



Mary Redman

August 28, 1964 - April 19, 2011

Mary Kay Redman Kearney resident Mary Kay Redman, 46, of Kearney, died Tuesday, April 19, 2011 at the Clarkson Medical Center in Omaha, Nebraska. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 A.M. Monday, April 25, 2011 at Kearney High School Auditorium with the Reverend Joe Hannappel officiating. Visitation will be 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. Sunday, April 24, 2011 at St. James Catholic Church with a Vigil service following at 7:00 P.M. Visitation will continue one hour prior to the mass at the Kearney High School Auditorium. Interment will be at the Kearney Cemetery. In Lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Kearney Tackles Cancer, the Mary Kay Redman Memorial Scholarship Fund or to the family for future designation. O'Brien Straatmann Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences or personal reflections may be submitted at www.osafh.com Mary Kay Redman was born August 28, 1964 in Grand Island, Nebraska to Paul and Wauneta (Burns) McGowan. She was raised in Grand Island and received her education at Grand Island Central Catholic graduating in 1982. Mary Kay was a 1987 graduate of Kearney State College. She was united in marriage to Matthew A. Redman on August 20, 1988 in Grand Island, Nebraska. She started her teaching career with Kearney High School in the fall of 1988. Mary Kay was a member of St. James Catholic Church, the Nebraska Educators Association, Co-founder of Kearney Tackles Cancer and a board member of Kearney Legion Baseball. Mary Kay had a passion for education and working with kids. She will be missed by many of her past and present students. Mary Kay is

survived by her husband, Matt Redman of Kearney; sons, Josh and Jake Redman; daughter, Maggie Redman all of Kearney; mother, Wauneta McGowan of Grand Island; sisters, Sister Mary Margaret McGowan and Sister Carlene Headrick both of Grand Island; brothers, Jim McGowan and his wife, Jan of Puyallup, WA, Larry McGowan and his wife, Barb of Schuyler, John McGowan of Denver, CO, Mark McGowan and his wife, Kim of Grand Island, Steve McGowan of Windom, MN, Matt McGowan and his wife, Jen of Iowa City, IA; father-in-law and mother-in-law, LeRoy and Lois Redman of Grand Island, sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Connie and Don Bennett of Kansas City, MO, Mary Redman of Grand Island, Mike and Jen Redman of Grand Island, Colleen and Stu Girard of Castle Rock, CO; and many nieces and nephews. Mary Kay was preceded in death by her father, Paul McGowan

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Redman*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Hello. My name is Shane Smith. I graduated from Kearney High School in 1993. I am now a physician practicing in Sheldon Iowa. My mother sent me Mrs. Redman's obituary from the paper. I just want all of you to know just how much I appreciated Mrs. Redman and how much she meant to me growing up. She was one of my favorite teachers I have ever had. I feel very blessed to have known her. I am so sorry for your loss. Sincerely, Shane M Smith MD*

To the family of Mrs. Redman - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM



“ *Matt and Mary Kay's family, I was/am so very sorry to hear about Mary Kay's passing. Memories I have of her always include fun, smiling and laughing! Our senior year we went to Homecoming together and we had a blast! Mary Kay will be fondly remembered for that infectious smile and amazingly positive attitude!*

Jamie Dilla - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM



“ *Mary Kay was a very special lady who touched many lives. She was one of my daughter's favorite teachers. Memories of her will live on for a very long time.*

Cathy Eshleman - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

BN

“ Having known Mary Kay for most of her life, I am deeply saddened for you, her family at her loss. While I have lost touch with the McGowan's I remember spending much time at the house in Grand Island and Mary Kay's bubbly, cheerful personality making those visits so special. I am so sorry for your loss. Jim and Jan, I can be found at 600 East 6th in Lexington or at the high school, there. Love from Bets

Betsy Noller - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

LS

“ Sarah We are thinking about you and your family and keeping you in our prayers. May the wonderful memories of your aunt give you some comfort at this difficult time. Your co-workers

LIPS Printing Service - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

DG

“ “To be a star, you must shine your own light, follow your own path, and don't worry about the darkness, for that is when the stars shine brightest” Our deepest sympathy.

Deb and Dana Gibbs - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

SS

“ So sorry for your loss, you and your family are in are prayers.

Steven And Lillie Shottenkirk - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

SC

“ Mark & Kim: So sorry to hear about your sister, Mary Kay. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families.

Steve & Theresa (Nickel) Czaplewski - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

RM

“ Dear Redman and McGowan Families, our deepest sympathy and condolences for your loss. MaryKay was a joy and could light up a room just by walking in it. We will always carry her light in us. Just thinking and talking of her makes a smile appear on your face. How blessed we were to know this angel on earth. with love and prayers,
Russ and Nancy Merrick

Russ and Nancy Merrick - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

SL

“ I was so sad to learn of Mary Kay passing. I met Mary Kay several years ago when I was a nurse at Kearney Clinic. I have always cherished the beautiful angel that she gave to me as a gift shortly after her diagnosis, and still display it in my home to this day. What a special woman who touched so many people!! Although it has been several years since I have seen her, I consider myself extremely blessed to have known such a special lady! My deep condolences to the whole family. Stacy Lipp Greeley, CO

Stacy Lipp - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM



God's Blessing I am reminiscing here and she is still missed each day and we honor her yearly with a memorial golf tournament and distribution of scholarships

Matt Redman - January 19, 2018 at 01:44 AM

MM

“ Matt & family, Mary & I are so saddened with the passing of Mary Kay. She truly fought a long and courageous battle. She always was so positive and cheerful - she is an inspiration to all. God bless you all during this very difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Mike & Mary McGowan - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM



Long past due, but thank you. She is missed every day, but we move forward. We've started a Foundation in her name with school scholarships.

