



## Shirley A. Rockefeller

August 16, 1937 - December 9, 2016

Shirley Ann (Stevens) Rockefeller, 79, of Kearney died of cancer on December 9, 2016 at CHI Hospital.

A celebration of life will be held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday December 14th at the First United Methodist Church in Kearney. The Reverend Melody Adams will be officiating. Inurnment will be at the Kearney Cemetery. O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home is serving the family.

Memorials are suggested to First United Methodist Church. Condolences may be shared online at [www.osrfh.com](http://www.osrfh.com).

Shirley was born August 16, 1937 in Miller, NE to Norris and Minnie (Matzner) Stevens. She graduated from Elm Creek High School in 1955. Three years later, on August 31, 1958, she married Carl Rockefeller in Gibbon, NE. To this union was born three children; Debra Jo, Steven Dean and Gary Eugene. The family lived in Gibbon, Franklin, Axtell and Kearney, NE.

Shirley loved her family very much. She loved to attend her grandchildren's school functions and sporting events. An accomplished cook, Shirley loved finding just the right recipe and everyone loved her famous marshmallow brownies. She worked 17 years at Harding Glass as their bookkeeper. When she retired in 2000, she spent the winters looking for shells on beaches in

Texas, creating beautiful crocheted blankets and doilies, and walking her beloved Bichon, Berry.

She is survived by her husband, Carl, her daughter Debra Jo (Leigh) of Tomball, Texas; and two sons Steve (Deb) Rockefeller of Kearney, NE; and Gary Eugene (Alin) of Kearney, NE. She also is survived by 6 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; sisters Jeanette Dunn of Kearney, Peggy (Joe) Porter of Elm Creek; uncle James (Frances) Stevens of Paxton, NE; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents.

She is gone but will never be forgotten. She will be greatly missed.

# Cemetery Details

## Kearney Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

DEC 14. 10:30 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church  
4500 Linden Drive  
Kearney, NE 68847

# Tribute Wall



“ *Shirley A. Rockefeller*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Gary & family,  
We were so sorry to hear of your moms passing last week from the girls.  
She was always so nice when i would go pick up Tyler from her.  
She would tell me something cute Berry had done that day while Tyler gathered his things.  
Know that were thinking of you all and praying that God brings your family peace.  
By His Grace,  
Jodi & Ivan Hyde  
Michael, Branson & Alec*

Jodi Hyde - December 14, 2016 at 06:49 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Shirley A. Rockefeller.*



December 13, 2016 at 03:51 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Shirley A. Rockefeller.



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