



## Wanetta Halbert

January 8, 1938 - May 20, 2020

Wanetta Halbert, 82, of Kearney passed away Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at her home in Kearney. A memorial service will be held 10:00 a.m. Friday, July 30, 2021 at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney.

Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation. Condolences may be shared online at [www.osrfh.com](http://www.osrfh.com). Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services of Kearney.

The family encourages messages of condolence to be made through the funeral home website at [www.osrfh.com](http://www.osrfh.com) or send cards/memorials to the family in care of O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home, 4115 Ave N, Kearney, NE 68847.

Wanetta Keenan was born January 8, 1938 in Alliance, Nebraska to Theodore and Fern (Sherfey) Keenan. She attended Minden Public Schools, graduating with the class of 1955. Wanetta was united in marriage to Brian Halbert on March 10, 1957 at the United Methodist Church in Minden. In 1976, they bought Bico's Cafe, which they owned and operated for 25 years, retiring in 2001. They couple later moved to Lake McConaughy at Lemoyne.

She enjoyed gardening, bird watching, reading and traveling. Most of all, she

loved spending time with her family and spoiling her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Left to cherish her memory are her daughter Robbin Halbert-Martin; granddaughter, Kylie Epp of Kearney; grandson, Shane Martin all of Kearney; great grandchildren, Marley, Mila and Maxwell Epp, Dean Martin all of Kearney, and Addelyn and Ava Hooks of Wynona, MN; sister, Barbara Harms of Kearney; brother Bob (Chris) Keenan of Renton, WA; as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family and friends.

Wanetta was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Brian Halbert; son, Patrick Halbert; and her brother, Tom Keenan.

# Cemetery Details

## Kearney Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUL 30. 10:00 AM (CT)

O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations  
4115 Ave N  
Kearney, NE 68847  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Wanetta Halbert*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wanetta Halbert.*



July 28, 2021 at 01:35 PM



“ *I am so sad to read of Netta's passing. I have a lot of wonderful memories of her. I remember her, and all of the family, being so sweet and funny each time I came to Bico's. She worked so hard, but she still took time for a quick visit when we came into the restaurant.*



*Netta, thanks for being an influence on my life, maybe in ways you didn't even realize.*

*With sincere sympathy,  
Danuece Waggoner*

Daniece Waggoner - May 24, 2020 at 11:20 AM

SJ

“ When I first met Wanetta I was an investigator for the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission investigating their application for a liquor license. Her and Brian soon became people I would look forward to seeing and their restaurant became my go to place whenever I wanted a Pizza Flip, a great burger or bbq ribs on Friday. When Bico's was sold and they left the business I felt a great loss, not only as a great place to go but also in no longer seeing 'Netta and Brian. Their laughs and talents will be remembered fondly and truly missed.-- Steve Jensen

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**Steve Jensen** - May 22, 2020 at 09:37 PM

JB

“ So very sorry to hear about Netta....she was one of a kind...the best kind...lots of great memories.  
Jack and Janelle Beatty

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**Jack and Janelle Beatty** - May 22, 2020 at 03:23 PM