



Ellen Virginia (Raymond) Boroff

March 19, 1938 - August 4, 2024

Ellen Virginia (Raymond) Boroff, 86, of Kearney passed away August 4, 2024 at Good Samaritan Society – St. John’s in Kearney. Funeral services will be 10:00 am, August 9, 2024 at Kearney eFree Church with Pastor John Fowler officiating. Graveside services will be 2:30 pm at Westlawn Memorial Park in Grand Island. Visitation will be from 5:00 to 7:00 pm, August 8, 2024 at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation services and one hour prior to the service at the church. Memorials are suggested to The Collage Center or the family to be designated later.

Ellen was born on March 19, 1938, in Cherokee, Oklahoma, to Robert and Margaret Raymond. She grew up in Cozad, Nebraska, where her family moved to a farm when she was in elementary school. She spent her childhood on the farm where her dad raised and sold lambs. She often spoke fondly of her favorite lambs she helped care for growing up.

Ellen graduated from Cozad High School in 1956 and went on to attend Nebraska State Teachers College (now UNK) where she was a member of what is now the Gamma Phi Beta Sorority. It was at college where she met the love of her life, Claire Boroff.

Ellen and Claire married on December 27, 1959, and went on to celebrate 65 years together. They had three children: Gretchen, Craig, and Christa. Ellen

started her teaching career in Bertrand but spent most of her working years teaching in Axtell teaching kindergarten, first grade and title.

On the weekends in the fall, you could always find Ellen supporting Claire and the teams he was coaching – first at several high schools and then at Kearney State College/UNK. During Claire’s coaching career, Ellen only missed one game. Not only would you see Ellen at the games, but you would hear her too – her trusty cowbell, brought from her childhood farm, let everyone know which team she was supporting.

She loved spending her summers at Johnson’s Lake and the many friends they had up there. Lake life definitely agreed with her. Many nights during the summer she and Claire could be found playing bridge with their neighbors. Ellen also liked to play bridge monthly with her friends.

Those who know Ellen know that she had a servant heart. She volunteered with CASA, Collage Center, and was a deaconess with the Evangelical Free Church. She and Claire also led several small group Bible studies. She made countless meals for people and met with many who were struggling in life. She was also involved in PEO. She loved her family and enjoyed having everyone at the house for holidays and attending her grandchildren’s activities.

After she and Claire both retired, they enjoyed making up for lost time with wonderful vacations spanning from Alaska to Canada to Switzerland, Austria, Egypt, and more.

Ellen is survived by her husband Claire Boroff of Kearney; three children, Gretchen (Ed) Kinne of Grand Island, Nebraska, Craig (Debbie) Boroff of Grand Island, Nebraska, and Christa (Mark) Spencer of Overland Park, Kansas; grandchildren Carissa Schmidt (Drake), Taylor Marquez (Aaron),

Payton Kinne (Rebecca), Brooke Boroff, Michelle Boroff, Hannah Spencer, and Zach Spencer; great grandchildren: Taysom, Becs, and Brigham Schmidt, and Xander, Ellie and baby Marquez.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sister Judy Miller, and brother Bob Raymond.

Cemetery Details

Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery

3826 West Stolley Park Road
Grand Island, NE 68803

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 8. 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

AUG 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

Kearney E- Free Church
4010 7th Ave.
Kearney, NE 68845

Tribute Wall

KR

“ Claire and family,
So sorry for your loss at this time. Ellen was a great friend when needed during tough times. Prayers for you at this time. May God's peace comfort you.

Kimberly Rebman - August 09, 2024 at 04:27 PM

YF

“ Your bath and body family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Ellen Virginia (Raymond) Boroff.



Your bath and body family - August 08, 2024 at 02:22 PM

TA

“ Mrs. Boroff was one of my favorite teachers. She was always soft spoken and so caring! She was an amazing educator and a wonderful role model for her students. Even after I graduated from Axtell in 1981, I would occasionally run into her and she was always stop and visit. She was always so classy in her appearance but so very down to earth. There's a special spot in Heaven for people like her!

Teresa Aten - August 07, 2024 at 09:02 PM

SK

“ Sharon K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ellen Virginia (Raymond) Boroff.

Sharon K. - August 07, 2024 at 04:23 PM

SM

“ Dear Clair and family, I am so sorry to learn of Ellen's death. She was my best friend at Cozad HS and a maid of honor for my marriage to Tom on June 18th, 1961. Ellen had a deeply kind and caring spirit and though we lost touch over the years, her kind friendship lingers with me. Our oldest daughter (Beth Ellen) was named after my college roommate, Beth, and my best HS friend Ellen. I'll be holding your family close to my heart as you grieve her loss.

Peace and Love, Sharon Kay Smith McCormick

Sharon K McCormick - August 07, 2024 at 04:21 PM

BR

“ Breckon & Kaylee Reed purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ellen Virginia (Raymond) Boroff.



Breckon & Kaylee Reed - August 07, 2024 at 01:31 PM

RC

“ Rick and Tracie Chochon purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ellen Virginia (Raymond) Boroff.



Rick and Tracie Chochon - August 07, 2024 at 12:17 PM

RC

“ Rick and Tracie Chochon planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ellen Virginia (Raymond) Boroff.

Rick and Tracie Chochon - August 07, 2024 at 12:17 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Ellen Virginia (Raymond) Boroff.*



August 06, 2024 at 10:16 AM



“ *Jacob M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ellen Virginia (Raymond) Boroff.*

Jacob M. - August 06, 2024 at 10:16 AM



“ *Mark lundeen purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Ellen Virginia (Raymond) Boroff.*



Mark lundeen - August 05, 2024 at 11:56 PM



“ *Mark lundeen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ellen Virginia (Raymond) Boroff.*

Mark lundeen - August 05, 2024 at 11:56 PM

TF

“ Tim Harris family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Ellen Virginia (Raymond) Boroff.



Tim Harris family - August 05, 2024 at 10:01 PM

TF

“ Tim Harris family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ellen Virginia (Raymond) Boroff.

Tim Harris family - August 05, 2024 at 10:01 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ellen Virginia (Raymond) Boroff.



August 05, 2024 at 08:24 PM

MS

“ Mark Kelly Noah and Bailey Spangler planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ellen Virginia (Raymond) Boroff.

Mark Kelly Noah and Bailey Spangler - August 05, 2024 at 08:24 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ellen Virginia (Raymond) Boroff.*



August 05, 2024 at 08:15 PM



“ *Mr.&Mrs. Jim Spencer&Jeff Spencer family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ellen Virginia (Raymond) Boroff.*

Mr.&Mrs. Jim Spencer&Jeff Spencer family - August 05, 2024 at 08:15 PM