



Irene Newman

July 7, 1934 - March 14, 2021

Irene Newman, 86 of Kearney passed away Sunday, March 14, 2021 at Mt. Carmel Home in Kearney, NE. Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Friday, March 19, 2021 at Kearney First United Methodist Church with Pastor Melody Adams officiating. Interment will follow at Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Thursday at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney and one hour prior to the service at the church.

Irene was born July 7, 1934 in Kearney, Nebraska to Vern and Helen (Zeilinger) Dorothy. She was raised in Kearney and was a graduate of Kearney Longfellow High School. On July 26, 1953, Irene was united in marriage to Harold L. Newman at the Kearney First United Methodist Church. Irene enjoyed raising her family and was active in 4-H, Cub Scouts and PTA while the children were young. She later worked at the Buffalo County Veteran's Service office for 30 years, retiring in 2004.

Left to cherish her memory are her children, Reva Vandevoorde of Wahoo, Danny (Nancy) Newman of Surprise, AZ, Deanna (Robert) Abbott of Grand Island, Rhonda (Kirk) Ahrens of Summer Have Lake, Donna Newman of Highlands Ranch, CO and Richard (Jenna) Newman of Lee's Summit, MO; 15 grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren; as well as many nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

Irene was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Harold Newman; brother, Ray (Betty) Dorothy; and her sister, Alice (Bob) Cruise; and her son-in-law, Phil Vandevoorde.

Memorials are suggested to Kearney First United Methodist Church. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 18. 5:00 PM - 7:00 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

MAR 19. 2:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
4500 Linden Drive
Kearney, NE 68847

Tribute Wall



“ *Irene Newman*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



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



March 18, 2021 at 06:14 PM



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



March 18, 2021 at 05:23 PM



“ *Garden Accent - A heart of gold stopped beatin g... was purchased for the family of Irene Newman.*



March 18, 2021 at 03:39 PM

JW

“ Dear Family - I was so sorry to hear of Irene's passing. I can remember MANY a nights and days I spent in the Newman household many years ago (we won't so how many). It was great time in my life. I hope each of you remember your Mom in your own special way. For me, she treated me just like one of you. Memories never fade. God bless you all! Love, Joni Weed

Joni Weed - March 18, 2021 at 03:10 PM

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“ Newman family,

I had the opportunity to work with Irene when I worked at the Courthouse. When I would need help with my VA clients so was always more than willing to assist the family and myself and did it with a smile. May wonderful memories help you through.
Tammey Frick, Kearney



tammey frick - March 18, 2021 at 01:27 PM

SS

“ Sheila Steele lit a candle in memory of Irene Newman



Sheila Steele - March 18, 2021 at 01:12 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Irene Newman.



March 17, 2021 at 06:44 PM



“ *Serene Retreat* was purchased for the family of Irene Newman.



March 17, 2021 at 06:40 PM



“ *Serene Retreat* was purchased for the family of Irene Newman.



March 17, 2021 at 01:24 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Irene Newman.



March 17, 2021 at 12:28 PM

PP

“ Irene was a thoughtful, slow to judge type of person . She loved her family and extended family well. She will be missed by many. May she rest in peace.

Pat Pennington - March 17, 2021 at 10:56 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Irene Newman.



March 17, 2021 at 10:15 AM

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“ April Nielsen lit a candle in memory of Irene Newman



April Nielsen - March 16, 2021 at 09:18 PM



“ Alisha Abbott lit a candle in memory of Irene Newman



Alisha Abbott - March 16, 2021 at 02:21 PM

William
Williams

“ Iren worked in the Buffalo County, Veterans Service Office from 1978 to 2004. She was a wonderful lady, and loved by all that she served and by all of the employees and staff here in the courthouse.. It was a pleasure and an honor to work with her, and we will all miss her! May you rest in peace! - Bill Williams



William Williams - March 16, 2021 at 01:24 PM

DA

“ De Abbott lit a candle in memory of Irene Newman



De Abbott - March 16, 2021 at 11:58 AM