



Helen "Joyce" Wink

February 11, 1931 - May 15, 2024

Wednesday May 15, 2024 Helen 'Joyce' Wink, beloved mother and grandmother passed away at the age of 93 in Littleton, CO. The Funeral Mass will be at 10:30 a.m, Tuesday May 21, 2024 at St. James Catholic Church with Father Joseph Hannappel officiating. Interment will be at Kearney Cemetery. Visitation is Monday, May 20, 2024 at 5 p.m. followed by the Vigil Service at 6 p.m..

Joyce was born to Louis and Katherine (Hervert) Psota on February 11, 1931 on a farm south of Ravenna, NE. She was the fifth of sixth children.

She graduated as salutatorian from Ravenna HS in 1948. The first in her family to attend college, she graduated with honors from Kearney State Teachers College in 1954 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education with English and Commerce majors and a Physical Education minor. She belonged to several academic honorary fraternities and social sorority Zeta Chi Alpha.

She taught Business and English at Ravenna, Gibbon and Fullerton High Schools for several years.

She married Alan Wink at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Ravenna, NE in 1962. They made their home farming just north of Kearney. They were a great team and created a loving, happy home for their three daughters.

Building on the strong faith developed at a young age, she participated in many ministries at St. James Catholic Church and within the Grand Island Diocese. These included bible studies, choir, co-creating a Diocesan newsletter, being a charter board member of the KCHS Foundation, the Center for Rural Affairs, and becoming an Associate with the Servants of Mary. She frequented daily Mass for many years, she read scripture and prayed for family and friends daily.

Community involvement included League of Women Voters, Red Cross Bloodmobile, Sweet Adelines, ag-related Auxiliary groups, 4-H, Fort Kearny Genealogy Society and Kearney Kidney Foundation.

She lived her faith by gathering in her family and friends. She was a gracious host and a fantastic cook. She organized her family reunions for over 60 years and also organized reunions for Ravenna High School and her college sorority.

After her children were out of grade school she worked at Buffalo County Extension as a secretary. An early adopter of computers and word processing, she helped manage preparations and the chaos that is the County Fair, retiring after 19 years of service.

Her love was expressed in the hundreds of greeting cards she sent to dear ones each year, and the advent of email correspondence was welcomed.

She passionately researched genealogy on her and Alan's families. She led the effort to record and document the service of female veterans in Buffalo County- compiling Women in the Military collections.

She named two well-known locations here in Kearney. She submitted the

name of her favorite professor, Calvin T. Ryan, for the new campus library in 1963, and named Apollo Park.

Joyce served throughout her life without the need for public accolades. She had many accomplishments, yet you would never hear her promoting herself or seeking attention.

Her most cherished roles were Wife, Mom and Nana. Joyce loved her family and showered them with unconditional love and support. She passed on to them her Catholic faith, love of family, sense of humor, adventurous spirit, dedication, and generosity.

Survived by daughters Katherine 'Katie' Wink, Lincoln, NE; Carol Wink (Scott Schurman), Tulsa, OK; and Joanie (Fernando) Valenciano, Englewood CO. Grandson Joseph Schurman.

Proceeded in death by husband Al, parents, siblings Bess (Pat) Cronin, Frances (Bob) Wiseman, Jack (Reva) Psota, Clara Mae (Duane) Ewer, Wilma (Don) Keaschall; in laws Emmett (Doris) Wink, Linus (Donna) Wink, Jerry Wink, Margaret 'Peg' (Al) Brass, Evelyn (Si) Danczak, Alice Wink, John Wink, Mary Lou (Jack) O'Brien.

Memorials are suggested to St. James Catholic Church, Kearney Catholic High School Foundation, or the Servants of Mary- Omaha.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I
Kearney, NE 68847

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 20. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church
3801 Avenue A
Kearney, NE 68847

Wake Service

MAY 20. 6:00 PM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church
3801 Avenue A
Kearney, NE 68847

Funeral Mass

MAY 21. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church
3801 Avenue A
Kearney, NE 68847

Tribute Wall

TS

“ *Joni, sisters, and Wink family, thinking of you through this sad time. Your Mom was a joy in your family. Comforting prayers awe sent.*
Bob n Trudy Sutton

Trudy Sutton - June 01, 2024 at 09:21 AM

MC

“ *I have so many wonderful memories of Joyce. The first time I met her was when Sr Adolorata was visiting her for a few days. She called me and wanted to invite a few of her friends over to talk about becoming Servite Associates. That was the beginning of a great friendship! She and I started two women's groups, one of which has continued going. I remember the day Joyce herself became an associate with the Servants of Mary. Joyce never did anything half-hearted. What a remarkable woman! Great memories too of when Carol and Scott and Joseph moved in with Joyce. She was so proud of her grandson! It was fun watching Joseph grow up. Sometimes we had our Servite meetings at her house. Always great sharing and good food afterwards. 😊 What a gift she was to all of us who knew her. May you now rest, dear Joyce, in the loving arms of the God who loved you into life and gifted you to all of us. I was so disappointed I couldn't come to Joyce's services. Know that all of you, her family, continue to be in my thoughts and prayers. Be in peace, Sr Mary Chamberlain, OSM*

Mary Chamberlain - May 21, 2024 at 01:22 PM

RM

“ Rudy and Rebecca Morado purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Helen "Joyce" Wink.



Rudy and Rebecca Morado - May 19, 2024 at 06:03 PM

RD

“ Ronald and Helen Danczak planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Helen "Joyce" Wink.

Ronald and Helen Danczak - May 18, 2024 at 11:15 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Helen "Joyce" Wink.



May 18, 2024 at 11:15 PM

DS

“ Joyce is now at peace with her Heavenly Father. Sending prayers, love, & hugs to all!
David & Elaine Schurman Bella Vista, AR

David & Elaine Schurman - May 18, 2024 at 06:20 PM

DC

“ Dr. Coggins, Natasha, Serena, Carrie purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Helen "Joyce" Wink.



Dr. Coggins, Natasha, Serena, Carrie - May 18, 2024 at 08:09 AM

RD

“ Rick & Linda Danczak planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Helen "Joyce" Wink.

Rick & Linda Danczak - May 17, 2024 at 09:44 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Helen "Joyce" Wink.



May 17, 2024 at 09:44 PM

CV

“ Celia Valenciano purchased the *Crystal Cross Bouquet* for the family of Helen "Joyce" Wink.



Celia Valenciano - May 17, 2024 at 07:20 PM

TR

“ *Team ReportsNow planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Helen "Joyce" Wink.*

Team ReportsNow - May 17, 2024 at 05:28 PM

TR

“ *Team ReportsNow purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Helen "Joyce" Wink.*



Team ReportsNow - May 17, 2024 at 05:28 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Helen "Joyce" Wink.*



May 17, 2024 at 05:05 PM

SS

“ *Some of my favorite childhood memories include 4-H and volunteering at the Extension Office. Joyce is a part of many of those memories. She will be missed.*

Shawna Snider-Alexander - May 17, 2024 at 01:49 PM