



## Jodene K. Caruthers

April 15, 1955 - July 3, 2020

Jodene Caruthers, 65 of Kearney passed away Friday, July 3, 2020 at CHI Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney. Memorial services will be 2:00 p.m. Thursday, July 9, 2020 at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney with Pastor Dean Pofahl officiating. Interment will follow at Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are suggested to the Salvation Army. Condolences may be shared online at [www.osrfh.com](http://www.osrfh.com). Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Jodene was born April 15, 1955 in Columbus, Nebraska to Raymond and Pearl (Hilmer) Waldman. She attended District 11 Country School and Columbus Lakeview High School, graduating with the class of 1973. On June 4, 1977, Jodene was united in marriage to David E. Caruthers. To this union one child was blessed; Daniel. The family made their home in Kearney and later in Gibbon. Jodene later graduated from the University of Nebraska Kearney with a degree in Computer Sciences. Most recently, she was employed as a computer programmer for the Buckle in Kearney.

Jodene always was willing to help and was a longtime volunteer for the friends of the library, the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army. She enjoyed traveling and spending time with her family.

Left to cherish her memory are her son, Daniel Caruthers of Kearney; brother, Clarence (Cynthia) Waldman of Lincoln; sister-in-law, Carolyn Caruthers of Des Moines, IA; as well as nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

Jodene was preceded in death by her parents; and her husband.

# Cemetery Details

## Kearney Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 8. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Memorial Service

JUL 9. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Jodene K. Caruthers*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jodene K. Caruthers.*



July 09, 2020 at 12:25 PM



“ *My condolences to Jody's family. I am so saddened to hear of her passing. May God grant her peace and heavenly joy. I met Jody at District 11. Such a memorable place. She and I became best friends. Our farms were close together and our families shared lots of laughs in those early days. The Sunday neighborhood softball or basketball games were great. I'm surprised one of us didn't fly out of the hayloft! HS was never dull with Jody around- Bright, funny and caring. She and I learned to drive in the old gray car- in the pasture- with the Bulls eye on the hood. I think we painted that. Ray just laughed. She also taught Ron how to polka in the neighbor's yard the wk before our wedding. My life is richer with Jody. I will cherish the memories always. So sorry we can't attend the service.*  
*Jeanne (Liebig) Koliha*

**Jean M Koliha** - July 09, 2020 at 10:53 AM

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“ My sincere sympathy to Jodene’s family. I knew Jodene and her brother, Clarence, when they went to District 11 school in Nebraska, where I was their teacher for a few years. They would remember me as Mrs. Ditter. Jodene was always so pleasant and so eager to learn, yet she still took time to show kindness to other students who asked for and received a bit of her help. Rest In Peace, Jodene!  
Velma Shipley

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**Velma Shipley** - July 07, 2020 at 11:34 PM

JY

*I spent summers at Jodene and Clarence's home with their parents, who were my aunt and uncle. We had many good times as children together. I tried to stay in touch with Jodene. I will greatly miss her.*

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**Janice Staub Yehnert** - July 09, 2020 at 01:20 AM

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*I'm sure her family members will miss her also.*

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**Janice Staub Yehnert** - July 09, 2020 at 01:22 AM

DS

“ Our sympathy on your mother's passing. We were old farm neighbors and I went to country school Dist. 11 with Jody and Clarence back in the day and always considered them friends, even though we lost touch. May your fond memories carry you through.

*David and Deb(Loseke) Svoboda*

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**Deb Svoboda** - July 07, 2020 at 10:26 AM