



## Joyce R. Vagts

September 16, 1945 - April 9, 2015

Joyce Vagts, 69  
Kearney resident

Joyce R. Vagts, 69, of Kearney, died Thursday, April 09, 2015 at CHI Health Good Samaritan Hospital. A memorial service will be held 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 14, 2015, at the Spirit of Life Church, 3148 Dove Hill Ave, Kearney, NE 68845. The Rev. Greg Mast will officiate. Interment will be held at a later date. Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation. Condolences may be shared online at [www.osrfh.com](http://www.osrfh.com). O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Joyce was born on September 16th 1945 in Toole Utah to Albert and Eunice Sieck. She grew up in Denton, Nebraska and received her education at University High in Lincoln, Nebraska. Joyce was united in marriage to Art Vagts on October 26th 1963 in Pleasant Dale Nebraska. They raised their family on the home place outside of Pleasant Dale until 1985 when they moved to Kearney, where they have resided to this day. Art and Joyce attended Spirit of Life Church.

Survivors include her husband Art Vagts; sons, Dean and Becky Vagts of Celina, TX, and Andrew and Misty Vagts of Axtell, NE; daughters, Brenda and Doug Kremer of Kearney Nebraska, and Linda Mousel of Central City; Joyce has 19 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren with more on the way; brother, Fred Sieck of Kearney; sisters, Kathy Schweer of Iowa City IA, Sandy

D'Agostino of Chicago IL, Patty Cooley of Lemoyne, NE, Rhonda Pypes of Iowa City, IA, and Mary Glaser of Crete, NE; aunts, Donna Sieck of Lincoln, NE, and Betty Rietfors of Denton, NE; In-laws, Ivan and LaVina Vagts of Denton, NE, Don and MaryAnn Shallenberg of Windsor, CO, and Leola Duffy of Superior, NE. She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Albert Sieck; sister, Irma Broders, and sister, Beverly VanVelson. The family would like to express their appreciation for all the love, prayers, and support shown to us through this difficult time.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

APR **14**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ Joyce R. Vagts

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ International House of Prayer Media Department purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Joyce R. Vagts.



International House of Prayer Media Department - April 13, 2015 at 03:18 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joyce R. Vagts.



April 12, 2015 at 08:40 PM



“ Dear Art and family,

*I am so sorry about the death of Joyce. Joyce was such a caring person. She was a loving day-care provider for one of my daughters years ago, and I always so enjoyed visiting with you and Joyce. You both ALWAYS had a smile and kind words. May God comfort you and help you through this difficult time with many fond memories.  
Sheryl Piening Keller, Milford, Nebraska*

Sheryl Piening Keller - April 11, 2015 at 01:08 PM

KS

“ My earliest memories of Joyce include trying to comb her beautiful strawberry blonde curls without making her cry, her hugs when I took off her ankle braces, and her smile when we came home from school. Throughout the years, her smiles and hugs made our family events complete. We could always count on Joyce for love, encouragement, non-judgemental listening and understanding. Her family was the center of her life, and we were all blessed to have her in our lives. I will always be thankful that Joyce was my sister.

Kathryn SCHWEER - April 10, 2015 at 01:49 PM

YW

“ Your Texas Family- Kevin, Susan & Dakota Wright purchased the Basket of Joy for the family of Joyce R. Vagts.



Your Texas Family- Kevin, Susan & Dakota Wright - April 10, 2015 at 11:35 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joyce R. Vagts.



April 10, 2015 at 09:23 AM

CA

“ *Carla sent a virtual gift in memory of Joyce R. Vagts*



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**Carla** - April 10, 2015 at 08:34 AM

DH

“ *Prayers are coming your way from Ste. Genevieve. May Our Heavenly Father wrap his arms around each of you. May he comfort all of you one day at a time. I know she will smile the biggest smile as she sees her legacy live on in each of you. God Bless all of you!!!*

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**Debbie Harbin** - April 09, 2015 at 10:41 PM

DH

“ *Debbie Harbin lit a candle in memory of Joyce R. Vagts*



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**Debbie Harbin** - April 09, 2015 at 10:34 PM



“ We will miss Joyce. A couple small encounters I remember --- Boogaarts --- the Kremers had made a batch of chili, but no one had "thought cinnamon rolls were necessary." She went to Boogaarts and picked up cinnamon rolls - because that was the finishing touch whether anyone else wanted them or not!



Another memory my husband & I have is when we sat with Joyce & Art during a family & friends meal after church. We were all talking about "our kids" in the night watch at the house of prayer. In the middle of the chat, Joyce blurted, "Why can't we have that here?" My husband & I didn't know how to answer --- we sort of felt "responsible," but not quite sure what to say!

But out of everything --- we remember her strength coming through time and again in the last few months when the battle raged against her - tackling only the dusty flesh she wore in this physical life. Everything about who Joyce is in Jesus showed through time and again for us. That is so filled with hope, and will stay with us here. And it is that blessed hope which has increased upon us through our time with Joyce and --- we will rejoice again when we are all gathered together unto Him, never to part. She's cheering us on. Thank You Lord for Your beautiful testimony in Joyce.

We are praying for all the family here. Don't rush. Take time. The memories are worth everything in the days ahead.

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Cheryl Willis - April 09, 2015 at 10:15 PM