



## Donna J. Walker

February 2, 1930 - August 26, 2022

Donna J. Walker, 92 of Kearney, died August 26, 2022 surrounded by family at Mother Hull Home in Kearney. Funeral services will be 10:30 am, September 2, 2022 at the First Baptist Church with Pastor Sean Daugherty officiating. Burial will follow the service at Kearney Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the Kearney Area Animal Shelter. Visitation will be from 5:00 to 7:00 pm, September 1, 2022 at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services and one hour prior to the service at the church.

Donna was born February 2, 1930 in Arapahoe, NE to Paul A. and Glenva (Girch) Peterson. She was the second of four children; brother Robert was 4 years older, sister Sandra was 8 years younger and sister Janet was 14 years younger. She was raised in Holdrege, NE and graduated from Holdrege High School in 1948. She married Donald E. Bowers on March 21, 1950 in Kearney, NE. Following their marriage, they traveled extensively for his military service. Daughter Denise Elaine was born October 2, 1951 in San Antonio, TX and daughter Linda Carol was born December 8, 1953 in Fairbanks, AK. They also lived in Puerto Rico, Grand Forks, ND, Lincoln, NE, Minnesota, and then settled back in Elm Creek, NE in 1965. She and Don divorced in 1970 and she relocated to Kearney, NE where she eventually married Robert E. "Bob" Walker on November 18, 1978. Bob had two children from a previous marriage, son Todd (born July 29, 1961) and daughter Su (born May 6, 1964).

Donna worked for several years as a bookkeeper and secretary at Plectron Corporation in Overton, NE. In 1985, she started employment at the University of Nebraska at Kearney in the Nebraskan Student Union. She was well-known and loved around campus and worked there until her retirement in 2010. She was an active member of the First Baptist Church and dedicated many Wednesday nights helping with children's ministries. She loved being around kids, from newborns to college students-- it helped keep her young at heart!

Donna had a passion for helping others and was constantly caring for whoever was in need. Aside from Donna's many life accomplishments, her pride shone through as the cornerstone of her family. She lovingly cared for her family, from helping raise grandkids to offering free room and board to family over the years. She was always willing to chauffeur her grandkids around, until eventually she became the unofficial drivers' ed teacher. Many summer days were spent churning homemade ice cream, begrudgingly monitoring her grandkids with their mass of fireworks, and tending to her bountiful garden. Although abundant, the produce didn't make it too far with her grandkids following behind and popping raspberries into their mouths. Ultimately, she loved fiercely, whether it was her grandkids or fresh blueberries on her cereal every morning.

Donna is survived by her children Linda (Don) Morosic of Republican City, NE, Todd Walker (Tom Donohue) of Palm Springs, CA, Su (Rick) Valdivia of Kansas City, MO; grandchildren Heather (Justin) Crawford of Orleans, NE, Breanna (Mark) Schukar of Overland Park, KS, Eric (Sally) Morosic of Lincoln, NE, Stephanie (Brett) Hoffman of Kearney, NE, Ashley (Michael) Ashpaugh of Smithville, MO, Alex Valdivia and fiancée Anaya of Kansas City, MO, Jeremy Chavez of Laveen, AZ, Jennifer (Chad) Brown of Alamogordo, NM, Jacqueline (Jason) Edney of Abilene, TX; great-grandchildren Alexis, Jamin, Beth, Joseph, Audrey, Chloe, Ryder, Adelaide, Calvin, Bennett, Jackson,

Paige, Myles, Sabrina, Jasmine, Isaac, Gabby, Chase; sisters Sandra Campbell of Kearney, NE and Janet (Gary) Cline of Lincoln, NE; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Donna is preceded in death by her husband (Bob), daughter (Denise), brother, parents, and her beloved dog, Ace.

# Cemetery Details

## Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I  
Kearney, NE 68847

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 1. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Donna J. Walker*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *RIP Grandma. Thank you for your endless support and love.*

**Laura Chavez** - September 01, 2022 at 08:42 PM



“ *My condolences to your family. I didn't know Donna that well but what I did she was a kind soul. Prayers that God wraps his arms around your family and give you peace and comfort.  
God Bless.*

*Teola Campbell (James widow)*

**Teola Campbell** - September 01, 2022 at 08:14 PM



“ *enjoyed working with Donna in the student union. when we started having a family, Donna always wanted me to bring the kids by her office every 2 weeks so she could see how they were growing. when they were older and could/walk and talk they wanted to go to "dads work and see Donna", because Donna always had candy in her drawer for them. When my kids walked in her office her face would light up. My greatest memory of Donna was bringing in my kids*

**len fangmeyer** - August 31, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *I remember that Donna loved flowers. She had many plants and flowers, that she loved in assisted living. Then later she loved to get flower arrangements from her grandchildren when she lived at the home.*

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**Christine Cleveland** - August 30, 2022 at 03:50 PM