



## Carol L. Zapata

October 25, 1950 - December 11, 2013

Carol L. Zapata, 63, of Kearney, died Wednesday, December 11, 2013 at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney. Mass of Christian burial will be Monday, December 16, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. at the Prince of Peace Catholic Church with Fr. Matt Koperski and Fr. Paul Colling officiating. Burial will be at the Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be Sunday, December 15, 2013 starting at 4:30 pm at Prince of Peace Catholic Church with a wake service at 5:30 pm, and one hour prior to the mass on Monday. Memorials are suggested to the Lymphoma Society, Kearney Public Schools Foundation, or the Kearney Area Animal Shelter. Visit [www.hlmkfuneral.com](http://www.hlmkfuneral.com) to leave a message of condolence, tribute or memory. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney are in charge of arrangements.

Carol was born October 25, 1950 in Kearney to Wallace and Barbara (Eckard) Peterson. She grew up in Kearney and graduated from Kearney High School in 1968. She earned her teaching degree at Kearney State College in 1971. While at Kearney State College, she was a member of the founding chapter of Alpha Omega Pi Sorority. She began teaching at Bryant Elementary, and taught for 40 years retiring in 2011. She married Paul Zapata in Kearney on October 24, 1987. Carol enjoyed being outdoors, walking her dog Zoe, gardening, crafting, shopping, and reading. She loved decorating her home inside and out for every season. Carol was a member of Prince of Peace Catholic Church, Daughter's of the American Revolution, Kearney Education

Association, and a volunteer for the Kearney Area Animal Shelter, and the American Red Cross.

Carol is survived by her husband Paul Zapata of Kearney, NE, son Anthony Zapata of Bellingham, WA, daughter Britany and her husband Aaron Knispel of Omaha, NE, sister Deb and her husband Tom Ryan of Lincoln, NE, brother Mike Peterson of Kearney, NE, grandchildren Emerson and Jantzen Knispel of Omaha, NE.

Carol was preceded in death by her parents.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Carol L. Zapata*

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January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *Brit and family,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.*

*Ken/Nanc Geiger in Arizona*

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**Ken/Nanc Geiger** - December 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *I was sad to hear the news of Carol's passing. I worked with Carol at Bryant Elementary as an associate. I had so much fun with her in her room as she was always smiling and laughing. Sending thoughts and prayers to you and your family. She will be missed.*

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**Shelly Stubbs** - December 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *No words can erase the pain and love for a Mother. Please accept my deepest sympathy on the loss of your Mother.*

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**Debbie Franco** - December 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Brit and Family;  
Our Condolences. Our prayers are with you in this trying time.*

*Lynn & Ray*

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**Lynn & Ray Geiger** - December 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ We will miss you very much. Thank you for making life so special. And, in the Lord's timing, we will all be together again - forever with the Lord.

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**The Willis Family** - December 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ We send our love to Carol's family. We came to know her and the rest of the family when we moved next door to Pete and Barb over 35 years ago. The annual Christmas Eve gatherings were a chance to visit with extended family, and summers were a time when we would see Carol almost on a weekly basis as she tended her folks' flower beds. She was so proud of Britany and Anthony and would share pictures of Emerson and Jantzen on her phone when we would see her out shopping. You all are in our prayers, as she has been.

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**Jerry, Kim, and Kelsey Gronewold** - December 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ Brit, We are so sorry for all your family during this very sad time. Please know you are all in our prayers. Your mom was a very special person, and our memories of Carol will always be with us, from when she was friends with my sister as a little girl, to being neighbors across the street as you and Abbe became BFF, to teaching with her years ago at Bryant, and to finally respecting her as a loving and kind person, mother, and grandma. Please, let Paul know our sympathies are with him as well as Anthony. She will live through Emerson and Janssen with all your stories and pictures. We love you.

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**Sue Johhanssen** - December 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Sending love and continued prayers for the family and friends of aunt Carol. She touched the lives of many during her time on earth.* ”

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**Shane & Melissa Cullan** - December 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM