



Jayne E. Peters

August 9, 1923 - August 13, 2019

Jayne E. Peters, 96, of Kearney passed away Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at the Burwell Community Memorial Health Center in Burwell, NE. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Monday, August 19, 2019 at Kearney First United Methodist Church. The Rev. Kayla Mangrich will officiate. Interment will follow at Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorials are suggested to the 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.

Jayne Eileen (Anderson) Peters was born in Homestead, Pennsylvania, a suburb of Pittsburgh, on August 9, 1923. Upon graduation from high school, she became a secretary at the U. S. Steel Homestead steel mill where she worked during World War II. She married William C. Peters, a shiny-new Second Lieutenant shortly before he went to Europe for the D-Day invasion. After the end of the war, she was reunited with her husband and began her life as the spouse of a career military officer. Jayne lived in New York, Saint Louis, Okinawa, Seattle, and Germany until her husband retired from military service and they moved their family to Omaha and shortly thereafter, to Lincoln. Always supportive of her husband, while he was completing his Doctorate in Business at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, she worked for the Lincoln gas company as well as putting her two children, William C. Jr. and Carol through the last years of high school and college.

Jayne and her husband moved to Scottsbluff while her husband taught at Hiram Scott College and then moved once again back to Lincoln and then to Grand Island. Not long thereafter, Jayne and her husband moved to Kearney when Bill took a post as professor of business at Kearney State College before it became the University of Nebraska-Kearney. She once again worked outside the home becoming a docent at the Museum of Nebraska Art, and for a number of years a volunteer at the Good Samaritan Hospital gift shop. She always spoke proudly of her volunteer activities and enjoyed assisting the public.

She and her husband faithfully drove to Lincoln on football Saturdays to cheer for the Huskers as true Nebraskans do. Jayne was a Nebraskan by choice. For years she kept in contact with the many friends she made during the many places she lived.

Left to cherish her memory are her son and his wife, William C. Peters, Jr. and Gretchen Peters of Gering, Nebraska; daughter, Carol Friend of Kearney; grandchildren, Nicole Friend of Kearney; Timothy Friend and wife, Crystal Friend and great grandchildren, Casey, Lucas and Claire all of Overland Park, Kansas.

Jayne was preceded in death by her parents, husband, William C. Peters; one sister and an infant brother.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 19. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
4500 Linden Drive
Kearney, NE 68847

Funeral Service

AUG 19. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Jayne E. Peters*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jayne E. Peters.*



August 16, 2019 at 11:24 AM



“ *Jayne was my neighbor at 1773 Estates for 15 years. My girls loved to trick or treat at her house because she gave out big candy bars. She was so kind and sweet. My deepest sympathy to her family.*

Lori O'Brien - August 16, 2019 at 09:37 AM