



Laretta M. Valentine

November 25, 1929 - June 13, 2026

Laretta M. Valentine, 96, of Kearney passed away Saturday, June 13, 2026 at Mt. Carmel Home in Kearney. Memorial services will be 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 18, 2026 at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney. Inurnment will follow at Kearney Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to ARC of Buffalo County or to the Kearney First United Methodist Church. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Laretta was born November 25, 1929 near Paxton, Nebraska to Elmer and Eva (Gifford) McClain. She attended high school in Arthur, NE and then Paxton, NE. On June 8, 1947, Laretta was united in marriage to Ollie Valentine on her parent's ranch North of Paxton. This union was blessed with four children; Linda, Joy, Jackie and Jerri.

Laretta worked as a sales associate at J.C. Penny's, retiring in 1997 after 27 years of employment. She was known for her garden and her ability to grow flowers. She enjoyed sewing, canning and horseback riding. Laretta was a longtime member of the Kearney First United Methodist Church and was very involved in the ARC of Buffalo County.

Left to cherish her memory are her children, Jackie Hays and her husband, David of The Villages, Florida and Jerri Lynn Valentine of Kearney; son-in-law, David Slaughter of Kearney; 6 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren; sisters-in-law Carolyn McClain of North Platte, Nebraska;

brother-in-law, Leroy Daly of Tryon, Nebraska; along with many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Lauretta was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Ollie Valentine; daughters, Linda Brott and Joy Slaughter; siblings, Roy (Nadine) McClain, Evelyn (Clarence) Correll, Donna Daly, and Edward McClain.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 18. 2:00 PM (CT)

O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations
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Kearney, NE 68847
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Tribute Wall

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“ Coy & Jennifer Palmer and Veronica Boley purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Laretta M. Valentine.



Coy & Jennifer Palmer and Veronica Boley - June 16 at 01:01 PM