



Ranae L. Howard

October 6, 1956 - June 28, 2021

Ranae Howard, 64, of Kearney lost her two-year battle with pancreatic cancer and passed away peacefully on Monday, June 28, 2021 with her family by her side. Memorial services will be 10:00 a.m. Thursday, July 1, 2021 at First United Methodist Church in Kearney with Reverend Dennis Davenport officiating. The service will also be live streamed through the church website at <https://www.kearneyfirstumc.org/watch-online>. Inurnment will follow at Kearney Cemetery. The family will receive friends 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Wednesday at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney.

Ranae Lyn Howard was born October 6, 1956 in Cozad, NE to Dale and Nadine (Brandt) Eatherton. Ranae grew up in Cozad and Wood River and moved to Kearney at age seven. She attended Kearney Public Schools and graduated from Kearney High with the class of 1975. On July 2, 1976, Ranae was united in marriage to Bob Howard at the First United Methodist church in Kearney. To this union three children were blessed; Bret, Broc and Brooke.

Ranae had an infectious smile and a true zest for life. She was an avid golfer and enjoyed her time with friends during women's league. She was also a fan of all sports especially those involving the Kearney High Bearcats and Nebraska Cornhuskers. She was quite possibly one of the first women to manage a Fantasy Football League team and could not be pulled away from the television set on Sundays during the fall. Ranae was also known to enjoy

pulling a one-armed bandit and picking her favorite keno numbers. But, without a doubt her favorite pastime was spending time with family and attending her grandchildren's activities.

Ranae was a former member of the Kearney Little League Board, Kearney Legion Baseball Board of Directors, Kearney Bearcat Boosters and the First United Methodist Church in Kearney.

Left to cherish her memory are husband, Bob Howard of Kearney; sons Bret (Amanda) Howard of Boise, ID; Broc (Erin) Howard of Kearney; daughter Brooke (Gil) Valenzuela of Kearney; grandchildren, Maizey and Damon Howard, Hayden and Henson Howard, and Alex Valenzuela; sister, Tami Anderson of Kearney; step-mother, Mary Ann Eatherton of Gibbon; sisters-in-law, Gilberta Eatherton of Gibbon and Sheri Eatherton of Kearney, Deb Linden of Pleasanton; brothers-in-law Larry Dix of Lincoln, Bill (Kathy) Howard of Omaha, Garry (Lorrie) Howard of North Platte; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Ranae was preceded in death by her mother Nadine Eatherton; father Dale Eatherton; twin sister Ronda Dix; brothers Terry and Steve Eatherton; in-laws Bill and Juanita Howard.

Memorials are suggested to the family for Kearney Area Animal Shelter, AseraCare Hospice or Kearney Tackles Cancer in Kearney. 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

Family receiving friends

JUN 30. 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>

Memorial Service

JUL 1. 10:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
4500 Linden Drive
Kearney, NE 68847

Tribute Wall



“ *Ranae L. Howard*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Dear Bob and family, So sorry to hear of Ranae's death. We have many fond memories of her, especially back in the day of following the men's softball league. She was one fun and feisty fan. She will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this very tough time of living on without her. Sincerely, Doug and Jean Havermann*



Jean Havermann - July 01, 2021 at 05:48 PM



“ *Dear Bob and family, Doug and I are so sad to hear Ranae has passed. It was a pleasure to know her, especially back in the day of men's softball. She was one fun and feisty fan. We know you have many happy memories of her and she will be greatly missed. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. A donation will be sent to the local food pantry. Sincerely, Jean and Doug Havermann*

Jean Havermann - June 30, 2021 at 07:42 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ranae L. Howard.*



June 30, 2021 at 11:44 AM



“ *I will remember you always, dear friend and all the laughs we have shared. I know you will Rest In Peace with your loving twin sister and brothers and parents.. My sincerest sympathy to you Bob, Brett, Broc and Brooke. She will be forever in your hearts , and mine God Bless, Hilary Christo*



Hilary Christo - June 30, 2021 at 11:16 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Ranae was someone very special and her light will certainly be missed. When I think of Ranae I think of oodles of joy and smiles. She never passed by you without a squeeze or a laugh. She was a love! Much love to each of you. -Annette Nelson*

Annette Nelson - June 30, 2021 at 11:02 AM



“ *Randy and Jenny Volkmer purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Ranae L. Howard.*



Randy and Jenny Volkmer - June 30, 2021 at 09:16 AM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Ranae L. Howard.*



June 29, 2021 at 10:58 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ranae L. Howard.*



June 29, 2021 at 10:37 PM



“ *Dave And Diane Rouzee lit a candle in memory of Ranae L. Howard*



Dave and Diane Rouzee - June 29, 2021 at 10:22 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ranae L. Howard.*



June 29, 2021 at 09:53 PM



“ *Love's Journey* was purchased for the family of Ranae L. Howard.



June 29, 2021 at 04:17 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Ranae L. Howard.



June 29, 2021 at 02:16 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Ranae L. Howard.



June 29, 2021 at 02:15 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Ranae L. Howard.



June 29, 2021 at 02:09 PM