



## Kathryn S. Shield

February 6, 1936 - September 27, 2017

Kathryn S. Shield, 81, of Kearney, died Wednesday, September 27, 2017 at CHI Good Samaritan Hospital.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 am Monday, October 2, 2017 at First United Methodist Church. The Rev. Melody Adams will officiate. Interment will be in Prairie Home Cemetery in Holdrege, Nebraska. Visitation will be from 5-7 pm Sunday at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home.

Memorials are suggested to First United Methodist Church. Condolences may be shared online at [www.osrfh.com](http://www.osrfh.com).

Kathryn Sue Stark was born on February 6, 1936 in Harlan County, Nebraska to Walter J. and Elsie E. (Murphy) Stark. She grew up in Harlan County and graduated from Loomis High School in 1953. She earned her bachelor's degree from Kearney State College in 1987. Kathryn spent much of her teaching career in one room country schools. She retired from teaching in 2001, but continued to work part-time at Creative Teacher.

Kathryn was a member of First United Methodist Church, the National Education Association, the Nebraska State Education Association, the Overton Women's Society and the Teachers Association of Lexington. She also was a dedicated volunteer at Good Samaritan Hospital for many years.

Kathryn enjoyed reading, traveling, gardening, embroidery and quilting. Each of her grandchildren and great grandchildren received a special handmade quilt on their second birthdays. Her family and friends were always very special to Kathryn. She often volunteered to drive her friends to appointments and run errands. Kathryn was also an avid baseball fan, she especially loved the Kansas City Royals.

She is survived by her children, Kaye Meints and husband Kurt of Shelton and Jeffrey E. Shield and wife Debra of Lincoln; seven grandchildren, Keith (Cody) Meints of Kearney, Kylee (Nick) Rhamy of Shelton, Kelsie Meints of Lincoln, Benjamin Shield of Sioux Falls, SD, Stephen Shield of Lincoln, Hannah Shield of Lincoln and Bethany Shield of Lincoln; six great grandchildren, Jacob, Conner and Lucas Rhamy, and Kaitlyn, Ryker and Avari Meints; and two brothers, John W. Stark and wife Doris of Hastings and Jerrold L. Stark and wife Betty of Hays, KS.

Kathryn was preceded in death by her parents and a brother and sister-in-law, Darrel and Beverly Stark.

# Cemetery Details

## Prairie Home Cemetery

2515 18th Avenue  
Holdrege, NE

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 1. 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  
<https://www.osrfh.com>

## Funeral Service

OCT 2. 10:30 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church  
4500 Linden Drive  
Kearney, NE 68847

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kathryn S. Shield*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ ❤️ *My most recent memory is since she has passed. It's past time for this month's window decor. Kathryn's creativity with the front window has left Deb and me attempting to fill the space she looked forward to each month. This month ... it's taken we(e) two, and two weeks, to get a display, such as it is ... Kathryn would 'sleep on it', we'd toss around ideas throughout the month. I was the 'helper', she the brains. If someone crosses your mind, follow up. I miss her, every day I open the door. ❤️*

**Nancy Larson-Lenz** - October 21, 2017 at 01:33 PM



“ *'Mrs. Shield' was a wonderful teacher to our children at Dist. 3 in Lexington. So creative and taught our kids how to know when the spaghetti was fully cooked.....by throwing it on the fridge and if it stuck it was ready!! :) She cared about the students learning along with the welfare of those that may have been in need of a coat. She kept them busy by collecting paper towel & toilet paper rolls to make a log cabin. A joy to keep in touch through the years at Christmas. Heaven gained a caring teacher! Thank you for the teachings & memories. Brian & Carolyn Geschke - Students Clayton & Meredith*

**Carolyn Geschke** - October 01, 2017 at 11:10 AM

SD

“ I have many fond memories of Kathryn and family. My thoughts are with you all. Love,  
Shelley Downing



Shelley Downing - October 01, 2017 at 09:11 AM

RF

“ Kathryn was such a blessing in my life and to all who knew her. I will miss her friendship, big heart, humor and our time we had together every week. Prayers to her family. She loved you all very much. You were all the light of her life. Rest In Peace sweet Kathryn. You will be missed by many . I will miss you and cherish the times and memories we had.

Reve' Fries - September 30, 2017 at 12:34 PM

CE

“ Connie Einspahr lit a candle in memory of Kathryn S. Shield



Connie Einspahr - September 29, 2017 at 11:19 PM

CE

Kathryn was my husbands cousin. She was always a special person to us. Her laughter, hospitality, good cooking and fun always made visits with her special. I will miss her.

Connie Einspahr - September 29, 2017 at 11:21 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathryn S. Shield.*



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September 29, 2017 at 10:41 PM



“ *Benjamin, Stephen, Hannah, and Bethany purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Kathryn S. Shield.*



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**Benjamin, Stephen, Hannah, and Bethany** - September 29, 2017 at 05:26 PM



“ *My prayers are with Kathryn's family. She was a unique lady, stubborn at times. Everyone loved her, I will miss her more than words can say.*  
*Sharon Vlcek*



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**Sharon Vlcek** - September 28, 2017 at 06:22 PM



“ *Nancy Larson-Lenz lit a candle in memory of Kathryn S. Shield*



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**Nancy Larson-Lenz** - September 28, 2017 at 05:20 PM

SP

*I do not know how to do this techie stuff...but I'm going to give it a shot! I just loved Kathryn....always called her my Christmas Angel cuz she was so helpful and kind to me. I was a teacher struggling to make it in a new school....totally different than what I had spent my career in. I won't bore you with details....just suffice to say she knew what I needed and then she met me at my school over the break .... Just so helpful and encouraging....she didn't know me from Adam, but gave up her own time to help me! I appreciated and just loved her! Loved to see her at the hospital...always smiling and friendly! My thoughts and prayers are with your family.*

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**Sherry purvis** - October 02, 2017 at 01:06 PM

BS

*“ I am sorry for your loss. I remember Kathryn as life loving, laughing person. I never spent much time with her, but when I did it was joyful. May God bless you with great memories during your bereavement period and beyond. God's peace to you all in accordance with John 14:27. Bob Stark*

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**Bob Stark** - September 28, 2017 at 04:09 PM

JC

*“ Aunt Kathy was a wonderful person. She gave of herself to help others. She taught me reading skills when I was growing up. She will always be loved and missed. May God comfort family and friends.*

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**Joyce Olson Cook** - September 28, 2017 at 10:18 AM



*“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kathryn S. Shield.*



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September 28, 2017 at 10:03 AM

CH

“ Keeping you all in my prayers. Your mom was such a good friend to my mom Vera Bachkora. She was a special lady and will always have a place in my heart.

*Carol Harris.*

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**carol harris** - September 27, 2017 at 09:23 PM



“ Mrs. Shields will always be remembered as one of my favorite teachers. She was a great advocate for bringing technology to our school, pushed us to read as much as possible, and somehow scrounged up musicians for our Spring music program. She was a wonderful mentor and I'm so glad I got her for two years. - Jacie Retzlaff, (now Baltimore, MD), previously Tufford District 122. 7th & 8th grades, '86-'87

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**Jacie Johnson** - September 27, 2017 at 08:01 PM