



Barbara J. O'Neill

March 12, 1938 - February 21, 2018

Barbara J. O'Neill, 79, Kearney, formerly of Pleasanton, died Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at the Homestead Rehabilitation Center in Lincoln. Mass of Christian Burial will be on Monday, February 26, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. at St. James Catholic Church in Kearney. Father Art Faesser will preside and burial will be at the Pleasanton Cemetery. Visitation with family will be on Sunday, February 25, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney and also 1 hour prior to the mass at the church on Monday. Memorials are suggested to St. James Catholic Church or Pleasanton Fire and Rescue. Online condolences may be submitted by visiting www.hlmkfuneral.com. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney are in charge of arrangements. Barbara was born on March 12, 1938 in Kearney to Thomas and Mildred (Murphy) Reidy. She attended Kearney High School and graduated in 1956. She married Richard "Dick" O'Neill on May 28, 1960 in Kearney. Dick passed away in 2000. Being the spouse of a teacher/coach, Barbara helped Dick "coach" in Sutherland, Franklin, Lexington and Pleasanton. In Pleasanton, she created scrapbooks of newspaper clippings for the athletes to keep. Barbara worked for several years as the Village Administrator in Pleasanton. She was a member of St. James Catholic Church and Catholic Daughters in Kearney. Barbara was also a member of the Buffalo County Historical Society and very active in genealogy for family and friends. She published a book on the genealogy of the O'Neill family and many family members have been able to

pass on wonderful family stories and history to the next generations. Barbara was famous for her flannel blankets and these blankets have been treasured by family and friends for years.

Surviving relatives include her children, Mike (Lillian) O'Neill of Lincoln, NE, Kevin (Anita) O'Neill of Gretna, NE, Theresa O'Neill and significant other Jason Winchester of Shelton, NE and Patrick (Wendy) O'Neill of Kearney, NE; 8 grandchildren, Allison (Brandon) Hajek of Elkhorn, NE and Brian O'Neill of Lincoln, NE; Keely (Sean) Tatro of Lander, WY, Kyle O'Neill of Omaha, NE, and Kelsy O'Neill of Lincoln, NE; and Katelynn, Elizabeth and Amanda O'Neill of Kearney, NE and 1 great granddaughter Rylee Hajek of Elkhorn, NE; plus several other extended family and friends.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Richard "Dick" O'Neill; brother and sister in law, James and Donna Reidy.

Cemetery Details

Pleasanton Cemetery

Pleasanton, NE 68866

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **25**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl
2421 Avenue A
Kearney, NE 68847
(308) 237-2259
<https://www.hlmkfuneral.com>

Mass of Christian Burial

FEB **26**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church
3801 Avenue A
Kearney, NE 68847

Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara J. O'Neill*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *Barb was a delightful patient of mine and we saw each other for many years....I always was happy to see her, as she made me feel better, even though it was my job to make her feel better. She made me a blanket that we use today. I will miss her.*
Ron Scott, M.D.

Ron Scott - March 08, 2018 at 03:49 PM



“ *I first met Barb though the Nebraska State Genealogical Society, we served on the board together for several years. I always admired her no nonsense way of getting things done and her great and wicked sense of humor. My sincerest and heartfelt sympathy to her family.*

Pat Wagner - February 27, 2018 at 10:15 PM



“ *Hello Theresa
My deepest sympathy to you and your family.Didn't know your address. Bonnie
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BONNIE j - February 26, 2018 at 02:04 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Barbara J. O'Neill.*



February 24, 2018 at 10:33 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Barbara J. O'Neill.*



February 24, 2018 at 01:04 PM



“ *Thank you Barb for the game time candy and post game food at your home and watching the high school scores. You raised and taught your children well. May her memory be eternal.*

Tim O'Dea - February 24, 2018 at 08:38 AM



“ *Wendy & Larry Rogers & family purchased the A Full Life for the family of Barbara J. O'Neill.*



Wendy & Larry Rogers & family - February 23, 2018 at 09:22 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara J. O'Neill.



February 23, 2018 at 06:36 PM



“ Love, Shannon and the rest of the Don O'Neill clan purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Barbara J. O'Neill.



Love, Shannon and the rest of the Don O'Neill clan - February 23, 2018 at 03:11 PM



“ Barb has touched the lives of so many people, especially student athletes. As a parent and spectator at football games I remember their countless nights when she would walk the sidelines and behind the football teams. As she would look up and see the fans trying to see over the players she would go to them and tell them " to take a knee boys." With a shake of their heads, they would take a knee. Those are still memories they share with a smile. So sorry for your loss.

Janet and Norman Metz

janet metz - February 23, 2018 at 02:38 PM

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My deepest sympathy to Barbara's family. She and I attended St. James School from kindergarten to 8th grade and then graduated from Kearney H.S together. So glad I was able to spend some time with her when we attended our 60th KHS reunion in 2016.

Kathryn Miller Chavez

Kathryn A Chavez - February 26, 2018 at 04:12 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Barbara J. O'Neill.*



February 23, 2018 at 11:27 AM