



Wanda L. Gangwish

December 20, 1924 - September 1, 2019

Wanda L. Gangwish, 94
Kearney Resident

Wanda Lee Gangwish, 94, of Kearney, formerly of Shelton, Nebraska died on Sunday, September 1, 2019 at Brookdale Northridge in Kearney. Funeral services will be 10:30 AM Friday, September 6, 2019 at the First Baptist Church of Kearney, with Rev. Sean Dougherty officiating. Burial will be in the Riverside Cemetery in Gibbon. Visitation will be Thursday from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home of Kearney.

Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Wanda was born on December 20, 1924 in Augusta, Kansas, to Leo and Zerelda (Pryor) Dysart. She grew up as an only child to working parents in community of family and friends. She was active in school and churches activities. Learning to play the piano at a young age started her love of music which she shared and played at church. She graduated from Augusta High school and continued her education at Ottawa University in Ottawa, Kansas, graduating with a major in English and Biology. Wanda especially enjoyed her college days. Making many dear friendships that lasted a lifetime. She became recognized for her wonderful letter writing skills. Her roommate became her sister-in-law as a result of introducing Wanda to her brother,

Leland.

Wanda was united in marriage to Leland C. Gangwish on June 4, 1946 at the First Baptist Church of Augusta, Kansas. She never dreamed she would marry a farmer; however it brought her great joy to live a rural life and they were blessed to have celebrated 70 years of marriage. She always said the farm was a great place to raise children. They invited everyone to share their life and work there. Many cousins and young people remember summer jobs working for Leland and Wanda. She enjoyed Leland's large family, becoming the keeper of its history with many pictures and documenting stories.

Wanda had a generous spirit and a loving heart. When she got married, Leland's mom helped her learn to cook. She developed great skill and was known for collecting cookbooks and saving recipes with daily experimenting on her family. She was always glad to see you and she welcomed everyone to her table with a smile. All were equal and each was special.

Wanda was interested in people whether asking about their life, friends and extended family. She wanted to hear about you. Her wisdom and gentle words of counsel made you feel encouraged. She was a caregiver.

Wanda loved the Lord. Her strong faith helped guide her own life, marriage, and the raising of children, making daily prayer and devotions a part of family life. She was an active member of the Gibbon Baptist Church, served gladly in numerous roles of the church; especially enjoying the women's fellowship.

Education was very important to Wanda. She encouraged each of her children from a very young age with learning, positive affirmations, and open to possibilities about your future but firm with they were going to college.

In later years she was always ready to pack her suit case and travel to see family or friends, and did have the opportunity to visit many countries in the world.

Wanda's absolute joy was her 7 children, 20 grandchildren and 40 great grandchildren. She meticulously kept track of all their names, birthdays, and school activities making each one feel loved.

She lived each of her 94 years well. She was feisty and fun. She was steady

and strong. She was compassionate and kind. She pushed us. She encouraged us. She prayed for us. She teased us. She fed us. And oh how she loved us so well. We rejoice she is no longer struggling, but can't help but feel a big hole in our hearts. She wasn't just any mother and grandmother; she was one of our dearest friends. We are forever grateful for the gift of being her children and grandchildren.

Left to cherish her memory are her children and their spouses; Cheryl (Larry) Glazier of Grand Island, Janet (Greg) Burger of Luverne, Minnesota, Randy (Sherry) Gangwish of Shelton, Gene (Carol) Gangwish of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Greg (Carol) Gangwish of Kearney, Duane(Tricia) Gangwish of Wayne, and Paul(Deb) Gangwish of Shelton, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Sisters-in-law, Loree Elliot of Kearney, Treva Gangwish of Wood River and Christine Underwood Barr of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Brother-in-law, Carl (Louise) Gangwish of Kearney. She was preceded in death by her husband.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

45400 85th Road
Gibbon, NE

Previous Events

Visitation

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

O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations
4115 Ave N
Kearney, NE 68847
(308) 234-3500
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<https://www.osrfh.com>

Funeral Service

SEP 6. 10:30 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church-Kearney
3610 6th avenue
Kearney, NE 68845

Tribute Wall



“ *Wanda L. Gangwish*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Remington Seeds, Remington, IN purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Wanda L. Gangwish.*



Remington Seeds, Remington, IN - September 06, 2019 at 07:26 AM



“ *What a gift from God to have you as a dear friend. These past few years have seen Many severe health challenges to both of us, keeping us apart physically. That you are at peace and in perfect health now in Our Father's House gladdens my heart. But I feel an awful void that will not be filled til we meet again shortly. God bless Lee and you for your warm friendship over the years. Lela C*

Lela Claussen - September 05, 2019 at 05:15 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wanda L. Gangwish.*



September 05, 2019 at 05:00 PM



“ *Wanda was a beautiful, loving and caring lady! My sincere sympathy to all the family. My thoughts and prayers all with each and every one of you ❤️*
Love,
Sharon Schwartz

sharon schwartz - September 05, 2019 at 01:08 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Wanda L. Gangwish.*



September 04, 2019 at 07:19 PM



“ *Wanda was a wonderful lady. I was blessed to know her and to call her my friend. She was always warm and welcoming to me and I always looked forward to seeing her. I will miss her but am blessed to have known her. I know she is now in heaven.*

Paul Bean - September 04, 2019 at 02:21 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wanda L. Gangwish.



September 04, 2019 at 12:49 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Wanda L. Gangwish.



September 04, 2019 at 11:09 AM



“ Randy & Sherry & The Gangwish Family - you have my deepest Sympathy! I remember Wanda fondly and am very sad for your loss!
Deb (Sielaff) Schrack

Deb Schrack - September 04, 2019 at 10:33 AM



Thank you Deb! We were just sharing memories of you and your sisters!

Sherry Gangwish - September 05, 2019 at 05:07 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wanda L. Gangwish.



September 04, 2019 at 10:29 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wanda L. Gangwish.



September 03, 2019 at 10:36 AM