



Twyla E. Simpkins

April 21, 1940 - February 25, 2026

Twyla E. Simpkins, 85 of Kearney passed away Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at Mount Carmel Home of Kearney. Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at Countryside Christian Church in Kearney. Interment will follow at Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Tuesday at the O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home.

Memorials are suggested to Amedisys (Aseracare Hospice). Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Twyla was born April 21, 1940, to Clarence and Goldie (Bumgarner) Pinneo in York, Nebraska. She grew up in York and graduated from York High School. Twyla was united in marriage to Eugene Simpkins on January 21, 1957, in Seward, NE. The couple made their home in Kearney, NE. Hand in hand they owned and operated Grand Central IGA from 1969-2008.

She was a long-time member of the First Christian Church where she taught Sunday School and Bible School. She enjoyed cooking, sewing, reading, and traveling. Most of all she loved being a mother and grandmother.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband, Eugene Simpkins of Kearney; children, Gene (Julie) Simpkins, Kathy (Mike) Shearer, Lila Simpkins, Jennifer

Deboer all of Kearney, and Dale Simpkins of Oregon; numerous grand and great grandchildren and one great great grandchild; sisters-in-law, Barbara Pinneo, Geraldine Flack; brothers-in-law, Larry (Janet) Simpkins, Marvin Simpkins; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Preceded in death by her parents; sons, Gary and Timmy Simpkins; brother, Virgil Pinneo; daughter-in-law, Sheri Simpkins; sisters-in-law, Patty Simpkins, Beverly Radcliffe; and brother-in-law, Bruce Flack.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 3. 5:00 PM - 7:00 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

MAR 4. 10:00 AM (CT)

Countryside Christian Church
3203 8th Ave
Kearney, NE 68845

Tribute Wall

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“ I met Twyla when she was eleven years old. She became the sister I never had. I was blessed to be with Twyla and Gene when they got married. Over the years our families spent many wonderful times together. One of my favorite memories was the Christmas we visited them from Iowa. Twyla and I stayed up late to set up and decorate a separate Christmas tree for Virgil and my kids. We had a great time. I will miss her dearly.
Barb Pinneo

Barbara Pinneo - March 03 at 09:36 PM

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“ Tom Shultz Girls, Judi Clark & Families purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Twyla E. Simpkins.



Tom Shultz Girls, Judi Clark & Families - March 03 at 01:53 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Twyla E. Simpkins.



March 03 at 01:04 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Twyla E. Simpkins.

March 03 at 01:04 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Twyla E. Simpkins.



March 03 at 09:13 AM



“ The Bindel family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Twyla E. Simpkins.



The Bindel family - March 02 at 02:00 PM



“ Going to miss her so much. Always smiling. She loved her kids and grandkids no matter what. Hugs to Gene, Lila, Dale, Kathy, Jenny.

Larry & Janet Simpkins - February 27 at 09:19 PM



“ The Reinke Families purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Twyla E. Simpkins.



The Reinke Families - February 27 at 11:53 AM