



## Karen Vogt

July 4, 1940 - March 9, 2017

Karen S. Vogt, 76, of Kearney, died Thursday, March 9, 2017 at her home.

Funeral services will be at 10:00 am Tuesday, March 14 at First Baptist Church. The Reverend Stan Murdoch will officiate. Interment will be in the Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6-8 pm Monday at First Baptist Church.

In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested to the Nebraska Children's Home, Habitat For Humanity, First Baptist Church Youth, First Baptist Church Building Fund, Ascera Care Hospice or the Make A Wish Foundation. O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home is serving the family. Condolences may be shared online at [www.osrfh.com](http://www.osrfh.com).

Karen Sue Smallcomb was born on July 4, 1940 in Chappell, Nebraska to Edward and Myrtle M. (Harris) Smallcomb. She was delivered by her Grandfather Dr. Oliver S. Harris. She attended grade school at Stone School and Whittier Elementary. In 1958 she graduated from Longfellow High School.

Karen was united in marriage to Bob G. Vogt on June 15, 1958 in Minden, Nebraska. Their daughter, Robbie Sue, was born on December 9, 1960. Their son, Neal Kent, was born on December 28, 1971 and was adopted on August 16, 1972. Their family was blessed and now complete.

She was a member of First Baptist Church. Karen deeply loved the Lord!

Karen is survived by her loving husband of 58 years, Bob Vogt of Kearney; a daughter, Robbie Samuelson and husband Doug of Kearney; a son, Neal Vogt and wife Stacey of Lincoln; a grandson, Jared Samuelson and wife Angela of Kearney; a granddaughter, Jordan Noel Samuelson of Kearney; two brothers, Dale Smallcomb and wife Beverly of Tempe, AZ and her twin, Kent Smallcomb and wife Jo of Kearney; a sister-in-law, Glenda Smallcomb of Ukiah, CA; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Nellie and Nelson Smallcomb and Oliver and Nellie Harris; her parents; and five brothers, Delwyn, Donald, David Dee, Oren and Darol.

# Cemetery Details

## Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I  
Kearney, NE 68847  
(308) 233-3244

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAR 13.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist  
1616 West 39th Street  
Kearney, NE 68845

## Funeral Service

**MAR 14.** 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist  
1616 West 39th Street  
Kearney, NE 68845

# Tribute Wall



“ *Karen Vogt*

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January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Sorry to hear of your mom's passing. She was always there with encouragement or a shoulder to cry on. My heart is full of memories of giggles and jokes! She helped me through those tough teen years. Her influence and support helped make me the believer and mom I am today!*

*I pray that you have felt God's peace and I rejoice that she is with Jesus!!!*

*Kaye (Shield) Meints*

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**Kaye meints** - March 14, 2017 at 05:42 PM

SM

“ *She will always be Grandma Karen! Karen kept close tabs on the students in FBC's youth group, and was infamous for sending cards with newspaper cutouts. It meant so much to me since I wasn't a Kearney kid, I knew that she was putting effort into watching for my events. Two of my other favorite memories were from mission trips with her. Karen required very little sleep, so I was so baffled when we would work outside all day and she would be hiding under her cot at 4a.m. with a flashlight reading or writing notes because she was ready to go for the day. Or when they called her up as part of the evening program and asked her to sing as low as she could...low enough that it created feedback for the sound system! Everyone (not from FBC) was totally caught by surprise. She will be dearly missed, but I am so grateful I was able to stop and visit this summer after our mission trip.*

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**Sadie Martin** - March 14, 2017 at 10:38 AM

LH

“ *The Nebraska Children's Home Society extends our deepest sympathy to the Vogt family at Karen's passing. We are very sorry for your loss. Larry Harre NCHS*

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**Larry L. Harre** - March 14, 2017 at 09:05 AM

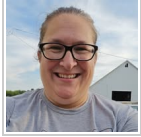
BJ

“ *Karen was such a special lady! She was such a fixture at the Buffalo County fair! She had such an eye in her pictures! She will be missed!*

