



Gale Cook

January 4, 1950 - December 26, 2025

Gale Cook, 75, of Kearney, died December 26, 2025, at Good Samaritan Society – St. John's in Kearney. Services will be held at a later date.

Memorials are suggested to the family to be designated later. Visit www.hlmkf.uneal.com to leave a tribute or message of condolence or there will be cards at either service to share a memory of Gale that the family will cherish. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

Gale was born on January 4, 1950, in Sargent, to Ike and Louise (Cooper) Cook. She graduated from Loup County High School in 1968 and then earned her bachelor's degree in education from Kearney State College. She taught in several rural schools throughout Custer County until 1994. Then she worked as a dispatcher for region 26 in Taylor, Custer County Sheriff's Department, and then Kearney County Sheriff's Department in Minden until she retired in 2015.

Gale was an avid reader, enjoyed cooking and baking, crocheting, doing cross-stitch, and playing trivia and card games.

Gale is survived by her sister, Jerry Whitlow of Kearney, nephews, Triston Johnson (Lacy Bowman), Zachary Whitlow, niece, Lori (Troy) Reed of Kearney, great great nephew, Adler Johnson, great niece, Riley Hock of

Beatrice, NE, and great nephew Isaac Hock of Beatrice, NE.

Gale was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Michael Cook.