



## Donaleen F. Messersmith

May 3, 1950 - August 6, 2017

Donaleen F. Messersmith, 67, of Kearney, died Sunday, August 6, 2017 at her home in Kearney. A celebration of life service will be on Thursday, August 10, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at First United Methodist Church in Kearney. Rev. Alan Davis will officiate and burial will be later. There will be no visitation.

Memorials are suggested to Shriners Hospital for children in honor of Isabelle Rude or the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research. Please visit [www.hlmkfuneral.com](http://www.hlmkfuneral.com) to leave a message of condolence. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services of Kearney is in charge of arrangements.

Donaleen Messersmith loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend passed away on August 6, 2017 at the age of 67. Donaleen was born and raised on a farm outside of Gering, NE. She attended college at Kearney State College and became a vocational high school teacher. Donaleen and husband, Ken, moved to Kearney in 1986 where they raised their only child, Jake. Donaleen became a beloved high school teacher at Kearney High School for 19 years. She loved to teach, to entertain, to laugh and to spend time with her family and friends. Her grandson Drew, 4, was an especially bright light in her life over the past few years. The couple would like to thank their friends in the community for the tremendous support they have received.

She is survived by her husband of 44 years, Ken; son, Jake; daughter-in-law,

Amber; grandson, Drew, of Lincoln; and sister Eileen Jones; and brother-in-law, Tom Jones of Leavenworth, KS.

Donaleen is preceded in death by her parents, Jake and Mary Stricker; brother, Norman; and sister Elvira. Memorials may be sent to the Shriners Hospital for children in honor of Isabelle Rude or the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

AUG **10**. 11:00 AM (CT)

First united Methodist Church  
4500 Linden Drive  
Kearney, NE 68847

# Tribute Wall



“ *Donaleen F. Messersmith*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *Carolyn Fosrer lit a candle in memory of Donaleen F. Messersmith*



**Carolyn Fosrer** - November 14, 2017 at 06:44 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memorial Video*



**Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services** - August 16, 2017 at 12:18 PM



“ *Ken, we are so sorry for your loss. We will definitely miss our "roof-mate" this winter in Az. Her laugh, wit and sense of humor made her fun to be around. We will definitely miss her! We are looking forward to spending time with you this winter.*

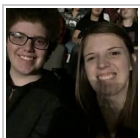
*Valentine and JoAnn Wangler*

**valentine wangler** - August 11, 2017 at 11:39 AM

SM

“ Ken,  
We are so sorry to hear of your loss. You have all our prayers.  
Larry and Sally Hooper Mannlein

Sally Hooper Mannlein - August 10, 2017 at 08:13 PM



“ What a wonderful lady! Definitely one of my favorite teachers! She always called my best friend and I sunshine one and sunshine two whenever she saw us in the hallways, and always joked about how if we showed up to her class late we better have some chocolate. She will be greatly missed!

Shelby Reiman - August 08, 2017 at 05:33 PM

FM

“ From Shane, Corinna, Caroline, and Charlotte Moser purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Donaleen F. Messersmith.



From Shane, Corinna, Caroline, and Charlotte Moser - August 08, 2017 at 11:39 AM

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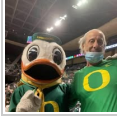
“ Even though I took care of, Donaleen, for a short time, I could tell that our sense of humor were one of a kind!

Mary - August 08, 2017 at 09:05 AM

CF

Ken, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Chuck Friesen - August 09, 2017 at 08:50 AM



*Hello, Ken. I read from Thailand in the Kearney Hub that Donaleen had passed away. I had no idea that she was doing so badly---perhaps I didn't want to believe that we were losing someone as special as her. I can't begin to know the loss that you must feel, but try to take comfort in the fact that you have many friends and family who care very much about you and will be there for you as you endure the grief process. I wish that I could be there to comfort you and pay my respects on Thursday, but I am in Thailand until 8/14. Just please know that you are in my thoughts, and, when you are ready, I look forward to sharing many more good times with you. It took me a little while to dry my eyes and write this, and I want you to know that I care. Take care my friend.*  
*Jeff*

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**Jeff Kritzer** - August 09, 2017 at 10:26 AM

SW

*Ken and family: I don't need to tell you because I'm pretty sure you know, but Donaleen was a class act. I loved being around her lovely sense of humor and kind heart. I always kept up on her condition with a mutual friend and feel bad that my card never made it in time. Please know that I was always thinking of her and I am so happy that she is now in a better place! God bless and may you all make it through this most difficult time!*

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**Sharen Wroblewski** - August 09, 2017 at 06:13 PM