



Franca O. Fullmer

October 10, 1943 - March 14, 2025

Franca O. Fullmer, age 81, of Kearney, passed away Friday, March 14, 2025, at Good Samaritan Society St. John's in Kearney. Graveside services will be 2:00 p.m., Monday, March 24th, 2025, at the Kearney Cemetery with Chaplain Holden Barry officiating. Visitation will be from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Sunday, March 23rd, 2025, at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested to Kearney Rescue Cats. Please visit www.lmkfuneral.com to leave a tribute or message of condolence. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney is in charge of arrangements.

Franca Odeilia Fullmer was born in Italy on October 10, 1943. She lived in Italy until age 6 and then the family moved to Germany where she attended school. While living in Germany she was married and to this union a son was born, Walter Josef Kievernagel. She came to America accompanying a military family as their nanny. They settled in Omaha and Colorado Springs. After leaving their employment she lived in North Platte and eventually moved to Kearney. On December 18, 1970, she was married to Lewis Fullmer. On October 14, 1985, she followed her dream and opened Franca's Jewelry Store in downtown Kearney which she operated until her retirement in 2022.

She enjoyed life to the fullest with traveling, painting, gardening and her jewelry store. Her flower gardens were exquisite! There wasn't a tree, shrub,

or flower that she couldn't grow. She was a lover of all things, especially her cats. Franca loved to visit and tell her many adventures of growing up in Italy and Germany, and her travels around Europe.

Franca is survived by her grandson Pablo Marco Kievernagel of Cologne, Germany.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister; her husband Lewis and son Walter.

She was loved by many, and she will be missed greatly.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I
Kearney, NE 68847

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 23. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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

Graveside Service

MAR 24. 2:00 PM (CT)

Kearney Cemetery
4400 Avenue I
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Tribute Wall

JS

“*Franca was a lovely lady that I always felt a special connection with. The world seemed a little brighter after a visit with her in her jewelry store. She had some special gifts that she shared with the world. I last saw her at the Assisted Living place where she was staying after a long recuperation. We had a nice long talk and my husband was able to take the information she had on her grandson to try and make contact so they could communicate again. She will be missed. I'll be thinking of her when I wear the black onyx ring I bought from her after my Mother died. Franca and my Mother were both beautiful Libra souls. RIP Franca, I'll miss you.*

Julie Shaw - March 29, 2025 at 04:25 AM

RP

Franca was a beautiful soul. I will miss her stories of her early years. She was fiesty and she would not tolerate injustice. She loved life and has many friends. I hope her grandson appreciates the wonderful woman she was.

Robert Peterson. Friend

Robert Peterson - April 30, 2025 at 11:18 AM



“*Lorna Livingston lit a candle in memory of Franca Fullmer*



Lorna Livingston - March 22, 2025 at 05:54 PM

SH

“ Franca was indeed a force to be reckoned with, while having a heart of gold. She was a one of a kind lady who always told it the way it was with compassion but truthfulness.. I always enjoyed her life stories.Her chats will be missed.

Sheriff - March 20, 2025 at 07:56 AM

LM

“ Rest in peace dear Franca. I miss our lil chats. You hold a special place in my heart! From one straight shooter to another. Those who know you well knows what that means. I am proud that I was part of your care team for a few years.

Laurie Myers - March 18, 2025 at 09:26 PM

GM

“ 🙏🐱🐶💕💕 What Can You Say About A Girl Like Franca???

Definitely A StrongSmartWoman Teacher ❤️ A SelfMade Woman And A Very Successful Patriotic American Business Woman 🇺🇸 She Was Sicilian Italian. There Were 22 Brothers In Her Dad's Family, All From The Same Mom And Dad. There Were No Girls Till GrandDaughter Francesca Odilia D'Armento Came Along, And Her Grandma And Dad Doted On ThatGirl With The Thick Long Red Hair. She Made Many Trips To Rome, With Her Dad And On One Of Those Trips Dad Bought His Beautiful Redheaded Daughter A Special Pair Of Earrings. On One Of My Many Visits To Her Beyond Unique LittleBig Jewelry Store She Gave me, Her Patrice, Those Earrings - AND The Memory - A Special Girl's Memory. Franca's Female Wisdom And Amazing Life Stories Were A Treasure For A gurlikeme 💕💕 Francesca Was A Powerful Spiritual Woman Who Had Time For Other People. Her Kearney Jewelry Store Was A Beehive Of Activity - A SafePlace Like No Other. Franca Was An Artist - A CraftsWoman And Artisan - Her Life Reflected That Fact. One Of Those 22 Boys Worked On Church Restorations In Europe, Where Franca Traveled And Worked - And Had MANY Adventures, Before Striking Out For America To Start A New Life 🇺🇸 What A Blessing To Have Known Francesca Odilia D'Armento And Had Her For A GirlFriend And A StrongSmartWoman Teacher 💕💕 Franca Shared Her Very Busy Noon GirlFriends Lunches With me - Her Patrice - And Arlene And i Got To Be A Part Of Those Special Lunch Dates - She Loved Mexican Food And Was A Great Cook Herself. Now Franca Has Gone On To Join Her Louie And Will Probably Fix Him Something To Eat When She Gets Home. Thank You Girl 💕💕 Goldene Patrice MORE. Tuesday, March 18th, 2025.

Goldie - PATRICE - More - March 18, 2025 at 02:15 PM

LI



Lisakay - March 19, 2025 at 10:48 PM

LF

Enjoyed knowing her through the years. She was a talented, kind, and genuine. We will miss her. Rest in Peace dear lady.

LaVonne Fries - March 24, 2025 at 10:35 AM

JE

“ *Jessa,Jace,Jalyn&Jemma purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Franca O. Fullmer.*



Jessa,Jace,Jalyn&Jemma - March 16, 2025 at 11:47 PM

JO

“ *I'm sorry to hear that Franca is gone she was a fierce lady with a gift and a Big heart*
Jo

Jo - March 16, 2025 at 12:09 PM

RF

“ ✨🕊️❤️🟡🟢🟠💜🟡 Our condolences
Spiritualist Of Wonderful .Spirits guidance!
Light and Love Always To You R.I.P. Franca!
Forever Together. 🕊️✨



Rev.Rabrendit Ford - March 16, 2025 at 11:29 AM

MK

“ I remember Franca fondly. She fixed several pieces of jewelry for Mom and me over the years. She restrung necklaces and bracelets and fixed earrings. When I lost an earring, she knew just how to make the remaining one into a pendant. She always asked about Mom in the years after Mom was no longer able to come herself to Franca's shop. Franca was generous and even gave me a couple pieces that she thought looked like me. I miss her now that we have moved from Kearney. May she RIP.

Mary Kommers - March 16, 2025 at 08:43 AM

DV

“ I remember Franca from the days I worked at Baldwins while attending KSC. She was a real sweetheart. RIP

David Vannier - March 15, 2025 at 10:01 PM