



## Sandi S. Leonard

September 4, 1940 - August 2, 2020

Sandi Sue Leonard, 79 of Kearney lost her battle to pancreatic Cancer Sunday, August 2, 2020 at 7:10 a.m. She closed her eyes and peacefully passed with loved ones by her side. Sandi fought long and she fought hard exceeding her expectations first given in May of 2019. Sandi's services will be held 10:30 a.m. Thursday, August 6, 2020 at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney with Jim Rookstool officiating. Visitation will be held 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to services both at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home.

Sandi Sue Leonard (Garst) was born September 4, 1940 in Jamestown, Kansas to Charles and Velma (Jamison) Garst. She was raised and attended school in Mankato, KS before meeting and marrying the love of her life, Harry Rosco Leonard, Jr. Sandi and Jr. united in marriage July 27, 1957. In September of 1958, they welcomed their first born Cynthia, then four years later their boy, Wade. They would raise their family on the road moving across the Midwest as Jr. worked construction. Sandi made each place a perfect home. She was the epitome of a homemaker with her children and home always looking pristine. They would later settle and reside in Kearney, NE. Sandi gained a job at Baldwin Filters and later at West Company.

Sandi enjoyed sewing, knitting, crocheting and crafts. She also looked forward to casino bus trips with her husband and friends. Most of all, Sandi enjoyed

spending time and cooking for her family. Her chicken and noodles along with her potato salad were family favorites and were always anxiously awaited. Each new family member would be presented with a handmade blanket, always signed "Made with love, Nana."

Left to cherish her memory are her husband, Harry Leonard Jr. of Kearney; daughter, Cynthia (Mike) Beaver of Gibbon; grandchildren, Amber Wright, Ashley Turner, Mark Kniffen, Logan Stump, Dylan Kniffen; 6 great grandchildren; brothers, James (Letha) Garst of Mankato, KS, Paul (Darlene) Garst of Mankato, KS; sister, Shirley Hancode of Englewood, CO; brother-in-law, Ron (Sheri) Leonard of Kearney.

Sandi was preceded in death by her parents; son, Wade Leonard; grandson, Tony Turner; brothers, Virgil, Verle, Guy Neal, Darrel, Charles and Delmer; brother-in-law, Henry Leonard.

Memorials are suggested to the Morrison Cancer Center in Hastings, NE or to Concrete Cares. Condolences may be shared online at [www.osrfh.com](http://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

## Visitation

AUG 5. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations  
4115 Ave N  
Kearney, NE 68847  
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## Funeral Service

AUG 6. 10:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Sandi S. Leonard*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Our hearts break for you. We hope you find peace in Gods Love. Mom, (Jean) loved your mom so very much and enjoyed the times they had together growing up, as well as the times when they were able to get together. We didn't hear about your mom/wife until today. Our thoughts and Love are sent your way.*

*Love from Jean's kids: Christine Sharlene, Mike*

Chris P-Sumner - August 06, 2020 at 04:11 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sandi S. Leonard.*



August 04, 2020 at 09:31 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sandi S. Leonard.*



August 04, 2020 at 04:15 PM