



Carla A. Fruhling

November 15, 1944 - September 15, 2025

Carla Ann Fruhling, longtime resident of Kearney, Nebraska, passed away peacefully on September 15, 2025, at the age of 80. Funeral services will be on Friday, September 19, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. at First Lutheran Church in Kearney. Rev. Dr. Michelle Carlson will officiate and burial will be at Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday, September 18, 2025 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney. Memorials are suggested to The ARC of Buffalo County or the Kearney Area Animal Shelter, care of the family. Please visit www.hlmkfuneral.com to leave a message or condolence. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Service is in charge of arrangements.

She was born in Bayonne, New Jersey on November 15, 1944, to Carl A. Buettner and Helen Gusko. Her family moved to the Elm Creek area when she was a child. Carla attended and graduated from Elm Creek Highschool. She later married Leland Fruhling on June 25, 1967 in Kearney.

Carla worked a variety of jobs throughout her life including Baldwins and Walmart. She also managed several greenhouses in the summertime for many years. Carla was a dedicated member of her community and will be remembered for her involvement in several local organizations. An active member of First Lutheran Church in Kearney, Carla's faith was an important part of her life. She was also a member of the Eagles Auxiliary, volunteered as

Boy Scout Leader, enjoyed golfing, reading and cross stitch. She also enjoyed camping and boating with her family and friends. A passionate bowler, Carla was a familiar face and a longtime member of the Kearney Women's Bowling Association, where she fostered many friendships over the years.

She is survived by her son, Jeff Fruhling of Kearney; daughter, Janette Sue Fruhling of Elm Creek, NE; 4 grandchildren, Dylan, Collin, Jaiden and Julissa; 3 great grandchildren, Kendrick, Anelise, Bastian;

Carla was preceded in death by her husband, Leland; parents, Carl and Helen Buettner; her sister, Alicia Keller; nephews, David and TJ Buettner

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I
Kearney, NE 68847

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **18**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

SEP **19**. 1:30 PM (CT)

First Lutheran Church
3315 Avenue G
Kearney, NE

Tribute Wall

DD

“ My Mother Bonnie Dresden (Wright) sends her condolences. They went to school together in Elm Creek, Ne.



Dawn Dresden - October 06, 2025 at 05:53 PM

AR

“ Amy R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carla A. Fruhling.

Amy R. - September 29, 2025 at 01:22 PM

PA

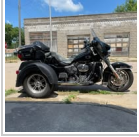
“ Carla babysat my kids, a long, long time ago. I worked w/Carla @Caldwells and your Dad & Jim Knajdl(my husband) had side business together. Carla bowled w?Martha Hadwiger. Our friendship shared many memories. I love you Carla!

Phyllis (Knajdl) Andrijeski - September 19, 2025 at 01:35 PM

DK

“ May Carla's sweet soul rest. I had the privilege of working with you at UNK. she was always so fun, a little mischievous, and loyal employee. Later she would stop in my cafe with classmates from High school, always a joy and a lot of laughter from that group of gals. A true gem

Darci Kuhnel - September 18, 2025 at 07:09 PM



“ *Carla was our neighborhood safe haven and snack mom for us kids, and the prankster comedian friend to our parents! She was always smiling and laughing, generous and loving. The world last lost a true treasure and heaven gained an angel like no other!!*

With much love

The Broekemeier kids: Deb, Cindy, Kerri and Karl

Kerri J. Stoetzel - September 18, 2025 at 11:24 AM

KS

“ *Keith & Kyle Siebels purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Carla A. Fruhling.*



Keith & Kyle Siebels - September 17, 2025 at 12:03 PM

DF

“ *My husband Dennis worked with Lee at Chief Ind., such a talented man. That's how we got to know Carla. Last time I saw her she was volunteering at the Peterson Center. She was such a caring sweet lady with a fun sense of humor. She will be missed. Our sympathy to your family.*

Dennis Fries - September 17, 2025 at 10:50 AM

BJ

“ *Carla was my neighbor on Crestview Place for over 25 years. We will miss her presence at our monthly neighborhood suppers. She had a quirky sense of humor and a humorous wit. God bless you Carla and keep you in His tender care. Thoughts and prayers for her family from Beth Jochen*

Beth Jochen - September 17, 2025 at 01:45 AM

RM

“ *Much love to you and the family, my mother, Vietta, will be meeting you in heaven.*

Randy Murrish - September 17, 2025 at 12:53 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Carla A. Fruhling.*



September 17, 2025 at 12:48 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Carla A. Fruhling.*

September 17, 2025 at 12:48 AM

KB

“ *Carla allowed my husband and I to stay at her home during the loss of my husband's father. She had only met me once before but treated me like she had known me forever the moment I stepped through the door. I came in a stranger and left as family. I will be forever grateful for her hospitality, her wit, and her kindness. Rest in peace Carla. You will be missed.*

Kim Broekemeier - September 16, 2025 at 11:07 PM