



Lois Wiens

November 11, 1945 - January 24, 2022

Lois A. Wiens, 76 of Kearney passed away Monday, January 24, 2022 at CHI Health Lakeside Hospital in Omaha. Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, January 29, 2022 at Kearney First United Methodist Church with Pastor Matt Fowler officiating. The service will also be live streamed for those who are not able to attend at the church's website, <https://www.kearneyfirstumc.org/watch-online>. Interment will be held 9:30 a.m. Saturday at Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Friday, January 28, 2022 at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney. All those attending the visitation and or services are required to wear a mask.

Lois was born November 11, 1945 in Hastings, Nebraska to Vincent and Elsie (Karnatz) Erickson. She was raised in Hastings and received her education from Hastings High School, graduating with the class of 1964. Lois attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where she earned her Elementary Education degree in 1968. On June 8, 1968, she was united in marriage to Melvin R. Wiens in Hastings, NE. Lois raised her family before teaching 19 years at Glenwood Elementary School in Kearney, retiring in 2008.

She was very involved in the community as a member of P.E.O. and Random Acts of Kindness group. Church was very important to her as she was active in Friendship Sunday School Class and numerous activities. Lois was a proud Nana and her world revolved around her grandchildren. She shared her love

for others by making her “Brody Blankets,” donating over 800 blankets to various people and organizations.

Left to cherish her memory are husband, Mel Wiens; daughters, Becky (Ryan) Bertucci of Omaha, Kim (Ryan) Grabenstein of Kearney, and Angie (Tim) Petersen of Gretna; grandchildren, Grant Bertucci, Kaden Grabenstein, Gage Bertucci, Nathan Grabenstein, Beau Petersen, Tate Bertucci, Drake Petersen, and Lily Grabenstein; sister, Jan Plambeck of Kenesaw; brother, Mike (Linda) Erickson of Cozad; sister-in-law, Jeanette Wiens of Ayr, NE; brother-in-law, Wayne Wiens of Grand Island; as well as many nieces, nephews, and extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; grandson, Brody Petersen; and brothers-in-law, Duane Plambeck and Glen Wiens.

Memorials are suggested to Compass Nebraska, Kearney First United Methodist Church or Kearney Area Habitat for Humanity. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O’Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 28. 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>

Graveside Service

JAN 29. 9:30 AM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

JAN 29. 11:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
4500 Linden Drive
Kearney, NE 68847

Tribute Wall



“ *Lois Wiens*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Dear Lois, my heart is sad for those you left behind, and yet I rejoice at the memory of your friendship and love in my life. You touched so many lives with your joyful, gentle spirit and I count myself blessed to be among those. You raised a beautiful family, left behind a legacy of students who were privileged to be under your care and left many beautiful memories for all those that you touched. I know that you have received a huge reward in Heaven and will continue to smile down on Mel and your beautiful daughters and grandchildren. They are blessed by your life and love, as am I.*

Kimberly Clark - February 17, 2022 at 02:26 PM



“ *Kimberly Clark lit a candle in memory of Lois Wiens*



Kimberly Clark - February 17, 2022 at 02:19 PM



“ *Dear Mel & family,
We are so sorry for your loss...too young (exactly my age) ...such a beautiful lady. She will be missed! Connie & Don Streeter*

Don & Connie Streeter - February 02, 2022 at 04:08 PM

BB

“ I enjoyed being a fellow 4th grade teacher for so many years in KPS together with Lois. We went to Kansas City together for a Lewis and Clark training. It will always be a special memory for me. She was so very proud of her girls and her grandkids. She will be missed.
Becky Butts

Becky Butts - January 29, 2022 at 07:12 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Lois Wiens.



January 28, 2022 at 02:02 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Lois Wiens.



January 28, 2022 at 09:23 AM



“ *Pretty Please* was purchased for the family of Lois Wiens.



