



Valerie Lynn

April 13, 1939 - December 29, 2014

Valerie Lynn, 75
Kearney resident

Valerie Lynn, 75, of Kearney, died Monday, December 29, 2014 at St. Luke's Good Samaritan Village in Kearney. Memorial service will be 2:00 P.M. Friday, January 2, 2015 at the Kearney First United Methodist Church with the Reverends Gary Main and John Gosswein officiating. Burial will take place at a later date. Memorials are suggested to National Mesothelioma Foundation in Lieu of flowers. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Valerie Lynn was born April 13, 1939 in Harrow Middlesex, England to Henry Ernest and Dorothy Edith (Siddle) Manning. She attended Birmingham University, receiving her teaching degree in 1957. In 1975, Valerie moved to Virginia where she worked with the Head Start Program. In 1991, she moved to Kearney where she worked as a Children's Library Clerk at the Kearney Public Library. Valerie continued her work with Head Start as a Home-Based Visitor/ Teacher. She later became a coordinator, supervising five new home – based programs. She retired in September of 2006. Valerie was a member of the Kearney First United Methodist Church and Kearney Family of Christ Lutheran Church. She enjoyed painting, gardening and reading.

Survivors include her sons, Andrew Cann and wife, Xrya of Leesburg, VA, Matthew Cann and wife, Missy of Fredricksburg, VA; daughter, Emma Lynn of Minden; grandchildren, Tiffany Lynn Cann and Brian Cann. Valerie was preceded in death by her parents; and one brother, Keith Manning.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
4500 Linden Drive
Kearney, NE 68847

Tribute Wall



“ Valerie Lynn

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ My daughter worked with Valerie at the library in Kearney while attending Unk. Your mom was so pleasant as a coworker & I was glad I met her as a friendly face at the library.

Judy Piasecki - January 03, 2015 at 12:55 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to Matthew, Andrew, and Emma in the loss of your mother. Valerie was a dear friend, mentor, and co-worker. I feel blessed to have known her she was an inspiration to all she knew. I will miss you but I know you were at peace and are now pain free. God's Blessing.
Linda Ewing



Linda L Ewing - January 02, 2015 at 01:16 PM

DB

“ Valerie was truly a joy to be with. I always told her she was the best dinner guest ever ! Her personality was so enjoyable and she was able to make any event a little more special. Chuck and I will miss her so so much ! We were always hoping she could come and visit us in Minnesota.

She had other travel plans however ! And what an endeavor they were in her condition. A measure of a great lady.

Valerie is also survived by her beloved cat Hartley. My wish for him is that he finds a loving home where he will be appreciated as the individual he is.

Rest in Peace my dear friend - I will miss you and love you forever.

Donna Bentzen

Donna Bentzen - January 01, 2015 at 06:27 PM

CG

“ Having known Valerie and her mother for many years while they lived at ElCharman Lake near Kearney, my heart is with her family. She was an elegant lady with bright spirit and caring soul. Chuck Guildner

Chuck Guildner - January 01, 2015 at 08:06 AM

RR

“ Valerie's winsome smile and gracious ways were a gift to the people of First United Methodist Church when she worked there in Christian Education. For me, she was not only an employee but a friend. Ron Roemmich

ron roemmich - December 31, 2014 at 07:48 PM

AP

“ I am saddened to learn of Valerie's death. She has been a special friend to me for many years---my neighbor at El Charman, beloved and appreciated by my mother, and an inspiration as she managed the ups and downs of her life---always with determination and a positive outlook. Valerie loved and embraced her life in the U.S., and was a special friend to many. She was talented, creative, joyful, and open to adventure---enthusiastic about a trip to Australia, a game of cards, or dinner out. I will miss her so much and regret we aren't able to attend her services. Our love and condolences to Emma, Andrew, and Matthew. Ann and Don Piehl, in North Carolina

Ann Piehl - December 31, 2014 at 05:05 PM

DS

Valerie was a sweetheart. Our paths crossed primarily at our book club, but I always looked forward to seeing her. Delphine Sanks

delphine sank - January 02, 2015 at 03:05 PM

DE

I only knew Valerie for a short time, but I was incredibly impressed by her positive attitude and her faith. My condolences to the family.

Deb England - January 02, 2015 at 05:43 PM