



Jenny L. Holen

July 6, 1950 - January 20, 2018

Jenny L. Holen, 67, of Kearney, died Saturday, January 20, 2018 at Kearney Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 am Friday, January 26, 2018 at Spirit Of Life Church in Kearney. Pastor Jonathan Lumbard will officiate. Interment will be in the Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5-7 pm Thursday at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home.

Memorials are suggested to the Jenny Holen Scholarship Fund which will be established at a future date. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com.

Jenny Lee Yen was born on July 6, 1950 in Washington, DC to Quinton and Kim Yen. She grew up and received her education in Washington, DC and Silver Springs, MD. She graduated from high school in Wheaton, MD in 1968. She then graduated from Montgomery Jr. College in Bethesda, MD in 1970. While attending Montgomery Jr. College she was a Pom Pom girl. As a Pom Pom girl she performed for the Washington Redskins and in the Apple Blossom Parade.

She was united in marriage to Dennis Shultz on April 11, 1970. Four children blessed this marriage; Julie, Kathleen, Jeff and Danielle. In 1983 Jenny began

working for Kearney State College and later the Multicultural Affairs Department at the University of Nebraska of Kearney.

On July 1, 1996 she was united in marriage to Randall Holen at the Sandals Montego Bay Resort in Jamaica. They made their home in Kearney where she continued to work for UNK until her death.

Jenny was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She enjoyed playing tennis, fishing, playing games with her grandchildren, bargain shopping and traveling on cruises with her husband, Randy. She was an avid photographer and never missed an opportunity to capture a memory with her camera. She also collected knick knacks that she kept ready for all her grandchildren when they came to visit. Her friends and family always looked forward to her cooking, especially her corn beef and cabbage, egg rolls, stir fry and homemade mac and cheese. Recently Jenny found peace and comfort watching the squirrels and cardinals in her backyard.

She is survived by her loving husband, Randy Holen of Kearney; her children, Julie Walker and husband Bryan of Spearfish, SD, Kathleen Roeder and husband Jason of Kearney, Jeff Shultz and wife Andrea of Omaha, Danielle Shultz and Mohammed Husain of Omaha, Todd Holen of Lincoln, Mandy Ossenkop of Waverly, Brandi Frenzel and husband Scott of Lincoln, Heidi Johnson and husband Shawn of Livingston, MT; 14 grandchildren; her mother, Kim Yen of Jacksonville, North Carolina; two sisters, Dena Fox and husband Hampton of Hewitt, Texas and Lita Lavoie and husband Larry of Baton Rouge, LA; and a brother, Steve Yen of Bethesda, MD.

Jenny was preceded in death by her father, Quinton Yen.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **25**. 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

JAN **26**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Spirit of Life Church
3148 Dove Hill Road
Kearney, NE 68845

Tribute Wall



“ *Jenny L. Holen*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Randy: We were saddened by the news of Jenny's recent death. So glad to have had the privilege to meet her at the Holen picnic. She led an outstanding life which contributed quality to all those who knew her. Our sympathies go out to you and your family. May many wonderful memories and the presence of Christ comfort and strengthen you as you mourn for Jenny. Sincerely, Steve and Mary (Holen) Hamilton*

Mary and Steve Hamilton - January 29, 2018 at 03:10 PM



“ *I am so sorry that I just learned of Jenny's passing. I worked with her in her various roles on the University of Nebraska - Kearney campus. She was always helpful and pleasant, and the information she provided was always correct. For a time, a group of us exchanged names and were Secret Santas during the Christmas season. She was my Secret Santa one year, and she made it so much fun. And she was successful in eluding detection. She will be missed!*

--Glennis Nagel

Glennis Nagel - January 26, 2018 at 03:05 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jenny L. Holen.*



January 25, 2018 at 10:51 AM



“ *Kevin, Beth, & Asa and Josh, Erin, Karly, & Kenna purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jenny L. Holen.*



