



Wilma J Woodruff

January 21, 1930 - February 11, 2016

Wilma Woodruff, 86
Kearney resident

Wilma J. Woodruff, 86, of Kearney died Thursday, February 11, 2016 with her family by her side at CHI Health Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney. Funeral Services will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at the First Presbyterian Church in Kearney with the Rev. Stephen Price Gibson officiating. Interment will follow at Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Monday at the O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home.

Memorials are suggested to the Southern Valley High School Scholarship Fund in memory of Wilma Woodruff or to the Kearney First Presbyterian Church. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Wilma was born January 21, 1930 in rural Beaver City, Nebraska to James W. and Melissa Mae (Harding) Wright. She grew up in rural Stamford, NE and received her education from Stamford High School, graduating in 1947. On November 2, 1947, Wilma was united in marriage to Gayle Woodruff. She worked as a nurse's aide at the Oxford Hospital before working 22 years as a secretary/bookkeeper for Oxford Community Schools and another 10 years at Southern Valley High School. Wilma could always be found by her husband's

side helping with farming and ranching duties.

Wilma will be remembered for hospitality and her ability to cook and bake. She enjoyed gardening, embroidering and was an avid sport enthusiast. Wilma cherished time spent with her family.

She was a lifelong member of the Presbyterian Church in Stamford and then in Kearney after retirement. She was active in Presbyterian Women.

Survivors include her husband Gayle Woodruff of Kearney; children Tom (Diane) Woodruff of Denver, Jerry (Peggy) Woodruff of North Platte, Kathy (Don) Ulrich of Kearney, Dennis Woodruff of Holdrege, Denise (Jay) Bird of Ocklawaha, FL and Lissa Woodruff and husband Evan Kinney of Kearney; grandchildren Phillip, Jeffrey and Melanie Woodruff; Laura, Michael and Beth Woodruff, Scott Ewing, Christy McKeeman; Jenifer Hovland, Melissa and Brandon Ulrich; and Ethan Kinney; great grandchildren, Taylor, Ryan, Mariah, Connor and Christopher McKeeman, Breyden Geyer, Brenner Ewing, Ulrike Hovland and Jocelyn Ulrich, as well as, numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Wilma was preceded in death by her parents, sisters Nellie Weaver, Ruby Brand, Hazel Tull and brother Floyd James Wright.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **15**. 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

FEB **16**. 10:30 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
4511 6th Ave.
Kearney, NE 68845

Tribute Wall



“ *Wilma J Woodruff*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *To the Woodruff Family,*

In sympathy may the memories you hold bring healing and peace to your heart and soul.

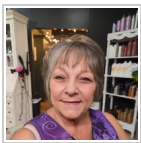
*Sincerely,
The Walborn Family*

Michael Walborn - February 15, 2016 at 10:38 PM



“ *So sorry for the loss. My grandparents lived next door in Stamford for alot of years. Wilma was always so sweet to me as a kid and she always kept track of how my grandparents were doing. Such a sweet spirit she had. She will be sorely missed.*

Matthew Nash - February 15, 2016 at 07:43 PM



“ *I remember my first day at Oxford High school as a freshman. Coming to school from Edison. I was so nervous and scared. And Wilma must have sensed that. Cause she grab my hands and looked me in the eyes and said Everything is going to be ok. You are a strong young women and I know you'll do great! She was one of the sweetest lady I have every met. He will be missed.*

Tina Breinig - February 15, 2016 at 05:51 PM

JB

“ Dennis I would like to share how sorry I am for your loss and want you to know that I will be praying for you and your family in the days ahead. God Bless you richly with His love.

Judy Butler - February 15, 2016 at 01:51 PM

EH

“ Wilma was such an uplifting spirit, spreading joy wherever she went and whomever she met. My parents were life long friends of the Woodruffs and thought highly of them. I will always remember her smile and her ability to brighten up one's day. Our condolences to the Woodruff family in the loss of their loved one.

Edwin Hollinger Family

Edwin Hollinger - February 15, 2016 at 12:22 PM

DS

“ Dr. Woodruff,
I am so sorry for the loss of your mother. I hope that the happy memories you all share will help you through this time of grief. Praying for you and your family to find comfort and peace.

