



Shirley L. Watson

July 21, 1940 - April 16, 2017

Shirley L. Watson, 76, of Kearney, died Sunday, April 16, 2017 at her home.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 am Saturday, April 22, 2017 at First Lutheran Church. Reverend Sylvia Karlsson will officiate. Interment will be at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in Cairo at 2:00 pm. Visitation will be from 5-8 pm Friday at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home.

Memorials are suggested to First Lutheran Church or the Jubilee Center. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com.

Shirley Lou Stoeger was born on July 21, 1940 in Columbia, Missouri to Laurence E. and Minnie A. (Wyatt) Stoeger. She grew up in Cairo, Nebraska and graduated from Cairo High School.

On November 1, 1957 she was united in marriage to Jerry C. Watson at St. Pauls Lutheran Church in Grand Island. The couple made their home in Grand Island until moving to Kearney in 1977. Mr. Watson preceded her in death on October 25, 2000.

Shirley was a member of First Lutheran Church. Along with being a dedicated wife, mother and grandmother, she volunteered countless hours at the church and Jubilee Center. She also enjoyed fishing, camping, gardening, hunting

and quilting. Most of all she loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Survivors include her two sons, Rick Watson and wife Ann of Grand Island and Ron Watson and wife Regina of Lexington; her daughter, Kay Watson of Kearney; four grandchildren, Brett Watson and wife Catherine of Lexington, Brice Watson of Lexington, Cody Watson of Grand Island and Carrie Watson of Grand Island; two great grandchildren, Payton Watson and Emmett Watson both of Lexington; a brother, Bud Stoeger and wife Pat of Dannebrog; three sisters, Betty Pokorney of Grand Island, JoAnn Robertson and husband Mike of Grand Island, Peggy Veeder and husband Harold of Cairo; a brother-in-law, Jim Watson and wife Elaine of Burwell; and several nieces and nephews.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her mother-in-law and father-in-law, Charlie and Thelma Watson, and a brother-in-law, Charlie Pokorney.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Pleasant Cemetery

Cairo, NE

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 21. 5:00 PM - 8:00 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>

Funeral Service

APR 22. 10:30 AM (CT)

First Lutheran Church
3315 Ave G
Kearney, NE 68847

Graveside Service

APR 22. 2:00 PM (CT)

Mt. Pleasant Cemetery
Cairo, NE

Tribute Wall



“ *Shirley L. Watson*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Dave and Sue Guzinski purchased the Basket of Joy for the family of Shirley L. Watson.*



Dave and Sue Guzinski - April 20, 2017 at 12:18 PM



“ *I am so very sorry for your loss! Your mom was a very special lady and I am so blessed to have known her!*

Deb Thee

deb thee - April 19, 2017 at 10:31 AM



“ *Kay, I am sorry to hear about your Mom. I will miss her very much! She was such a sweet friendly woman. You just felt good talking to her.i will always remember her smiling and so happy.*

Lisa Broderick - April 18, 2017 at 10:31 PM

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“ *Bryan, Cheryl, Zach, & Brandon purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Shirley L. Watson.*



Bryan, Cheryl, Zach, & Brandon - April 18, 2017 at 10:19 PM