



## Karen L. Nichols

July 20, 1961 - July 4, 2021

Karen L. Nichols, 59 of Elm Creek passed away Sunday, July 4, 2021 at Kearney Regional Medical Center. A Celebration of Life will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at the Elm Creek Community Center.

Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation. 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.

Karen was born July 20, 1961 in Madison, WI to Merlin and Ruth (Hodges) Cross. She received her education from Kearney High School, graduating with the class of 1979. On May 14, 1994, Karen was united in marriage to Mike Nichols in Miller, NE. The couple made their home near Elm Creek where she was a longtime employee of Morris Press. Karen later worked for Village Cleaners and most recently at the Central Nebraska Veterans Home.

Karen enjoyed classic cars, antiques and her pets. She loved to travel and spend time with her family.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband, Mike Nichols of Elm Creek; son, Cody Nichols of Elm Creek; sisters, Patty Freeman and husband, Lee of Kearney, Melissa Cross and husband, Chuck Patient of Kearney and Vickie Miller and husband, Mark of Raymore, MO; as well as many nieces, nephews

and extended family and friends.

Karen was preceded in death by her parents; and sister, Cindy Salpas.

# Previous Events

## **Celebration of Life**

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JUL **13**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM.

Elm Creek Community Center

# Tribute Wall



“ *Karen L. Nichols*

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January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Karen L. Nichols.*



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July 12, 2021 at 11:07 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Karen L. Nichols.*



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July 09, 2021 at 06:44 PM

DM

“ Remembrance:

*Dear Cody;*

*I have no words to express to you my sadness with the loss of your mother. The world is a lesser place without her. But I know she is with God and the Angels and even Heaven is improved by her presence there. I know, you too are sure of this and yet this knowledge can't diminish this loss and your grief.*

*With dividing respect*

*Dr. Douglas McCue Ph.D.*

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**Doug McCue** - July 08, 2021 at 06:19 AM

RJ

“ So very sorry to hear of Karen's passing.  
*Prayers to you Mike and your family.*

*With deepest sympathies.*

*Randy and Patty Johnson*



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**Randy and Patty Johnson** - July 05, 2021 at 07:12 PM

SK

*So sorry to hear about Karen's passing. I knew her from Morris Press and Village! I'm sure Cindy gave her that big smile and hug as she entered Heaven. Prayers to her family!*

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**Sheila Kennedy** - July 07, 2021 at 01:17 PM