



Doreen L. DeBeck

May 24, 1957 - August 7, 2017

Doreen L. DeBeck, 60, of Kearney died Monday August 7, 2017 at Wel-Cove in Kearney.

Private services will be held at a later date. Please visit www.hlmkfuneral.com to leave a tribute or message of condolence. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services are in charge of arrangements.

Doreen was the third of four children born May 24, 1957 to Betty Jean (Donohue) and Ed DeBeck in Phoenixville, Pennsylvania. She moved to Kearney, Nebraska in 1963 with her family and attended Grade School, Jr. High, and High School in Kearney. She received her Bachelor's Degree from Kearney State College and earned her Master's Degree in Deaf Education.

Doreen married Roger Reiter in 1974 and gave birth to her only child Brandi Michelle Reiter. Brandi was the love, pride, and joy of her life. In her final weeks of battling lung cancer she spoke often of how proud she was of the kind, caring, and hard working woman her daughter had become.

She taught in numerous schools in Nebraska and Iowa including South Loup Scotia, NE, Iowa School of the Deaf in Council Bluffs, IA, and held an Itinerant Teaching position in Storm Lake, IA. She was honored by UNK for being a one room school teacher in Antioch, NE (her favorite school). Doreen had a passion for teaching the deaf and fashioned her teaching skills to match the individual needs of her students. She claimed that she received more

blessings from her students, than she could give to them. She followed the progress of many of her students as they advanced in their educational pursuits.

Her first car, a 1963 Plymouth Valiant was her favorite and she named it Gertrude. She was always teased by her siblings about accidentally being left behind at a rest stop on vacation. Doreen volunteered a couple of years with Cruise Night in Kearney. She loved growing herbs in her garden and shared them with family and friends. She knit prayer shawls for friends needing comfort.

Doreen is survived by daughter Brandi of Lincoln; mother, Betty of Kearney; sister Deb (Randy) Erickson of Riverdale; brother Ed (Mary Beth) DeBeck of Elma, WA, and younger brother Ron (Devonia) DeBeck of Mississauga, ON. Survivors also include nieces, Mindy Erickson, Olivia DeBeck, Abigail DeBeck, and Lillian DeBeck as well as nephews Matt Erickson, Dallas DeBeck, and A.J. DeBeck along with numerous grandnieces and grandnephews.

She was preceded in death by her father.

Tribute Wall



“ *Doreen L. DeBeck*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *Doreen and I worked together at the AEA (Storm Lake). Her kind of unconditional friendship is rare and I have been blessed to call her my friend. May God grant you peace and understanding in this most sad and difficult time*

Deb Gade - October 27, 2017 at 03:11 PM



“ *Brandi, Betty, and family -- my heart is with you.*

Doreen was a special lady with a very kind heart. She had a laugh that was infectious and she made the best chicken and dumplings I've ever had to this day! Doreen also knew so much about herbs...I still have a book she gave me about herbs probably 15 years ago that I still reference.

I'm really grateful to have known Doreen and I will never forget her. May the memories that bring sadness now instead fill you with comfort and peace in the years to come.

Logan Stickney - August 15, 2017 at 09:47 PM

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“ *Doreen, you're in arms of the angels, may you find comfort there.*

Brandi, your Mom loved you very much! Let the memories sustain you.

Wishing you peace.

Lori L. Vogel - August 11, 2017 at 08:41 PM

JA

“ *I am very sorry Doreen's talent has been silenced by cancer. She could sit down and write a poem for different situations. I have never had a way with words like she did.*

Jo Ann - August 11, 2017 at 08:01 PM

KS

“ *Doreen and I were good friends for MANY years...from early high school to well after Brandi was born. We lost touch after she moved away, but I will always value the years of friendship, and will always smile thinking about that awesome laugh of hers!*

Warms thoughts and prayers to the family, and I'm sorry for your loss.

Kendra Sommer - August 11, 2017 at 07:33 PM

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“ *Nancy lit a candle in memory of Doreen L. DeBeck*

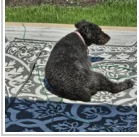


Nancy - August 10, 2017 at 12:45 PM

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She will be sadly missed..such a wonderful friend.

Nancy - August 10, 2017 at 12:48 PM



“ *I worked with Doreen in Storm Lake Iowa. She was such a good friend and we had a wonderful time hanging out and playing together. Betty, Brandi and Family, you are in my thoughts and prayers for comfort, I am so glad that I was able to stop and see her in June on my way back to Tucson.*

My husband and I are Green Bay Packers fans. Doreen always enjoyed telling us how she and her dad watched the games together and that she got out of shoveling snow by doing that. Every time we watch a game in the future, I will be thinking of Doreen and her dad watching with us.

Dawn Fode

Dawn Fode - August 09, 2017 at 11:27 PM