



Darlene B. Lewis

May 30, 1932 - March 20, 2022

Darlene B. Lewis, age 89, of Kearney, passed away on Sunday, March 20, 2022 at Good Samaritan Society – St. John’s in Kearney. Funeral services will be on Friday, March 25, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. at First Lutheran Church in Kearney. Pastor Elisabeth Pynn Himmelman will officiate and burial will be at the Kearney Cemetery. Visitation with family present will be on Thursday, March 24, 2022 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral Home and also 1 hour prior to services on Friday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the family for designation later. Please visit www.hlmkfuneral.com to leave a tribute or message of condolence. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney are in charge of arrangements.

Darlene B. Lewis was born on May 30, 1932, in Pleasanton, NE, to William “Bill” and Bernice Hoffman. She attended school in Pleasanton, NE. Darlene married Edward “Bud” Lewis on November 24, 1950, in Kearney, NE. There were four children born to this union, Debra Lewis Happold, Darla Lewis Stromberg, Ed Lewis, and Dennis Lewis. Early in their marriage, the couple lived in Scottsbluff, NE. After a short time there, they moved back to Kearney. Kearney has been her home for 70 years.

After returning to Kearney, they lived in and owned a neighborhood grocery store near Pioneer Park. After closing the grocery store, Darlene worked at

the women's clothing store Gerald's Shop. She then began working at Redman Shoes, where she was employed for 45 years. Many people requested Darlene to fit their shoes. She fitted shoes for several generations of families. She remembered many shoe sizes up until the time of her death. After retirement, she was an ambassador at Old Towne Alchemy, her granddaughter Erica's store, and a realtor assistant to her granddaughter Kelli. She is known for her sugar cookies and her collection of over 300 teapots. She was a member of the First Lutheran Church.

Her family, especially her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, were the most important part of her life.

Surviving relatives include her sons, Edward (Judy) Lewis of Lincoln, NE and Dennis (Michaela) Lewis of Kearney; son-in-laws, Gary Stromberg of Kearney and Bob Happold of Grand Island; Grandchildren, Erica (Blake) Covey, Leah (Andrew) Stade all of Kearney, Lindsay (Jarod) Shearer of Lincoln, Kelli (Scott) Rucker of Kearney, C.J. (Jill) Happold of Lincoln, Darbi (Brady) Roeder of Kearney, Breanne Wilton of Papillion, Abigail (Adam) Sterling of Omaha, and Rob (Brittney) Lewis of Kearney; 21 great-grandchildren.

Darlene was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Bud; daughters, Debra Lewis Happold and Darla Lewis Stromberg; sisters, Verda Fairfield and Mardell Schmidt; brother, Darwin Hoffman; great-granddaughter, Harlee Lewis.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I
Kearney, NE 68847

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 24. 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

MAR 25. 1:30 PM (CT)

First Lutheran Church
3315 Avenue G
Kearney, NE

Tribute Wall



“ *Darlene B. Lewis*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *Darlene fit me in my first pair of shoes when I moved to Kearney at the age of two (1964). I worked for Redmans in 1980-1985. Every summer, Darlene would fit our four sons in K-Swiss canvas shoes. It became a tradition. We eventually moved away, however, we would return to Kearney many times. We always made a point of stopping into Redmans to say hello. Darlene was always kind and ready with a smile. She loved to catch up on family news. Our condolences to the Lewis family,*

John and Cheryl Walker

Cheryl A. Walker - May 17, 2022 at 03:51 PM



“ *Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of Darlene B. Lewis.*



March 24, 2022 at 09:56 AM



“ *Beloved friend and neighbor; our condolences to the Lewis family. Thoughts and prayers to All! Great loss to Pioneer Park resident's. Tim and Lori Trompke*

Lori J Trompke - March 23, 2022 at 09:02 PM

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“ *John Smith lit a candle in memory of Darlene B. Lewis*



John Smith - March 23, 2022 at 07:51 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Darlene B. Lewis.*



March 23, 2022 at 03:42 PM

CT

“ *Although it's been years, Darlene IS my all time favorite shoe lady. More importantly, she treated her customers as friends. Patience with children and more importantly, their mothers has to be one of her many special qualities. It was fun to know one of her granddaughters as a student, too. Darlene will live in your memories, keep telling her stories. Praying for comfort for all of her family. Carol (Mollard) Tjernag*

Carol (Mollard) Tjernagel - March 23, 2022 at 12:41 PM

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“ *Lewis family,*

May wonderful memories of a life well lived bring you peace. Darlene lived in our Pioneer Park neighborhood and we would always visit when she walked. We were friends with her sister Verda also and I can just imagine all of the family together enjoying each other's company in heaven. Peace be yours! Tammey Elliott Frick



Tammey Frick - March 22, 2022 at 01:52 PM

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Ed and Denny - So sorry to hear of your loss. It's always hard to lose a parent! Thinking of you.

Sara Hoffman

sara hoffman - March 25, 2022 at 05:33 PM