Kevin, Beth, & Asa and Josh, Erin, Karly, & Kenna - January 24, 2018 at 10:26 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Jenny L. Holen.*



January 24, 2018 at 07:33 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to all the family. She was always so pleasant to work with. I remember her sharing pictures from her "island wedding" and how happy she was. She was one special lady and I know she will remain so in your hearts as well.*

*Gloria Geiselman
past UNK employee*

Gloria Geiselman - January 24, 2018 at 05:18 PM

CT

“ It was so much fun working with and getting to know Jenny at UNK. She was such a beautiful soul. Always worrying about the other guy. I was so shocked and saddened to hear of her passing and send my condolences to Randy and the rest of the family. As we get caught up in our own lives, we tend to lose contact with dear friends. Jenny truly was a dear, dear friend. Rest in Peace "little" Jenny. God Bless from the "Taylors" -- Larry, Cindy, Shae and Colton.



Cindy Taylor - January 24, 2018 at 05:17 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Jenny L. Holen.



January 24, 2018 at 10:16 AM

PH

“ Jenny was one of those special people that did not meet a stranger. At our first meeting, she greeted me warmly by taking my hand, smiling brightly and telling me she was happy that I was there. She was always willing to help me out and we had great fun sharing and working together. She was a wonderful women and had a profound effect on my life in Kearney. Rest well, my Queen.

Phyllis Harris - January 23, 2018 at 07:23 PM

JC

Sympathy and prayers to Jenny's family Gods blessings on you all love you Aunt Judi

judi clark - January 25, 2018 at 08:58 PM

WT

“ With our sympathy your friends at TransWood purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Jenny L. Holen.



With our sympathy your friends at TransWood - January 23, 2018 at 12:55 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jenny L. Holen.



January 23, 2018 at 09:57 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jenny L. Holen.



January 23, 2018 at 08:33 AM

GR

“ I remember when I met Jenny; we had kids the same age, we were both single moms and we spent time together with our kids doing crafts and playing tennis, or going for walks. My girls and I have many memories of this wonderful lady. Jenny will truly be missed.

Gayle Rawlings - January 22, 2018 at 11:42 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jenny L. Holen.



January 22, 2018 at 09:39 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jenny L. Holen.



January 22, 2018 at 08:08 PM



“ Tom & Marlene Hansen lit a candle in memory of Jenny L. Holen



Tom & Marlene Hansen - January 22, 2018 at 07:23 PM



“ Dan Junkin, Christie & Matt purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Jenny L. Holen.



Dan Junkin, Christie & Matt - January 22, 2018 at 05:34 PM

PB

“ *Jenny was a classmate at Wheaton High. I remember her as being sweet and kind to everyone. I am so sorry to hear of her passing. Peggy Shilling Burgess*



Peggy Shilling Burgess - January 22, 2018 at 03:59 PM

MA

“ *Our thought and prayers are with you, Randy, and your family. May you treasure your memories. Mary Hock and Dave Dahlgren*

Mary - January 22, 2018 at 03:20 PM



“ Dear Family,

Jenny was a great addition to the Holen clan and always enjoyed seeing her smiling face. She was ever ready with a camera for pictures, but had a heck of time getting to see them! LOL!

She was one of the best things to happen to Randy..we all agree. She brought order, stability and love to his life and he knew what a gem he had found...even if she did 'out-fish' him on a regular basis. I think she was dubbed "The Fish Whisperer"

Shortly after her initial diagnosis, I visited Jenny in Omaha. She was still in shock, scared and bewildered. We talked, at length, about the uncertainty of Life and I grabbed her foot and began to look it over. She asked what I was looking for. I told her...your expiration date. I don't see one. She smiled. With a bit of renewed fight, she prevailed on with determination and grit. She fought the good fight, as long as her body allowed.

No more dialysis, no more weakness, no more uncertainty; just peace for her and the many good memories and generous amounts of love left behind.

Thinking of you all.

Love,

Cousin Peg



Peggy Holen - January 22, 2018 at 02:28 PM