



Phyllis E. Fusby

August 5, 1940 - September 26, 2025

Phyllis E. Fusby, 85 of Kearney passed away Friday, September 26, 2025 at Brookestone Gardens in Kearney. Memorial services will be 11:00 am Saturday, October 4, 2025 at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney with Pastor Matt Fowler officiating. A private family inurnment will be held at Kearney Cemetery. The family will greet friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Memorials are suggested 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.

Phyllis was born August 5, 1940 in Stromsburg, NE to Hans and Ruth (Carlson) Nielsen. She was raised near Stromsburg and attended Stromsburg High School, graduating in 1957. Phyllis later attended St. Joseph's Beauty School. On August 16, 1959, she was united in marriage to Richard Fusby at the United Methodists Church in Stromsburg, NE. To this union two children were blessed. The couple raised their family in Hastings and Grand Island before settling in Kearney. They spent thirty plus summers enjoying lake living at Johnson Lake. Phyllis enjoyed traveling and was proud to have traveled to all 50 states. Most of all she loved spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband, Richard Fusby of Kearney; children, Brad (Karen) Fusby of Kearney and Kristine (Verl) Wurtz of Columbus; 5 grandchildren; 6 great grandchildren; brother-in-law, Armand Schmoker of Osceola, NE; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Phyllis was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Milas (Leland) Peterson, Marian (Rex) Obermier and Marjorie Schmoker; brothers, Clarence (Betty) Nielsen and Morris (Jerelene) Nielsen.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations
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Kearney, NE 68847
(308) 234-3500
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Tribute Wall

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“ *Fran Murr lit a candle in memory of Phyllis E. Fusby*



Fran Murr - October 04, 2025 at 10:27 AM

MK

“ *Kris, I am so sorry to hear this news of your mom! I have many fond memories of your mother and most of them involve being with my mom/parents. Our lives paralleled with Hastings and Grand Island and the United Methodist Church. She was always so thoughtful and asked questions about how others were doing and not about herself. She will be greatly missed. My heart goes out to you and will be praying for you to have peace as you walk this part of the journey. Mindy Roby Kugler*

mindy kugler - September 29, 2025 at 10:04 PM

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“ *Gayle & Sharon Larson lit a candle in memory of Phyllis E. Fusby*



Gayle & Sharon Larson - September 28, 2025 at 10:06 AM

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“ I am very sad to hear about Phyllis' passing. I knew her from Kearney Newcomers when we moved back to Kearney, even though I now live outside KC to be close to kids and grandkids. Phyllis' smile was infectious accompanied by such a warm welcoming spirit. I pray for comfort for her family, who all meant so much to her.---Mary Kommers

Mary Kommers - September 28, 2025 at 08:31 AM