



Juanita M. Szafrajda

July 14, 1937 - June 15, 2023

Juanita M. Szafrajda, 85 of Gibbon passed away Thursday, June 15, 2023 at her home surrounded by family. A funeral mass will be held 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at St. James Catholic Church in Kearney with Father Richard Piontkowski officiating. Interment will follow at Riverside Cemetery in Gibbon. Visitation will be 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at the church.

Memorials are suggested to the Alzheimer's Association. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Juanita was born July 14, 1937 in Loup City, Nebraska to William and Myrtle (Rodgers) Schnase. She received her education from Loup City High School, graduating with the class of 1955. Later that year, Juanita was united in marriage to Leonard Szafrajda in Loup City, NE. The couple later moved to Gibbon where she was employed by Baldwin Filters for over 40 years. During this time, Juanita also sold Avon.

Juanita enjoyed gardening, playing BINGO, Polka dancing, and going on bus trips and long walks. She was a longtime member of St. James Catholic Church, Red Hats Society and the American Legion.

Left to cherish her memory are her children, Michael Szafrajda of Kearney, Karen Anderson of Kearney, Deborah (Jeff) Buck of Kearney and Lori VanOrsdall of Gibbon; 9 grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; 1 great great grandchild; sisters, Winona Piontkowski and Leona Kluna both of Grand Island; brother, Carl (Claire) Schnase of Reno, NV; as well as many nieces nephews and extended family and friends.

Juanita was preceded in death by her parents; husband; and her sons, Larry and infant Rodney.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

Wauneta, NE 69045

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **20**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church
3801 Avenue A
Kearney, NE 68847

Funeral Mass

JUN **21**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church
3801 Avenue A
Kearney, NE 68847

Tribute Wall



“ *Deepest Sympathy to the family. I enjoyed getting to know her. Bev Vacha*

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