Deb Snyder

Debra Snyder - February 15, 2016 at 10:31 AM

LM

“ *Lissa and all, I will miss dear Wilma's sweet smile at the sweet corn stand at Farmer's Market. Always cheered me when I saw her little bent frame and beautiful silver hair in the line up. She delivered quite exceptional hugs! Radiated love to friends she stopped to visit. You're a great knock-off of a woman who lived richly in love. May you all take comfort in Wilma's life well lived.*

*As they say in Italy, pace e bene (peace and goodness),
Linda, Tom, and Dan Mercer*

Linda Mercer - February 15, 2016 at 07:40 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Wilma J Woodruff.*



February 14, 2016 at 10:00 PM

DW

“ *Dr. Woodruff
So sorry for you and your families loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Dan and Cindi Wolfe*

Dan Wolfe - February 14, 2016 at 08:44 PM

DG

“ *Wilma was a very special person for us to work with at Southern Valley! Our condolences to all her family. Doug and Betty Garey.*

Doug and Betty Garey - February 14, 2016 at 08:30 PM

MS

“ Dr. Woodruff, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in the passing of your mother. May the memories always be close to your heart. May God give you comfort in the days ahead. MaryAnn Spracklen

Mary Ann Spracklen - February 13, 2016 at 08:02 PM

KD

“ Wilma and Gayle were some of my favorite Stamford friends I always enjoyed visiting with. They were a hard working couple and raised a great family. My sympathy to all.
Karen DeLay.

Karen DeLay - February 13, 2016 at 05:03 PM

PL

“ So wonderful when I went to sub!!! She was such a nice person!!
She will be greatly missed!

Pam Lamb - February 13, 2016 at 02:18 PM

RC

“ Wilma was a neat lady who will be missed by many, including me. Her love of young people showed through in many ways including the years when our unit had more than one young lady eligible who applied for the American Legion Auxiliary Cornhusker Girls State. Wilma would give a substantial extra donation to ensure that those who applied could attend. She has continued her membership in the Stamford American Legion Auxiliary.

Rena Conner - February 13, 2016 at 12:28 PM

RC

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Rena Conner - February 13, 2016 at 12:17 PM

RC

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Rena Conner - February 13, 2016 at 12:05 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Wilma J Woodruff.



February 13, 2016 at 11:20 AM

DP

“ I have many great memories of Wilma from my time at the Presbyterian Church in Orleans. Especially her sour cream raisin pies. She was a person of great faith. The Lord bless and comfort each one of you.

Dixon Powers - February 13, 2016 at 10:56 AM

AS

“ *Thinking of you at this time.
Albert & Arta Sonneman and family*

Albert Sonneman - February 13, 2016 at 10:00 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the
family of Wilma J Woodruff.*



February 13, 2016 at 09:11 AM

AV

“ *Kathy and Lissa sorry to here of your loss.*



Amanda Vasquez - February 13, 2016 at 09:05 AM

KV

“Denise, Jay, we celebrate with you a life well lived. It appears Denise, that you inherited some of your Mother's love for people and the kitchen. Her influence lives in you and through you to others. We trust that Wilma entered heaven with the rejoicing of her family and friends who proceeded her and today she is rejoicing in being home. Her love for you will never end and your love for her extends across the veil and serves as a permanent link to her and all your loved ones.

Celebrate her life, celebrate with your family and thank God for her life upon this earth.

Be careful and come back home safely.

Blessings upon blessings,

Ken and Grace Vickery

Ken Vickery - February 13, 2016 at 08:00 AM

AM

My thoughts and prayers are with Wilma's family at this time. She was a very special person and influenced many people in her walk on earth. I will miss her sweet smile and conversation.
Arlene Mintzmyer

Arlene Mintzmyer - February 16, 2016 at 10:56 AM

BB

To the Woodruff Family - many thoughts and prayers for you at this time. Wilma and Aunt Ruby are having a wonderful time together right now! So comforting to know we will all be reunited one day forever. The Stamford area was a great place to grow up without the pressures of the outside world. You guys were lucky to have such wonderful parents. A special hello to Kathy and Jerry. Sincerely, Brenda (Brand) Barnes

Brenda Barnes - February 19, 2016 at 02:06 PM