



## Joy L. Slaughter

March 1, 1950 - September 5, 2024

Joyce “Joy” Slaughter 74 of Kearney passed away Thursday, September 5, 2024 at her home surrounded by family. Memorial services will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday, September 12, 2024 at First Baptist Church in Kearney with Pastor Sean Dougherty officiating. The service will also be live streamed through the church website at <https://kearneyfb.org/watch/>. Inurnment will be at a later date. The family will receive friends 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at the O’Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney.

Memorials are suggested to ARC of Buffalo County, First Baptist Church or Nebraska Children’s Home or to Al-anon. 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.

Joyce Slaughter was born in Ogallala Nebraska to Laretta and Ollie Valentine on March 1, 1950. Ever after to be known as Joy, she lived up to that name. Joy enjoyed life and deeply loved her family and friends and her Lord.

She recently lost her well fought battle with cancer at home surrounded by family. She is survived by her loving husband Dave of 55+ years and two sons, Jason Slaughter of Lincoln and Scott Slaughter in Omaha, two grandsons Tyler Birrenbach and Tristan Stricker-Slaughter. Their mothers

Stacey Stricker and Kerri Birrenbach have had a special place in her heart for many years.

Joy taught in many capacities for 38 years. She was enriched by the challenges of students with special mental and behavioral needs and later truly enjoyed sharing those experiences while teaching university classes before retiring in 2018. She taught Sunday School in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades for 18 years and attended summer camp with them for 13 years.

Joy was active in ARC serving on the board to plan activities for the local groups and at the state level developing policies regarding adults with Developmental Disabilities.

Dave and Joy enjoyed traveling, having fun day tripping in Nebraska and planning cruises every five years to celebrate key anniversaries. Their time together as Best Friends was full of rich experiences. She also enjoyed 'treasure hunting' trips with two very good friends and was constantly supported by her friendships with her watercolor painting group, reading club and Bible studies and a very special Prayer Partner of 7 years.

Dave and Joy always had special dog friends in their home and her dogs were always with her inside and out. Together, Dave and Joy planned and maintained beautiful outdoor spaces and were proud to earn a Yard of the Month award. They enjoyed having family and friends in their home frequently and her special delight was to be her youngest sister's guardian and have many special times together.

Joy is survived by her husband David Slaughter, mother Laretta Valentine, sisters Jackie Hays and Brother-in-Law David Hays, sister Jerri Valentine, sons Jason Slaughter, Scott Slaughter, grandsons Tyler Birrenbach, mother Kerri Berrinbach-Clark, Tristan Stricker-Slaughter, former daughter-in-law, Stacey Stricker, Sister-in-Law Julie Larsen, Brother-in-Law Tom Larsen,

Sister-in-Law Roberta Slaughter.

Joy was preceded in death by her loving father Ollie Valentine, older sister Linda Brott, brother-in-law Mark Slaughter.

# Previous Events

## Family receiving friends

SEP **11.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations  
4115 Ave N  
Kearney, NE 68847  
(308) 234-3500  
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<https://www.osrfh.com>

## Memorial Service

SEP **12.** 10:30 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
3610 6th Ave  
Kearney, NE 68845

# Tribute Wall



“ O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home created a Joy Slaughter Memorial Service in memory of Joy L. Slaughter



O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations - September 11, 2024 at 10:31 AM

JK

“ Joy Slaughter was my great-aunt, and I was so proud that she was. She was about God and Jesus. Her and I always thought that God and Jesus had a plan for s and they always did, and I know that she is looking down at me ad saying, "I am so proud to be a part of your family, and know that you are going to do great things in the future. I am so glad I knew you Aunt Joy. Thanks for peace and love on plant Earth. Me, Mom, Dad, Yaya, T, Jason and especially, your precious David. I love you and I will see you soon!!

Jonah Kolvek - May 05 at 09:43 PM

CB

“ She was a dear friend. We had many good times together at church in Omaha & Marriage Encounter. She truly brought joy to a room when she entered. Her smile was infectious. Dave, Scott & Jason we send our deepest sympathy & love to you all. We know this is a very difficult time for you all & our prayers are with you through this difficult time.

Norm & Chris Barnes

Chris & Norm Barnes - September 10, 2024 at 12:27 PM

YF

“ Your friends at Michael Foods/Henningsen purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Joy L. Slaughter.



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**Your friends at Michael Foods/Henningsen** - September 10, 2024 at 09:24 AM

YF

“ Your friends at Michael Foods/Henningsen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joy L. Slaughter.

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**Your friends at Michael Foods/Henningsen** - September 10, 2024 at 09:24 AM

MC

“ Mike and Bessie Giesler Kansas City purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Joy L. Slaughter.



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**Mike and Bessie Giesler Kansas City** - September 09, 2024 at 07:57 PM

MC

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**Mike and Bessie Giesler Kansas City** - September 09, 2024 at 07:57 PM

TF

“ *The Johnson Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Joy L. Slaughter.*



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**The Johnson Family** - September 09, 2024 at 03:53 PM

ST

“ *Joy was my very first camp counselor in 1994 at Twin Lakes Bible Camp. She exemplified Jesus in all she said and did that week, and I have fond memories of her from that week and over the next few years as she did camp trainings and I bumped into her from time to time. It has been 20 years since I last saw her, but I think of her often and am so grateful for her example at camp all those years ago. I now work in full-time camp ministry because of my first experience at camp-which was completely positive and I owe a lot of that experience to her.*

*Sarah Toth*

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**Sarah Toth** - September 07, 2024 at 01:49 PM

JK

“ *Joy Slaughter, You were the best I have ever met in my lifetime, you were always so kind to everyone around and with you. I love and I hope to see you later. ❤️👍*

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**Jonah Kolvek** - September 06, 2024 at 09:40 PM

DW

“ *Slaughter Men,*

*Take care of yourselves and each other. Tell stories and laugh. Tell everyone who will listen about Joy's deeds and spirit. After a little less than two years, I feel closest to my dad when I tell the world about him and continue to spread his love. Keep sharing the love she gave you all. Joy loved to laugh, have a good time, help others, and spread love. Not a more fitting name for a woman.*

*My thoughts are with you as you navigate this next chapter in life.*

*Denise (Osborn) Wegener*

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**Denise Wegener** - September 06, 2024 at 06:17 PM