



## Fern L. Shea

March 3, 1923 - August 22, 2022

Fern L. Shea, 99, of Kearney, died August 22, 2022 at Wel-Life Assisted Living in Kearney. Funeral services will be 10:30 am, Monday, August 29, 2022 at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services with Fr. Paul Colling officiating. Burial will follow the service at Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5:00 to 7:00 pm, August 28, 2022 at the funeral home and one hour prior to the service. Memorials are suggested to Wel-Life Assisted Living and Tabitha Hospice Care.

Fern was born March 3, 1923 in Odessa to James and Hattie (Conger) Halliwell. She grew up near Odessa and graduated from Odessa High School in 1940.

Fern went on to attend college in Kearney for one year to earn a teaching certificate. She would then teach two years at a one room schoolhouse near Odessa. Following her teaching stint, she would work at a Kearney factory during the World War II years.

Fern married Gene Shea on April 24, 1951 in Oconto, Nebraska. After marrying Gene and starting their family she would stay at home and manage the household while he ran the barbershop.

Fern is survived by her children, Dennis Shea of Kearney, Debra Hupp and

husband Karl Dix of Topeka, KS, Kevin and (special partner Yulia Anishchanka) of Aurora, CO, Tim Shea of Fresno, CA, Greg and Sanae Shea of Kearney; grandchildren, Jack Shea, Sam Shea, Charlie Shea, Megan (Chris) Zirkle, Nathan (Cindy) Knepp, Kevin Shea Jr. (Kristin); great grandchildren, Kinley Zirkle, Robert and Jimmy Knepp, Owen and Valerie Shea.

Fern was preceded in death by her husband; two brothers, Harry and Darold Halliwell; sister, Dorothy Chavanu; granddaughter, Kristen Shea; daughter-in-law, Sue Shea; special friend, Dora Day.

# Cemetery Details

## Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I  
Kearney, NE 68847

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 28.** 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 29.** 10:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Fern L. Shea*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Funeral*



**Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services** - August 31, 2022 at 03:51 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Fern L. Shea.*



August 29, 2022 at 10:23 AM



“ *Gary & I enjoyed Fren & Gene so very much, good honest, special people. The Welty family was Blessed to have known them. Connie Welty*



**Connie Welty** - August 26, 2022 at 06:29 PM

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“ *To the Family of Fern,  
Thinking of you as you celebrate a life well lived.  
Mary Ellen Lantis and Family*

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**Mary Ellen Lantis** - August 25, 2022 at 04:34 PM