*Brenda L. John  
522 S. 4th Ave.#102  
Hastings, Ne. 68901  
(402) 460-0156*

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**Brenda L. John** - March 13, 2017 at 08:54 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Karen's passing. Hugs to all.  
*Shawna Snider-Alexander*

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**Shawna Snider-Alexander** - March 13, 2017 at 08:10 PM

DA

“ I'm am so very sorry I could not be there with you. Stuart could not get a flight in and we planned to drive out together. My heart is with you , I loved Karen so much . My deepest sympathy

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**Donna Akeson** - March 13, 2017 at 08:00 PM

TO

“ I remember Karen from high school. She was a fine person who had a delightful sense of humor. The family is in my prayers.  
*Peace, Theresa Fox, OP*

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**Theresa fox, OP** - March 13, 2017 at 04:06 PM

HP

“ Hoegemeyer Hybrids & Ward Peterson purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Karen Vogt.



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**Hoegemeyer Hybrids & Ward Peterson** - March 13, 2017 at 01:04 PM

DA

“ Karen was very special to me, with twelve boy cousins it was nice to have a girl cousin my age to grow up with. Being the "girls" we did many dishes together at family dinners. Karen was tender hearted and devoted to her family, caring for her mother for many years. She was upbeat and had a unique personality which was cause for much laughter. The most important thing we shared was our love for Jesus. She's gone to meet him and as the old hymn goes. "I'll meet you in the morning". My deepest sympathy to your family. Donna Akeson

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**Donna Akeson** - March 13, 2017 at 09:50 AM

SO

“ To me Karen will always be Aunt Sue -----a force to be reckoned with ---they say dynamite comes in small packages!!!! She was so good to me & Sherri when times were rough.----- REST IN PEACE AUNT SUE ----I love you !!!!!!!

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**soni ortiz** - March 12, 2017 at 10:17 PM

SR

“ Heaven gained a wonderful Angel. Karen always had a smile and was ready to help anyone. My first memory of Karen is always on the lawn mower. She will live on in the many memories that I have, even the time she was trick or treating with the kids. May the grace of God bring you much comfort at this time. Thoughts and prayers to you all. Love ya. Sharon Rose and family

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**Sharon Rose** - March 12, 2017 at 02:24 PM

SF

“ *Soni & Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Karen Vogt.*



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**Soni & Family** - March 12, 2017 at 09:20 AM

EC

“ *Karen was always one who brighten your day with her smile or if you got a card in the mail from her! All the cards she sent me will be cherished forever, I'll miss getting cards in the mail from that address. But something she taught me was to always smile, never give up, keep singing, never forget Philippians 4:13, and how to be kind to any and everyone! She will be deeply missed by many! Something I'll always cherish is Summer of 2016, Karen got to hear me share my testimony at the fairgrounds and afterwards she was proud of me that I had the courage to go up and tell my story in front of many that I didnt know! Love you always, Karen! Hugs and Prayers Samuelson and Vogt family!*  
*Sincerely, Erica*

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**Erica Crouch** - March 11, 2017 at 09:10 PM

SC

“ *So sorry for the loss of dear Aunt "Sis!!!"*

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**Sandra Chamberlin** - March 11, 2017 at 06:39 PM

MS

“ Karen was very generous of heart, who treated everyone with respect and kindness. She always had a friendly smile and lovely laugh. Even though she must have been ill during the holiday season, she sent me a Christmas card without a word of her condition. I'm so sorry to hear of her passing.



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**Marilyn Schaeffer** - March 10, 2017 at 12:10 PM

DS

*Robbi, So sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. Our prayers are with your family.*

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**Dean and Yvonne Smith** - March 11, 2017 at 06:54 PM

DA

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**Donna Akeson** - March 13, 2017 at 09:36 AM

MW

*Robbi, Your mother will be missed by everyone that knew her - you couldn't know Karen without loving her. One day we will all be together with our Lord - what a glorious day that will be!*

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**Marci Walker** - March 13, 2017 at 10:50 PM