



Roberta Geist

November 15, 1946 - May 2, 2020

Roberta Geist, 73
Kearney resident

Roberta Geist, 73, of Kearney expired her time on this earth on Saturday, May 2, 2020 at her castle. Memorial services will be held at a later date due to the Cubs not being able to play a game one last time.

The family encourages everyone to please leave a message of condolence through the funeral home website at www.osrfh.com or send cards/memorials to the family in care of O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home, 4115 Ave N, Kearney, NE 68847.

Roberta Rae Geist (Roller) was born on November 15, 1946 (Before tv was invented) in Milwaukee, WI to Roland and Verna (Schell) Roller. She was raised in the Catholic Church and received her education at St. Augustine Catholic School. After high school Roberta ventured out to the great city of Kearney, NE to be a novice at Mt. Carmel Nursing Home. She was one of three ladies who initiated a new order of nuns that specialized in training and teaching of the mentally and physically handicapped.

Berta met the love of her life Bob while he was driving the sisters around Kearney. Because of her hearing disability she decided to leave the convent and married Bob. They married on October 11, 1969 in Milwaukee, WI. From there they moved to Lincoln, NE where she worked for Madonna. They moved

to Omaha, NE for five years before making their home in Kearney. Berta and Bob spent most of their time together when it was cold. That is where their eight fugitives came along. She was a homemaker while the fugitives were young.

Berta volunteered at Birthright and was on the policy council for Head Start for a few years. Once her fugitives got older she worked for Head Start and took college classes. Berta and Bob never wanted to drive faster than their guardian angels could fly, so they invested in Ford Pintos.

There was a time in her life when Roberta and Bob had their differences and Roberta moved to Florida to continue her schooling in counseling which she did well. Roberta moved back to Kearney in January and finished her fairy tale surrounded by all her loved ones. She loved her grandchildren and all the fun times they had together. She was very devoted to her Cubs as well as crocheting while she watched the games.

Other than the fact that she raised eight fugitives, she did numerous volunteer work, thrived in social work and would always help anyone before even thinking about herself. We aren't saying that she was Superwoman, but those two have never been seen together in the same room.

Left to cherish her memory are the love of her life, Karl (Bob, the romancer) Geist of Kearney; sons, Michael (Walter White) Geist of Lincoln, David (esquire), Brian (always a bridesmaid, never a bride), Kevin (6.5), Scott (the winner), and Dennis (the favorite) Geist, all of Kearney; daughters, Joyce (devil sister) Linner and husband, Tony, Karen (good daughter) Geist and significant other, BJ Johnson, all of Kearney; grandchildren, Kayden, Kormick, Kali, Koldin, Carter, Kane and Avery, all of Kearney; brothers, Ron (Sandy) Roller, Rich (Ann) Roller, all of Milwaukee, WI; as well as many nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

Berta was preceded in death by the people who beat her to the Pearly Gates, her parents; and cousin, Fr. Jack Wambach.

To avoid having to deal with the debate about which one of her children was her favorite, she left this world peacefully with all of her fugitives by her side. Her final words were "These kids will be the death of me."

She respectfully requests that everyone say a prayer for her and for the Cubs Baseball that they win their next baseball season.

Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services of Kearney.

Tribute Wall



“ *Roberta Geist*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Roberta was such an incredible lady, I used to prepare her taxes every year in south Florida and I looked forward to seeing her and listening to her stories about the prisoners that she was helping and how much her family in Nebraska missed her. I'm sorry that she didn't listen to you all and retire sooner, but I hope you know how much it meant to those prisoners to have someone like Roberta who would listen to them and try to help them! All my best wishes to you all and my deepest condolences. Holly Raphaelson*

Holly Raphaelson - April 01, 2021 at 07:27 PM



“ *Robert, we are so sorry for your loss. We are praying for you and your family.*

Linda and Ron Larchick

Linda and Ron Larchick - May 09, 2020 at 11:38 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Peace to the family.*

Dr. Craig R. Christiansen - May 08, 2020 at 09:28 PM

KR

“ *Bob and family,*

I am so sorry for your loss. Praying for God's comfort and peace at this time.

Kimberly Rebman



Kimberly Rebman - May 08, 2020 at 02:50 PM

KD

“ *Sorry for your loss. I do not know any of you but loved the obituary! You sound like a family that had a lot of love and laughter. Kathy*

kathy drew - May 07, 2020 at 09:57 PM

KE

“ *We are thinking of you all and so sorry for your loss. Hearing your stories you can tell she truly loved life. With Comfort and Love - Eddie & Kirstina Quintana*

Kirstina & Eddie - May 07, 2020 at 01:10 AM

TA

“ *Tammey lit a candle in memory of Roberta Geist*



Tammey - May 06, 2020 at 01:38 PM

BW

“ So sorry for your loss. I did not know Roberta but I loved her obituary - she sounds like a life-loving, fun woman and the world will be a little sadder without people like her. God bless you all.

Beverly Whitford

Beverly Whitford - May 06, 2020 at 12:37 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Roberta Geist.



May 06, 2020 at 11:33 AM

JB

“ My memory is sitting at the kitchen table with my first husband, Dennis! He was drinking coffee giving Roberta the hardest time ever and laughing ! All the while about 10 kids ages 4-16 years old running around us! She had amazing patience and was such a loving mother! It was crazy! She was a blessing!

Janet Botsford - May 04, 2020 at 11:56 PM

LP

“ Roberta and I went to her first home Cubs game we had a great time.

Lynn Pedersen - May 04, 2020 at 10:57 AM

MG

I am s sorry for your loss. She was a lovely lady.

Mary Gibbons - May 04, 2020 at 12:03 PM

RA

I am sorry for your loss. It was always a joy to see your mother at church with her family. Many blessings to your family, your mother was precious!! Rhonda Ahrens

Rhonda Ahrens - March 27, 2021 at 06:57 PM

HR

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Holly Raphaelson - April 01, 2021 at 07:26 PM