



Karen Schutte

April 4, 1941 - June 14, 2022

Karen Schutte, 81 of Kearney passed away Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at CHI Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney. A Funeral Mass will be 10:30 a.m. Monday, June 20, 2022 at St. James Catholic Church in Kearney. Interment will follow at Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be held 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Sunday, June 19, 2022 at the church followed by a 6:00 p.m. Vigil/Prayers service.

Karen was born April 4, 1941 in Lawrence, Nebraska to Clarence and Lula (Peper) Ostdiek. She was raised near Lawrence, NE and received her education from Lawrence High School, graduating with the class of 1960. On October 27, 1962, Karen was united in marriage to Donald F. Schutte at the St. Stephen's Catholic Church in Lawrence, Nebraska. To this union five children were blessed.

In addition to being a homemaker, Karen was the owner and manager of Karen's Speed Wash. She enjoyed golf and softball league, coin collecting, crocheting, attending family reunions and camping with "The Pack." Karen was an avid supporter of the UNK Lopers, Kearney Catholic Stars, Sidney Raiders and the Nebraska Cornhuskers. She was a longtime member of St. James Catholic Church where she was active in numerous activities. Karen was also proud to be one of the founding members of Kearney Area Concerned Citizens.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband of nearly 60 years, Don Schutte of Kearney; children, Diane (Sam) Reinke of Kearney, Sandy (David) Hale of Omaha, Laura Schutte of Kearney, Tim Schutte of Lawrence, NE and Ami (Mike) Jaggars of Sidney, NE; grandchildren, Danielle (Pete) Longo, Jared (Shayne) Reinke, Bret Jaggars, Morgan Jaggars, Kyle Jaggars; sisters, Phyllis (Gary) Himmelberg of Cheyenne, WY and Mary Schutte of Lawrence, NE; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Howard (Dee) Schutte of Hastings, Ellen (Richard) Kistler of Kearney, Marilyn (Gene) Svoboda of DeWeese, NE, Karolyn Kitten of Hastings, Sharon Willmes of Roseland and Marie Cunningham of Palm Springs, CA; as well as many nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

Karen was preceded in death by her parents; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Alois and Helen Schutte; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Butch Schutte, Arthur Kitten, Ron Willmes, Marion (Jeanne) Schutte, Ray (Phyllis) Schutte, Paul (Willa) Schutte and Edwin Schutte.

Memorials are suggested to Kearney Catholic High School, St. James Catholic Church or to Kearney Area Concerned Citizens. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **19**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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

Vigil / Prayer Service

JUN **19**. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Kearney, NE 68847

Funeral Mass

JUN **20**. 10:30 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Karen Schutte*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Diane and Family: I just heard about your mom's passing. I am so sorry for your loss. I am praying for your family.
Love, Jane Carroll Falk*



Jane Carroll Falk - June 22, 2022 at 01:07 PM



“ *Don and family, I am so very sorry for your loss. I have really enjoyed getting to know Karen over my years in Kearney. My deepest sympathies to you all. Mandy and Adam Grazier, Ethan and Kenna*

Mandy Grazier - June 19, 2022 at 09:21 AM



“ *To: Diane & Sam Reinke ... My deepest Sympathy in the loss of your Mother & Mother-in-law, Karen ... Our parents have always been there for us and so hard to lose them..yet they are still by our side ... Many thoughts and prayers will be for you at this difficult time. Peace and Joy, Janet Haney*

Janet Haney - June 18, 2022 at 06:45 PM

JH

“ Danielle & Peter Longo and family... My deepest Sympathy with the death of your dear Grandmother.... I know how the Schutte family loved to be together enjoying every event they were able to be together ... The love and caring of close family members is one of God's greatest blessings.... Many thoughts and prayers will be for all of you. Peace and Love, Janet, Gram and GiGi.

Janet Haney - June 18, 2022 at 06:34 PM

VM

“ Don and family. Sorry to hear of your loss. Thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Had very good memories of when we would all get together on the farm. Also a big deal when your parents would let us go to Hastings and ride around.

Verla Haines Myers - June 17, 2022 at 09:26 PM

CW

“ Gary & Connie Welty



Connie welty - June 17, 2022 at 05:47 PM

DM

“ Don and family. Ray an I are thinking of you and saying prayers for you. What a great lady Karen was and we know you will miss her dearly

Donna McLaughlin - June 17, 2022 at 04:02 PM



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



June 17, 2022 at 02:34 AM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Karen Schutte.*



June 16, 2022 at 10:56 PM



“ *The Jagers Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Karen Schutte.*



The Jagers Family - June 16, 2022 at 08:57 AM



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



June 15, 2022 at 05:24 PM

TA

“ Karen's family,

Karen's commitment to her family and the organizations that were lucky enough to have her as a member have been blessed. The heavens have gained another star in Karen. My prayers and thoughts are with you all!

Tammey Elliott Frick



Tammey - June 15, 2022 at 01:28 PM