



## Diane E. Budler

February 9, 1954 - June 2, 2021

Diane E. Budler, 67, of Kearney, died June 2, 2021 at the C.H.I. Health Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney. Memorial services will be 10:30 a.m., June 7, 2021 at the New Life Church with Pastor Roger Wendt officiating. Casual attire is requested by the family for those attending the service. Visitation with the family present will be from 3:00 to 5:00 pm, June 6, 2021 at the Horner Lieske McBride and Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the family to be designated later.

Diane was born February 9, 1954 to Warren & Beverly (Reed) Dunham. She attended York Public Schools, graduating in 1972.

Joined in marriage to Patrick Budler in York, NE. April 5, 1974. Diane and Patrick renewed their vows in Montego Bay, Jamaica, February 5, 2014. Born to this union were daughters, Dawn & Whitney.

They moved to Kearney in August 1981. She was on the team to set-up & open the first Walmart store in Kearney, NE in 1984 and continued with the company until her retirement on, February 10, 2012.

She enjoyed spending time with family & friends. Diane didn't let the world change her smile but her smile certainly changed the world.

Diane is survived by her husband, Patrick Budler of Kearney; daughters, Dawn (John) Becker, Kearney, Whitney (Wes) Brisbin, Omaha; Grand Children, Zachary Warnken, Elizabeth Brisbin, Noah Brisbin; Step-Grandchildren, Meagan Becker, Jaiden (Cameron) Becker; Step Great-Granddaughter, Skylar Tompkins; Siblings, Dudley Dunham, Holly Kelly, Steve Dunham, Janet (Freddie) Collins, Jeff Dunham, Mark Dunham; Brothers & Sisters in Law, Mary (Dave) Morgan, Jane (Bob) Patterson, Tom (Barb) Budler, Bill (Barb) Budler, Diana Budler, Jeff (Ann) Budler, Laurie (Phil) Anderson; her canoe family, the Tureks, Fellows, and Johnsons; numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and a multitude of friends!

Diane was preceded in death by her parents; Father & Mother-in-Law, Bernard & Patricia Budler; and Brother-in-Law, Tony Budler; Sister-in-Law, Pearl Dunham; and nephew, Jacob Budler.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 6. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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

## Memorial Service

JUN 7. 10:30 AM (CT)

New Life Church  
2715 West 39th Street  
Kearney, NE 68845

# Tribute Wall



“ *Diane E. Budler*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *Look no further than the eyes and the faces of Diane’s family to see the joy, the love, the kindness, the strength and the determination that she so selflessly and lovingly gave to those who knew her.*

*While Diane was not physically there when I visited the family last Friday evening, her spirit, her confidence, her joy and her personality were alive and well in the family and friends gathered there to celebrate her life.*

Chris and Vonnie Overman - June 07, 2021 at 10:32 AM



“ *Celebrate the wonderful memories and laughter thru her life.*

*Brad Willms*

Brad - June 06, 2021 at 12:06 PM



“ *Diane was so fun to be around—the memories the Athys have of her were spent along with Whit, Wes and the kids at the campground watching the Huskers, at parties at Whit and Wes’s home including football games and fish fry parties. We will miss her so much, her joyful attitude and constant smile and fun laugh. To the family, sorry we aren’t able to join you to celebrate her life but please know that we are thinking of you and virtual hugs to you all as your mourn her passing. She is your angel.*

Angela Athy - June 06, 2021 at 11:05 AM

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*“ We'll never forget the week we met Pat, because of Diane, and then Diane and the rest of your beautiful family. United in tragedy then hope then recovery then “life” and now Diane’s freedom from pain. Our hearts break for you all in your loss. Sending love and prayers, Charles, Kristen, and Isaiah Bauer*

Charles and Kristen Bauer - June 05, 2021 at 05:07 PM

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*“ Heartbroken. Pat, Dawn and Whitney, I'm saying a prayer for your family. Tom Robson\*

Tom Robson - June 05, 2021 at 08:02 AM



*“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Diane E. Budler.*



June 05, 2021 at 12:07 AM

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*“ Even though it has been many years and many miles between us my memories of Diane remain clear. Our children played together and we shared laughter and coffee together. Her energy and bright smile will always be how I remember her. Our sympathy and prayers to the family. Paul and Sandy Ahlin*

Sandra Ahlin - June 04, 2021 at 12:47 PM

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*Hugs out to your family. Diane always had a smile and big hello whenever I saw her. She will be missed*

**Bobbi Rasmussen** - June 04, 2021 at 07:04 PM

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*Pat, it's been a long time since we saw you and Diane but we still talk about the fun we had with you all those Friday nights at the Big Apple and a few other gatherings. We are sorry for your lose. Stay well. You are in our prayers. Randy and Gayle Martin.*

**Randy Martin** - June 06, 2021 at 08:47 PM

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*“ Dear Pat and family, I was so sorry to hear of Diane's passing. Please know that you're in my thoughts and prayers. May your wonderful memories help you through this difficult time. Kathy Nelson, NPPD*

**Kathleen Ann Nelson** - June 04, 2021 at 10:35 AM



*“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Diane E. Budler.*



June 04, 2021 at 02:39 AM



*“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Diane E. Budler.*



June 04, 2021 at 01:01 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Diane E. Budler.



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June 03, 2021 at 08:51 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Diane E. Budler.



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June 03, 2021 at 08:29 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Diane E. Budler.



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June 03, 2021 at 07:39 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness* was purchased for the family of Diane E. Budler.



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June 03, 2021 at 07:15 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Diane E. Budler.*



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June 03, 2021 at 04:51 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy, Pat and all of your family. We are so saddened to hear of the death of your lovely Diane. We pray for your comfort in this great loss. May she rest in eternal peace!*



*Liz & Kirk Ashton*

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**Liz & Kirk Ashton** - June 03, 2021 at 04:48 PM



“ *Diane faced her struggle with courage with Pat urging her on. We met through girls softball and had a lot of fun. She's the only reason I would go into Walmart. May her memory be eternal.*

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**Tim O'Dea** - June 03, 2021 at 01:20 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Diane was an important part of our family and is missed.*

*Jane and Bob*

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**Bob and Jane Patterson** - June 03, 2021 at 12:14 PM