



Rosetta N. Drake

July 7, 1946 - March 31, 2024

Rosetta "Rosy" Naomi Drake 77, Kearney Nebraska passed away at her home surrounded by family. Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m. Monday, April 15, 2024 at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney with Tom Hall officiating. Interment will follow at Litchfield Cemetery in Litchfield, NE. Visitation will be held 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Sunday, April 14, 2024 at the funeral home.

Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Rosetta Naomi Nielsen was born at her grandparent's farm near Litchfield, Nebraska on July 7, 1946, to Dorothy Nielsen. Some of her fondest memories were being raised by her mom and grandparents Niels and Emma Nielsen, especially the daily walks to the General Store with Grandpa Niels. Her mother married William "Bill" Feldman. Bill adopted Rosy and loved her like his own until his passing.

The family moved to a farm of their own in Sherman County and she attended school in Sherman County. Later they moved to Kearney Nebraska where she attended Kearney Public School and graduated in 1965. She attended Kearney State College her freshman year and was interested in art and horses. She married John King and became a mom to his son Jon King. To this union they welcomed son Scott. As a teen she worked at Grandpa's Steakhouse and eventually would be employed at Baldwin Filters for almost

four decades. On February 14th, 1981 she married Albert "Bert" Drake, they were married until his passing in 2014. During their marriage they raised their children and built their dream home. They also joined the Jehovah Witness Congregation. Rosy and Bert loved to have adventures, visiting many places and visiting friends and family. Rosy would dream up plans and together they would carry them out. To name a few, they did clown shows at nursing homes, scavenger hunts, picnics and lots of card games.

As grandparents she was a hands-on Grandma, teaching them her love of art, making clay animals and meanwhile Papa was giving the grandkids buffalo rides and looking at the milky way. She volunteered her talent at the old Children's Museum painting murals in her spare time, she wrote three children's books and participated at the Art in the park, Bert was her biggest supporter. Rosy packed in a lot of fun and adventure in her seventy-seven years. She could always find the positive in any situation.

Left to cherish her memory are her sons Jon King, Scott (Eileen) King all of Kearney; grandchildren, Zann (Abi) King of Kearney. Jennifer (Alec) King-Simmons of Fort Collins, CO, Tim (Jennifer) King Gibbon, Alisia (Corey) Hopkins of Shelton, Joe King of California and Matt (Jaiden) King of Elm Creek; great grandchildren, Forest King and Estes King, Landon and Bailey Hopkins, Kendrick, Anelise and Bastian King. Albert's children, sister-in-law, Kathy Feldman; nieces and nephews; Her Witness family and many family and friends.

Rosy was preceded in death by her Husband Albert; parents, Dorothy and Bill; brother, Darrell; stepdaughter, Cheri Jensen.

Cemetery Details

Litchfield Cemetery

Litchfield, NE

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 14. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rosetta N. Drake



O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations - April 19, 2024 at 11:49 PM

LD

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Laura Dixon - April 15, 2024 at 10:29 AM

SH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Shelly - April 14, 2024 at 11:28 AM

CF

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Carol Feldman - April 11, 2024 at 11:33 PM

SH

Such lovely photos. Such a beautiful woman !

Shelly - April 14, 2024 at 11:26 AM

JA

Agreed, Shelly!! Rosy was a beautiful, loving, generous, person!!! 

Jackie - April 19, 2024 at 05:55 PM

CF

“ 3 files added to the album Memories of Rosy



Carol Feldman - April 11, 2024 at 11:30 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rosetta N. Drake.*



April 10, 2024 at 11:47 AM

CC

“ Carol Feldman - Cousin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rosetta N. Drake.

Carol Feldman - Cousin - April 10, 2024 at 11:47 AM

Amy Rowlison

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Amy Rowlison - April 06, 2024 at 04:42 PM

SH

Awww I gave her that necklace ! She loved her jewelry!!

Shelly - April 10, 2024 at 03:36 PM

BR

“ Sympathies on the loss of Rosie, she was a fun gal.

Barb Pemberton Riege - April 05, 2024 at 02:04 PM

DF

“ We will all miss Rosy so much. She was such fun and a talented lady.



Diane Feldman - April 04, 2024 at 04:06 PM

SH

She always spoke of the Feldman's

Shelly - April 15, 2024 at 12:19 PM

DF

“ 2 files added to the album *Memories of Rosy*



Diane Feldman - April 04, 2024 at 03:59 PM

SO

“ *Sending our deepest sympathy to Scott, Eileen and Jon and all the rest of the family.. thank you for the beautiful synopsis of Rosy's life..she truly lived life to the fullest and you captured it so well. Rest in peace our dear friend.*



Shelly and Joe O'Mahony - April 04, 2024 at 12:23 AM

MJ

“ *We have shared the best of times, hilarious vacations, all night laughter in card games and just relaxing days with Bert and Rosy. Then We had Rosy a few more years with all her wit, generosity, and garage-sale wisdom! She was the best of friends and will truly be missed by EVERYONE! Jon's family*

maxine jons - April 03, 2024 at 08:00 PM

SH

It won't be the same without them ...will it Maxine

Shelly - April 15, 2024 at 12:21 PM

KA

“ Scott and Eileen, we are so sad to learn of your Mother's passing... she was taken too soon. Know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family ❤️ Ken and Carolyn Anderson

Ken and Carolyn Anderson - April 03, 2024 at 06:51 PM

TD

“ Terry & Jackie Dewey purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Rosetta N. Drake.



Terry & Jackie Dewey - April 03, 2024 at 05:26 PM

LW

“ Scott and Eileen
We are thinking of you with deepest sympathy to you and your family.



Leola Ward - April 03, 2024 at 01:31 PM

AT

“ Adrienne Thompson lit a candle in memory of Rosetta N. Drake



Adrienne Thompson - April 02, 2024 at 12:27 AM