



Mae M. Johnston

March 10, 1931 - August 21, 2019

Mae Johnston, 88
Kearney resident

Mae Johnston, 88 of Kearney passed away Wednesday, August 21, 2019 at her home in Kearney. Memorial services will be 11:00 AM Saturday, August 31, 2019 at First Lutheran Church in Kearney. The Rev. Dr. Michelle Holley Carlson and Rev. Dr. Rick Carlson will officiate. Inurnment will be in the church columbarium. The family will receive friends 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Friday at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney.

Memorials are suggested to First Lutheran Church, Shared Campus Lutheran Ministry. Condolences may be shared online at osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services of Kearney.

Mae was born March 10, 1931 in Holdrege, Nebraska to James and Edith (Carlson) Johnston. Mae was the youngest of seven children. She was raised in Holdrege and attended Little Giant, Urbom School in Phelps County and graduated from Holdrege High School. On May 30, 1950, Mae was united in marriage with Carl B. Johnston, Jr. in Las Vegas, NV. To this union 6 children were blessed. The couple made their home in Kearney before moving to

Bellevue, NE where they owned and operated Johnston's Steamway of Bellevue. They later moved to Omaha where Mae managed deFreese Manor. Following their retirement, Mae and Carl returned to Kearney.

Mae was a longtime member of the First Lutheran Church where she participated in the Women's Trio and choir, coffee club and circles. At Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church in Omaha she was a past president of WELCA and active in the circles. She was leader in Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts serving as a Den Mother for several years. Mae enjoyed volunteering at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney. She loved traveling and visiting friends. Mae and her husband crossed the country by car many times over and traveled abroad.

Left to cherish her memory are her sons, Bernard (Sharon) Johnston of Bellevue, Carl (Kim) Johnston III of Oviedo, FL, Bill (Patricia) Johnston of Centennial, CO and John Johnston of Kearney; daughter, Sharon (Jim) West of Omaha; 13 grandchildren; 23 great grandchildren and one great great grandchild; as well as, many nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

Mae was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Carl Johnston, Jr.; daughter, Susan Counsell and all her siblings.

Previous Events

Family receiving friends

AUG **30**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations
4115 Ave N
Kearney, NE 68847
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Funeral Service

AUG **31**. 11:00 AM (CT)

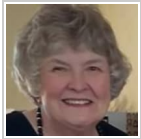
First Lutheran Church
3315 Ave G
Kearney, NE 68847

Tribute Wall



“ Mae M. Johnston

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ My sincere sympathy to your family. Your mom was such a delightful lady. Connie Luce Fie

Connie Luce Fie - August 30, 2019 at 08:50 AM



“ With my deepest condolences to all of Mae's children, in laws, grandchildren and extended family. I've known Mae for many years- since my sister Patty wed her son Bill. She was always so kind and loving to me whenever we met. She was generous with her friendship. A woman of great honesty and faith- I truly admired her. Please accept my prayers and sympathy as you mourn and remember this wonderful woman.
Linda Nugent

Linda Nugent - August 28, 2019 at 01:35 PM



“ Sending love and prayers to all of Mae's family. She will be missed by so many. She was a unique woman, and amazed me when she drove from Kearney to Omaha so many times in her later days. She was one of few that could be loved by two congregations.

Barbara Chrisman - August 27, 2019 at 12:10 PM

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“ Mae Marie (as we called her) will be very much missed. She was my mother's first cousin on the Carlson side of the family. She was so sweet, caring, and easy going. Each church she belonged to was very important to her. Prayers for comfort & peace to her family. May the many memories of her give you happiness forever.

Monie Karschner - August 26, 2019 at 09:50 PM

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“ Thoughts & prayers with the Johnston Family at this trying time.

Harlie Fogle

Harland T. Fogle - August 23, 2019 at 05:34 PM