



Karen E. Clark

June 17, 1945 - September 3, 2016

Karen Clark, 71
Kearney resident

Karen E. Clark, 71 of Kearney died Saturday, September 3, 2016 at her home. A Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday, September 10, 2016 at St. James Catholic Church with the Rev. Art Faesser celebrating. Interment will follow at the Prairie Center Cemetery at Haven's Chapel. Visitation will be 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Friday at the O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home with a vigil/prayer service beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Memorials are suggested to the St. James Catholic Church or to Kearney Tackles Cancer.

Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Karen was born June 17, 1945 in Kearney, NE to Lawrence and Violet (Theis) Richter. She was a 1963 graduate of Kearney High School. Karen would later earn her LPN degree. On August 12, 1967, Karen was united in marriage to Richard Clark in Kearney. She had unmatched compassion and enjoyed 28 years of employment at Richard Young Hospital.

In her spare time, she loved to sew, embroider and collect Coca Cola

memorabilia. Karen also enjoyed going on junk jaunts and spending time with her grandchildren.

Karen was a longtime member of St. James Catholic Church.

Survivors include her husband of 49 years Richard Clark; daughters Mary Peters and husband Billy and Molly Palmer and husband Wade; grandchildren Noah, Zechariah, Lily and Grace Peters, Wade Jr., and Abbygayle Palmer all of Kearney; brothers James D. Richter and wife Jean of Glenwood, IA, Jim Richter and wife Jeni of Kearney, Rick Richter and wife DeAnn of Ft. Collins, CO; sisters Patricia Reinhardt and husband Floyd of Centennial, CO and Sally Schulte of Sioux Falls, SD; brothers -in-law and sisters-in-law Eulah (Alex) Gangwish of Kearney, Evelyn (Steve) Jones of Kansas City, MO, Robert (Diana) Clark of Meansville, GA, Don (Mary) Clark of Thornton, CO and William (Terri) Clark of Kearney, as well as several nieces and nephews.

Karen was preceded in death by her parents; sister Linda Spellman; brother-in-law James Schulte; father in law and mother in law Earl Clark and Wanola (Bissell) Clark.

Cemetery Details

Prairie Center Cemetery at Haven's Chapel

31918 160th Road
Kearney, NE

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 9. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations
4115 Ave N
Kearney, NE 68847
(308) 234-3500
info@osrfh.com
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Vigil / Prayer Service

SEP 9. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

SEP **10**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Karen E. Clark*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Condolences to the Clark family. Our thoughts and prayers go out to your whole family. Psalms 147:3 says God, "heals the broken hearted, and binds up their wounds." May God bring you comfort and peace.*

Williams Family - September 19, 2016 at 10:24 AM



“ *I am so very sorry and heartbroken about Karen's passing. Karen, along with her sisters and brothers, were always our most-favorite cousins growing up. She was a warm, kind and wonderful person then and throughout her life. I wish I could be there in person to pay my final respects. My deepest condolences to Dick and the immediate and extended family members. -- Randy Blauvelt*

Randy Blauvelt - September 09, 2016 at 03:40 PM



“ *Dick*

Just received a note from Lois concerning the passing of Karen. I am so sorry for your loss and hope your faith and memories of days gone by will help you face the future.

Thinking of you

Gary Langford

Gary Langfordj - September 08, 2016 at 01:39 PM

JC

“ Karen was a wonderful person, always happy and full of fun!! I worked with her at Richard Young and she was a wonderful Nurse!! She will be greatly missed by her family and friends!!

Janeen Cox - September 07, 2016 at 09:11 PM

FF

“ From Mr. and Mrs. Eric Connot and family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Karen E. Clark.



From Mr. and Mrs. Eric Connot and family - September 07, 2016 at 08:54 PM

TI

“ I worked with Karen at Richard Young for many years. She often shared snippets about her family and her voice would be so full of pride and love. She really cared for people and it showed in her work, she always had a kind word and a smile for those that she crossed paths with. My condolences to the family. Tina Hosaka

tina - September 06, 2016 at 07:35 PM

RB

“ Randy and Heather Blauvelt purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Karen E. Clark.



Randy and Heather Blauvelt - September 05, 2016 at 06:25 PM



“ *Thoughts & Prayers was purchased for the family of Karen E. Clark.*



September 05, 2016 at 04:49 PM



“ *Karen was my best friend in high school. We used to "cruise Central" together. We experimented with being blondes together. We commiserated together when our husbands were in the service, rejoiced when we became mothers. I fully expected her to always be there, to talk with and catch up with news. She was a good woman and there are no words to express my sorrow. My deepest condolences to her family.*

Linda Snyder

Linda Snyder - September 05, 2016 at 02:19 PM



“ *It is so hard to believe we won't see Karen when we go back to Kearney. She sure loved her kids and grandkids. Wanted to be able to see them graduate and get married. She is so going to enjoy seeing Linda in heaven and Lawrence and Violet. She was so kind and thoughtful! I am so happy Tom R went back there and went on the junk jaunt with her! We are sad at her loss but were lucky to know her!*

DeAnn Rictor - September 05, 2016 at 10:11 AM

GM

“ I remember in 1959 or 60 Karen and I portrayed a Nebraska couple at Buffalo County Fair raising a only a batch of kids during the "Dry Years". We were driving a stripped down "41" Ford that I made with only the front end and the front seats.. We passed in front of the Grand Stand in a small parade. A picture was made but is lost now. Much fun was had...

G. McCan

Garold McCan - September 05, 2016 at 08:35 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Karen E. Clark.



September 04, 2016 at 09:28 PM

MS

“ Aunt Karen was my mom's sister and arguably her best friend. My mom passed away 24 years ago and Aunt Karen was like a second mother to me. Always happy to see me. Always there. Always happy to watch my family grow. Always supportive and excited for whatever I was doing. I know Karen is with my mom now. I know they are both with their parents and with Jesus. I will always cherish you aunt Karen. You are in my heart forever. Love your nephew, Mike Spellman.

Michael Spellman - September 04, 2016 at 09:02 PM

JR

Karen was my childhood neighbor, friend and classmate at Glenwood. Our parents were friends and I have wonderful memories of spending time with Karen and her family. When we were very young, we went to club with our moms and later there were school, church and 4H activities and sleepovers. Karen was fun loving and always so very kind. Those were qualities that she never lost. My sister Christine remembers Karen driving her home from school at the time our Aunt Evelyn was in the hospital with cancer. Karen was a nurse. Our mom was then able to remain at the hospital on the day her sister died.

Janet D Rowling - September 05, 2016 at 03:19 PM

JC

My deepest sympathy to Dick, Mary, Molly and the entire family. Growing up, Karen and Dick were our neighbors, northeast of Kearney. I'll remember Karen as a kind and caring lady. May you find peace in your precious memories.

Jodi Cook - September 07, 2016 at 06:16 PM

AW

We are so sorry for your loss. We are grateful for the love "grandma" Karen poured out onto so many kids, including ours. It was evident she was one "special" lady. Thanks "grandma" Karen for your love for the kiddos all these years.

Abbey Wroblewski - September 08, 2016 at 09:08 AM