



## Irene V. Gilroy

June 10, 1940 - November 6, 2017

Kearney--Irene V Gilroy, 77, of Kearney, passed away 8:50 pm on 11/6/2017 at her home under hospice care in the loving presence of her family after a difficult battle with cancer.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 9:30 am Friday, November 10th at St. James Catholic Church. The Rev. Joseph Hannappel will officiate. Inurnment will follow at Kearney Cemetery. A visitation will be at the church 5:00 to 7:00 pm Thursday with at 7:00 pm Vigil/Prayer service at begin at 7:00 pm.

Condolences may be shared online at [www.osrfh.com](http://www.osrfh.com). Services entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home.

Mrs. Gilroy was born June 10, 1940 in Primrose, the daughter of Jacob and Adola Miller. She was the second youngest in a family of 9 children. She grew up on the family farm in Primrose and was a graduate of Primrose High. She received her teachers certificate from Wayne State College and then started her career as a teacher in a single room schoolhouse in Primrose. She eventually moved to Omaha but kept a long distance relationship with her soon to be husband.

She was united in Marriage to Paul M Gilroy of Spaulding on July 16th, 1966 and they have made Kearney their home ever since.

Irene raised 5 children and 5 grandkids. She and Paul ran Gilroy Construction in Kearney for 30 years. She was also the secretary at Glenwood School for 25 years. She has always been known for her passion for children, both her own as well as others, and especially for her love of her grandchildren. She was a long-standing member of St. James Catholic Church and has always been known to give more of herself than others and never ask of anything in return.

She was the foundation of the Gilroy family in Kearney and is survived by her husband of 51 years, Paul, and their 5 kids and 5 grandchildren: Brenda Karels, her husband David and son Connor of Littleton, CO. Beverly Gilroy of Kearney. Edward, his wife Amy and their children Grace and Jacob Paul of Valencia, CA. Jeffrey, his wife Megan and son Beckett of Parker, CO. John, his wife Audrey and daughter Sienna of Olathe, KS.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brothers Raymond and Edward, and her sister Margaret.

The family suggests in lieu of flowers that memorial contributions are sent to St Jude's Children's hospital and dedicated to Irene to recognize her love for children and her battle with cancer.

# Cemetery Details

## Kearney Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 9. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church  
3801 Avenue A  
Kearney, NE 68847

## Vigil / Prayer Service

NOV 9. 7:00 PM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church  
3801 Avenue A  
Kearney, NE 68847

## Mass of Christian Burial

NOV 10. 9:30 AM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church  
3801 Avenue A  
Kearney, NE 68847



# Tribute Wall



“ *Irene V. Gilroy*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Irene was a special friend to me when I taught at Glenwood Elementary many years ago. We reconnected on Facebook in recent years. I remember Irene as a hard worker, and a kind and strong woman. My deepest sympathy to her family.*

*Susan Braun*

**Susan Braun** - November 09, 2017 at 11:52 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Irene V. Gilroy.*



November 09, 2017 at 12:55 PM



“ *Dear Paul and Family  
Mary and I where sadden learn of the passing of Irene. We wish to offer our condolences and our prayers for Irene God bless  
John & Mary Sickler*

**John Sickler** - November 09, 2017 at 10:38 AM

VA

“ *Paul and family,  
We are so sorry to hear of Irene's passing.  
We have so many great memories of our time on Ave E as  
neighbors.  
God Bless you and your family!*

*Will & Virjean*

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**Virjean Ausdemore** - November 09, 2017 at 08:07 AM

RG

“ *Irene and Paul have been my friends for many years. We met at the  
Rockwell international plant in Kearney when I was going to college  
and working there. Irene and Paul were such wonderful friends. In  
fact, Paul basically built the home I lived in while living there. He  
was the brains behind the construction of a really nice home. Many  
years have passed since then.*

*We were fortunate to meet with Paul and Irene for a visit in Tyler,  
Texas a few months ago. They had visited their son in Tyler, and we  
enjoyed sharing memories of some good times and family updates.*

*We shall all miss her, and cherish the memories and friendship we  
loved so many years ago.*

*Love you like a brother, Paul.*

*Dick and Ann Grube*

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**Richard grube** - November 08, 2017 at 01:56 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Irene V. Gilroy.*



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November 08, 2017 at 11:30 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Irene V. Gilroy.*



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November 08, 2017 at 10:39 AM



“ *Paul and family,  
So sorry to hear of Irene's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.  
Coleen Towery*

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**Coleen Wise Towery** - November 08, 2017 at 04:47 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Irene V. Gilroy.*



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November 07, 2017 at 11:28 PM

SH

“ So sorry to hear my cousin Irene passed away. I will always remember her wonderful laugh! She was always with Beverly when she came to Omaha, what a loving mother! My heart goes out to all her family. Sue Harkness

Sue Harkness - November 07, 2017 at 08:49 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Irene V. Gilroy.



November 07, 2017 at 06:31 PM

JK

“ I am so sorry to see this. Last time I talked to Irene she said she was doing 'just fine'. I should have known she would respond cheerfully no matter what was really happening. I am so sorry I will not be at her services. I am on my way to a grandsons in Florida. I have many happy memories of get togethers when we both lived in town.  
Jo Ann Koertner

Jo Ann Koertner - November 07, 2017 at 04:48 PM



“ Irene, beautiful mother and grandmother, and a positive woman, so kind, and always smiling. Your spirit always shining. All my love to you family. May you rest in peace. <3

~The Valois Family

Daniele Shannon - November 07, 2017 at 04:29 PM