Matt Redman - January 19, 2018 at 01:46 AM

MB

“ *So sorry for the loss of Mary Kay. She was truly an inspiration to those who knew her. I have been offering all my prayers and masses for her this week. Love to all the McGowans and Redmans.*
Marilyn

Marilyn (Slattery) Belding - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

PP

“ *matt, and family, i just wanted to let you and waunetta to know we are thinking of you and you are all in our prayers. Marykay was such an inspiration to everyone she met. Always upbeat and positive, even when we were little and playing dolls with Mrs Beasley she always made me laugh. She always talked about how she wanted to grow up and be a mom, and what a great role model she was for her kids, she will always be with you and you always will have the memories. I know she is in heaven and she will be your angel and I know she is with Paul, and my mom and dad, she suffered and now we know she is at peace. It is not easy for us but knowing she is with everyone in heaven gives some comfort, please know we are thinking of you with our deepest sympathy peggy*

peggy mcgowan phillips - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

PD

“ *Matt, Matt and all, I am so sorry for your loss. I knew Mary Kay in High School. She was always full of life and a joy to be around. I'm sure she continued that enthusiasm with her family and students. I pray that you find peace in the days and years to come.*

Paul Dolan - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

CK

“ Matt, I am so sorry for your loss. Please know there are many prayers for you and your children. May your faith, family and friends give you strength.

Carrie Kohles - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

DR

“ Matt - I was so sorry to hear of Mary Kay's passing. I know your family has fought a long battle. I have faith Mary Kay is in a better place now, where pain and suffering are no more. Please accept my heartfelt condolences. May God bless you all.

Diane Reese - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

KW

“ Matt, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your kids during this sad time. I had a chance to read Mary Kay's obituary and she obviously lived her life to the fullest and made a positive impact on the lives she touched here on this earth. There is comfort in knowing that she is safely in her eternal life with our Lord. Stay strong and I look forward to talking soon. Kevin.

Kevin and Anne Marie Wiley - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM



Finally getting to all the messages post Mary Kay passing over the years. Thank you. You are my mentor and why I am where I am today. God's blessings to you and family

Matt Redman - January 19, 2018 at 01:36 AM

JS

“ Matt & Family - We want you to know that you are in our thoughts & prayers. Mary Kay was a wonderful person and has left her lasting touch on the young people she taught. May your memories carry you thru the dark times. We are so sorry for the loss of your loving wife, friend and mother. She will always be with you.

Jerry & Kim Sheldon - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

TI

“ Matt, I am so sorry for the loss of your wife, if there is anything I can do please reach out for support. The words in Psalm 46 hold incredible power when it comes to know God is near in any and every situation. Mary Kay will be greatly missed, her legacy lives on through all the people she touch! Sincerely, Theresa

Theresa Johnson- VZW IAM - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

CT

“ Steve, We were saddened to hear about the loss of your sister. Nolan shared this web-site with me. Although I never had the chance to meet her..wow what an inspiration she was to so many people who crossed her path in life. This has been a hard week for everyone in your family. We are keeping in touch with your sons here at school. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.

Cindy Litfin, Windom Teacher - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

KS

“ Matt and Family Thinking of you in your time of loss. Mary Kay was a true inspiration to everyone she came in contact with. She will be loved and missed by many!

Kirsten Scheer - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

BJ

“ Life brings tears, smiles and memories. The tears dry, the smile fades, but the memories live on forever. With deepest sympathy, *Bambi The Dash* by Linda Ellis There was a man who stood to speak At the funeral of a friend He referred to the dates on her tombstone From the beginning to the end He noted that first came her date of her birth And spoke the following date with tears But he said what mattered most of all Was the dash between those years For that dash stands for all the time That she spent alive on earth. And now only those who loved her Know what that little line is worth. For it matters not how much we own; The cars the house the cash What matters is how we live and love And how we spend our dash. So think about this long and hard. Are there things you'd like to change? For you never know how much time is left That can still be rearranged. If we could just slow down enough To consider what's true and real And always try to understand The way other people feel. We'd be less quick to anger And show appreciation more And love the people in our lives Like we've never loved before. If we treat each other with respect And more often wear a smile Remembering that this special dash Might only last a little while. So when your eulogy is being read With your lifes actions to rehash Would you be proud of the things they say About how you spent your dash? Cos that dash stands for all the time That you spent alive on earth And only those who loved you Know what that little line is worth It matters not how much you own The cars the house the cash What matters is how you live and love And how you spend your dash What matters is how you live and love And how you spend your dash.

Bambi Junge - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

TS

“ Matt & Family, We are so sorry to hear of Mark K's passing. You are in our thoughts and prayers. What a special lady!

Todd & Pam Sinsel - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

KS

“ Dear Matt and kids, Just want you to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. What an incredible legacy Mary Kay leaves behind -- she touched so many people. Love you, Kathleen

Kathleen and Frank Souhrada - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

AB

“ Matt and Family, I am sorry for your loss, may God be with you and help you through.

Amanda Barnes - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

BP

“ We can only imagine your sorrow. Hold the memories of her in your heart....may God Bless all of you. Your loss is heavens gain.....

Bob and Sue Placke - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

AM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Ann, Ron and Ronald Miller

Ann, Ron and Ronald Miller - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM