeral services will be 9:30 A.M. Saturday, November 23, 2013 at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home with the Elder Brent McMurtrey officiating. Interment will follow at the Kearney Cemetery with Dallas McMurtrey dedicating the grave. Visitation will be 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. Friday at the O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation. Condolences or personal reflections may be submitted at www.osrfh.com. O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Geraldine M. Prather was born December 14, 1916 in Kearney, Nebraska to Fredrick and Hazel (Staley) Benzler. She was educated in Kearney and was the first in her family to graduate from high school when she graduated from Kearney High School in 1934. She worked at Coca-Cola Bottling Company after graduation. She earned \$16 a week and that was more than her father was making at the time. She worked in the shipyards in California during the World War II. Later, she worked as a receptionist and interviewers aide for the State of Nebraska Employment Office in Kearney for 28 years.

Left to cherish her memory is her daughter, Karen Brown and husband, Larry of Kearney; grandson, Bradley Keith of Kearney; granddaughter, Brenda McMurtrey and husband, Brent of Rock Springs, WY; 6 great grandchildren and their spouses and two great great grandchildren.

Geraldine was preceded in death by her parents; husband; brother, Wayne Benzler and his wife, Ethel and one grandson, Michael Lee Brown.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **22**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations
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Memorial Service

NOV **23**. 9:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Geraldine M. Prather



O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations - November 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM



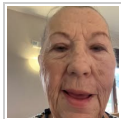
“ *Geraldine M. Prather*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



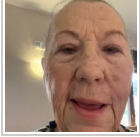
“ *Condolences to Karen, my mother knew yours well and she often talked about her giving you piano lessons when you were younger. My aunt Vinnetta Henning jogged my memory of this after having noticed Mrs. Prather's passing in the Hub. Take care.*

Julie (Clausen) Robertson - November 21, 2013 at 11:54 PM



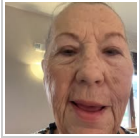
I remember that very well. I have been collecting piano books again and have the piano in my basement. Going to practice in my retirement! Ha!

Karen Brown - November 24, 2013 at 09:43 PM



“ *Karen Kay Prather brown was added to the Family Tree.*

Karen Brown - November 21, 2013 at 10:22 PM



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Karen Brown - November 21, 2013 at 10:20 PM

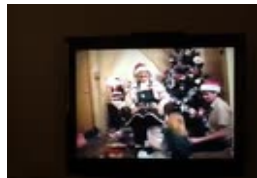


“ *I love you always and forever! I'll see you later Grandma!*
Brenda

Brenda McMurtrey - November 21, 2013 at 08:59 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Geeg - Christmas Day 1992*

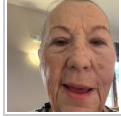


Christina - November 21, 2013 at 03:40 PM



I love this! Grandma enjoying the holidays!

Brenda McMurtrey - November 24, 2013 at 12:26 AM



Another great memory! Last year Larry dressed as Santa and Brad as an elf. Dawg had a Santa hat on, too. They knocked on her door and we laughed. Never thought we would see that

Karen Brown - November 24, 2013 at 09:41 PM

CH

“ *Love you, Grandma Geeg!*

Christina - November 21, 2013 at 11:41 AM

JC

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Jessica Chadwick - November 20, 2013 at 09:43 PM

BM

I love that laugh! Grandma always made us laugh!

Brenda McMurtrey - November 21, 2013 at 09:06 PM

KB

What great memories! Thanks for posting. That cart was very handy, but we never would have thought of it.

Karen Brown - November 21, 2013 at 10:02 PM

JC

“ 1 file added to the album Videos



Jessica Chadwick - November 20, 2013 at 09:35 PM