



Joyce E. Larsen

March 20, 1950 - November 26, 2020

Joyce Larsen, 70
Kearney resident

Joyce Larsen, 70, of Kearney passed away peacefully on Thursday, November 26, 2020 at her home surrounded by family.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday, December 17, 2020 at First Baptist Church in Kearney with Pastor Sean Dougherty officiating.

Memorials are suggested to First Baptist Church care of O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home.

Joyce Elaine was born at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney to James P. and Ruth M. (Griffin) Dobberstein on March 20, 1950. She graduated from Kearney High School and attended Kearney State College. She married Gary D. Larsen on September 27, 1969.

Joyce was a woman of strong faith and a devoted member of First Baptist Church where she was involved in multiple church boards and committees.

She was also a member of many school organizations, including serving as PTO president and Take Down Club. She enjoyed attending every one of her children's sporting events. She took great pride in being a "Wrestling Mom".

Left to cherish her memory are her husband, Gary Larsen of Kearney; sons, Tim Larsen and his wife, Bev and their children, Jacob, Emily, and Matthew of Kearney, Tom Larsen of Lincoln, and Ben and his wife, Brandice and their son, Alexander of Visalia, CA; sisters, Sheri (Bill) Boucher of Columbus, and Carol Boucher of Lincoln; sister-in-law, Lois (Richard) Fitch of O'Neill; along with several nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

Joyce was preceded in death by her parents, James and Ruth Dobberstein; and brother-in-law, John Boucher.

The family wishes to extend their sincere thanks to the medical professionals and AseraCare Hospice for their passionate care.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 17. 10:30 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church
3610 6th Ave
Kearney, NE 68845

Tribute Wall



“ *Joyce E. Larsen*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Gary and sons, I enjoyed your mom and would see her from time to time. I most enjoyed seeing her at wrestling meets when Tom and Chad wrestled at Kearney high school. You all take good care. Maybe you and Chad can meet up sometime. With Love, Pat Jorgensen (Chad's mother) and Chad Moore.*

Pat Jorgensen - December 07, 2020 at 09:56 AM



“ *Gary and boys,
I was so sorry to hear that Joyce has passed away. I remember how Joyce and you made Gary and I feel so welcome when we first moved to Kearney all those years ago. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.
Rosie Zehr Goldberg*

rosalie goldberg - December 03, 2020 at 12:07 PM

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“ Dear Gary and family, Tom and I were so very sad to see that Joyce has passed away. I'm not sure if you remember that Joyce and I started our chemo therapy at the same time in 2010. I remember that we were both very, very scared of what our future would be and as the weeks passed we would see one another occasionally and share a knowing smile, both of us feeling quite sick and not up to extended conversations. As I have been thinking about Joyce during the last couple of days, several memories have come back to me. Gary, do you remember that we took our pre-marital counselling together from Fr. Miles. Both you and Tom were home on leave to get married so neither couple could participate in counselling until the week we were both to be married. You two were married on Saturday and we were married on Sunday, a long, long time ago. I also remember when you two decided to leave St. Luke's and go to the Baptist church. That must have been a very difficult decision, but you always put the needs of your boys first. Very admirable.

Of course, Tom and I send our prayers for peace in your hearts. And, of course, you are in our prayers. Rest in those sweet memories today and always.

In His peace,

Jan and Tom Paxson

Jan Paxson - December 02, 2020 at 02:24 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Joyce E. Larsen.



December 01, 2020 at 04:54 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Joyce E. Larsen.*



November 30, 2020 at 11:12 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joyce E. Larsen.*



November 28, 2020 at 11:38 AM