



Lois O. Kinnan

March 10, 1944 - June 28, 2023

Lois Olive (McKee) Kinnan was born March 10, 1944, in Franklin, Nebraska to Melville and Helen (Martin) McKee. Lois attended grade school and high school at Franklin Public Schools graduating in 1962. She furthered her education at Nebraska Wesleyan in Lincoln pursuing a degree in Mathematics before going to Nebraska Methodist College and earning her Registered Nursing degree in 1966. While earning her RN degree, she met the love of her life.

After college and the return of Dick from Vietnam, the two were united in marriage on August 6, 1967, at the First United Methodist Church in Franklin, Nebraska. The two made their home in Omaha where Lois worked as a Labor and Delivery nurse at Methodist Hospital. She continued her career in Hamburg, Iowa, Sidney, Iowa, Nebraska City, Nebraska, Ogallala, Nebraska, and Kearney, Nebraska. She was floor nurse, charge nurse, director of nursing, ER, long term care, transplant procurement coordinator, and just a good ol' rural nurse; once even doing a nurse exchange to Fairbanks, Alaska for six months. In 2002, Lois received a "Caring Kind" Award from the Nebraska Hospital Association, recognizing and honoring outstanding hospital employees who exemplify the spirit of caring in their daily work. She retired in 2010 after 43 years of employment.

Lois and Dick had four children, Kari, Kris, Kim, and Mark.

Lois was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Kearney, Health and Wellness Ministry, United Methodist Church Women's Group, and numerous other church and scouting committees.

Lois enjoyed many hobbies including being a seamstress, scout leader, cook, baker, square dancing, playing cards, board games, crocheter, embroidery, and quilting. She made quilts for family, retiring doctors, coaches, raffles, and The Cattlemen's Ball of Nebraska fundraiser. She played French horn into adulthood and was a member of the St Cecilia choir. She was involved in girl and boy scouting and refereeing volleyball matches when she was younger. She spent time with Dick and Emma's cat CallieCat, the buffalo herd, and loved to travel.

Lois played basketball, volleyball, and softball in school, church, and mixed league.

Lois lived a very full life with many accomplishments and activities. However, the most important thing to Lois was always her family. She loved her husband, children, and grandchildren fiercely and without reservation. She would speak with great pride to anyone that asked about her family, what they were up to, and their accomplishments. She enjoyed spending time with them and was liberal with her time, teaching, and loves.

Lois Olive Kinnan left a positive and caring mark on the souls of those around her. She was honest, God fearing, genuine, and loving. She was a teacher at heart and taught until the end. She will be greatly missed by her family and those fortunate enough to know her.

Survivors include her husband of 55 years, 326 days, Dick of Gibbon; daughter, Kari Kinnan of Omaha; daughter and son-in-law, Kris and Matt Kuhn

of Lincoln; and daughter and son-in-law, Kim and Jason Payne of Kearney; daughter-in-law, Laura Kinnan of Nevada; and six grandchildren, Estéban, Zach, Cassie, Jessica, Trevor, and Emma.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Mark Kinnan; brother, Joe (and wife Dorothy) McKee, sister Phyllis (and husband Paul) Frerichs, sister-in-law, Jeannie McKee, and brother-in-law, Joe Harper.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 14. 2:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
4500 Linden Drive
Kearney, NE 68847

Tribute Wall



“ *Lois was just the best! Her outstanding, kind and generous personality was so reassuring and calming. Always first were her patients, her co-workers and the community. We will treasure our time with Lois and hope her journey was filled with love and caring.*
Jan and Kurt Johnson

Jan Johnson - July 30, 2023 at 03:35 PM



“ *I will forever remember what a beautiful Lois was. The Church Basement Quilters in Ogallala appreciated her and Lynn for starting our group. We have had such fun experiences quilting together for the last 28 years. Dick, you and your family have our deepest sympathy and prayers.*



Teresa & Dennis Davis - July 14, 2023 at 12:54 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lois O. Kinnan.*



July 13, 2023 at 11:56 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Lois O. Kinnan.*



July 13, 2023 at 03:18 PM



“ *May God hold you close and guide you through this difficult time.*

Cindy Miller - July 13, 2023 at 07:23 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lois O. Kinnan.*



July 11, 2023 at 08:13 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lois O. Kinnan.*

July 11, 2023 at 08:13 PM



“ *Lois was a very caring person, a fine nurse and a good friend. My condolences to you and your family Dick during this difficult time.*

ken & Stacie Knoepfel - July 10, 2023 at 09:09 PM

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“ *Sympathy and prayers to the family at this difficult time.* ”



Darleen M Farwell - July 10, 2023 at 12:40 PM