



## Marilyn R. Wheat

March 2, 1943 - March 2, 2020

Marilyn R. Wheat, age 77, of Kearney, passed away Monday, March 2, 2020 at Brookestone Gardens in Kearney. Memorial Mass will be 10:30 am, March 7, 2020 at Prince of Peace Catholic Church with Fr. Paul Colling officiating. Memorials are suggested to the family to be designated later. Private family burial will be held at a later date. There will be no visitation held.

Marilyn was born March 2, 1943 in Wichita, Kansas to Urban and Pauline (Barger) Steinke. She grew up in Wichita and graduated from Sacred Heart Academy in 1961. Marilyn went on to study at St. Francis School of Nursing graduating as a registered nurse in 1964. Marilyn maintained her nursing license for thirty years and in that time, worked as an R.N. at the University of Nebraska Health Center, Bryan Memorial, and St. Elizabeth's Hospitals in Lincoln, the Jefferson Community Hospital in Fairbury, and the Kearny County Hospital and the Family Health Center in Lakin.

Marilyn married the love of her life, Jon Wheat on August 24, 1963 in Wichita, Kansas. After he completed dental school, in 1968 they moved to Lakin, Kansas where she was an active member of the community for forty years, nursing, volunteering, and raising their five children. In 2013, she and her husband moved to Kearney, Nebraska to be closer to grandchildren and family.

Marilyn led a vibrant life that included golfing, skiing, biking, and hiking. She enjoyed lifelong relationships with friends and making new ones, traveling to more than six countries, and spending time at her home in the mountains of Colorado. Marilyn loved playing games and winning almost every bet. Her extraordinary life as a mother was further enriched by the love of her six grandchildren and great-granddaughter. Marilyn lived her faith by leading with strength, forgiving graciously, persevering in adversity, and generously loving those around her. She passed gently from this life on the day she was born, surrounded by her devoted family.

Marilyn is survived by her husband, Dr. Jon Wheat of Kearney; daughters, Kristin Trotter

and husband Michael of Windham, NH, Jamie Lewis and husband Matt of Kearney, Regan Wheat and Paolo Parisi of Florence, Italy; sons, Michael Wheat of Phoenix, AZ, Nate Wheat and wife Angie of Omaha, NE; grandchildren, Tanner Jon Kinsey and wife Amanda, Betsey Rose Lewis and Samuel Lewis, Maya Wheat and Layla Wheat; a great granddaughter, Reese Rose and a sister Susan Farmer and her husband Mike of Plymouth, MN.

Marilyn was preceded in death by her parents and granddaughter Peyton Elizabeth Wheat.

# Events

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**MAR**   **Memorial Mass**                      10:30AM

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Prince of Peace Catholic Church  
2407 W 56th Street, Kearney, NE, US, 68845

# Comments

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“ We were so sorry to hear about Marilyn! She was always kind and gracious. Our thoughts are with you all —. the Dale Hammerschmidt family

**Chris Hammerschmidt** - March 10 at 06:22 PM

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“ Our thoughts & prayers are with your family.

**Paul Lange** - March 09 at 11:28 PM

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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Marilyn R. Wheat.



March 06 at 11:36 AM

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“ Jamie & Matt and family,

So sorry to hear of your mother's passing. Please know we'll be thinking of you at this time.

Fr. Tom and Nancy Hansen

**Nancy Hansen** - March 05 at 01:33 PM

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“ Dearest Jon and family we are so sorry to hear about Marilyn's passing. She was a special friend to me and I have many lifetime memories of our friendship together from age 5. You are in our prayers and hearts. Walt and I send our love to all the family.

Love Nikki and Walt



**nikki nelson** - March 04 at 11:18 PM

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“ I have only recently met Marilyn as my mother moved to Brookstone, but wanted to share that as we ate lunch together that she spoke of her husband with such love and admiration. Sending your family our deepest sympathy.

Cindy Plautz

**Cindy Plautz** - March 04 at 04:18 PM

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“ Matt Lewis lit a candle in memory of Marilyn R. Wheat



**Matt Lewis** - March 04 at 02:30 PM