January 27, 2022 at 11:35 PM

GH

“ I am deeply saddened by the passing of Lois. I was so lucky to have grown up with Lois and her husband Mel in Hastings and to get together with them at the Hastings High School Class Reunions over these many years Lois always had a kind heart and a generous spirit to the many people she met and called her friends throughout her life. I know that her family is surrounded by peace and love at this difficult time. So, Lois until we meet again you will always be truly missed by me and by all of your friends and family who knew you!

Gerald Hohnstein

Gerald Hohnstein - January 27, 2022 at 05:24 PM



“ We loved Mrs Wiens. Liz had her as a teacher at Glenwood and she was the best - she kept tabs of Liz after she left Glenwood. Just a really great lady! God got a great angel in her.

Liz Roggasch & Michelle Carlson

Michelle Carlson - January 27, 2022 at 01:53 PM

DF

“ Darleen Farwell lit a candle in memory of Lois Wiens



Darleen Farwell - January 27, 2022 at 01:44 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Lois Wiens.*



January 27, 2022 at 01:03 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lois Wiens.*



January 27, 2022 at 12:52 PM



“ *Mel, I am so very sad for this whole town! Lois was a bright spot in my life. Always giving and doing for others. Knitting hats, making blankets, sharing clothes, decorations and giving of her time and money. She brightened so many lives at Eastlawn and Gibbon pantries. Her family and grandchildren were so very special to her. Oh how we will all miss her. Hugs to each of you! Prayers! Kathy Pierce*

Kathy Pierce - January 27, 2022 at 12:45 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lois Wiens.*



January 27, 2022 at 11:19 AM

TK

“ Sorry Mel. T. E. Kelly. Rock Falls.

T. E. Kelly - January 27, 2022 at 10:34 AM

PK

“ Sending my condolences and prayers to your family.

Patty Kroger - January 26, 2022 at 09:53 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Lois Wiens.



January 26, 2022 at 08:10 PM

JS

“ Jennifer S. purchased the [Memorial Trees](https://www.osrfh.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) for the family of Lois Wiens.

Jennifer S. - January 26, 2022 at 07:30 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Lois Wiens.



January 26, 2022 at 03:45 PM



“ *What a special lady. Memories of her and you girls coming out for haircuts was always a fun time. We always had fun sharing thoughts, ideas and our girls. She was so proud of all of you and truly was a great Mother. I am so sad for all of you and for all of us who knew her. May the support of friends and family and faith bring healing to you.*

Our deepest sympathy, Nona and Mark Svoboda

Nona Svoboda - January 26, 2022 at 02:15 PM



“ *Lois was a light in the midst of the darkness. She was determined to take the pain of this world and interchange it for joy. My life was infinitely blessed because I knew her, and I am ever so grateful that she was intentional and persistent with knowing me. I ache for your family, knowing that her grandkids were her pride and joy. Her memory will always be a blessing. Prayers for your family.*

Savannah Lyon, Compass

Savannah Lyon - January 26, 2022 at 12:57 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lois Wiens.*



January 25, 2022 at 09:30 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lois Wiens.* ”



January 25, 2022 at 09:08 PM



“ *Judy Fisher lit a candle in memory of Lois Wiens* ”



Judy Fisher - January 25, 2022 at 08:35 PM



I am so sorry for your loss.

Patty Kroger - January 25, 2022 at 10:19 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Lois Wiens.* ”



January 25, 2022 at 08:35 PM



“ *Sending our condolences and prayers to the family.* ”

Bill & Jolene Cunningham - January 25, 2022 at 08:16 PM

PM

“ *Thoughts and prayers to all the family. Tim, Angie and boys I am so sorry for your loss.*

Phyllis MacArthur - January 25, 2022 at 08:06 PM

GP

So sorry for your loss. Such an active life, she will be missed by many whose lives she shared. Cherish the memories.

Gerry Thurin Powers - January 29, 2022 at 04:30 PM