



Helen E. Kinnaman

March 19, 1924 - August 8, 2020

Helen E. Kinnaman, age 96, of Kearney, formerly of Amherst, passed away Saturday, August 8, 2020 at Mother Hull Home in Kearney. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at Saint James Catholic Church in Kearney. Burial will follow the Mass at the Stanley Cemetery near Amherst. Visitation will be 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 11, 2020 with a Christian Wake Service to follow at 7:00 p.m., all at Saint James Catholic Church. Memorials are suggested to Saint John's Catholic Church of Amherst, the Amherst Fire Department or the Buffalo County Historical Society. Please visit www.hlmkfuneral.com to leave a tribute or condolence. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney is in charge of arrangements.

She was born to Joseph and Mary Axmann north of Amherst on March 19, 1924. She had always lived in or near Amherst. She and Carroll Dean Kinnaman of Holdrege were married in Little Rock, Arkansas on June 19, 1943. Carroll and Helen operated the Kinnaman Confectionery hang out for after school and ball games for youngsters for more than 10 years. She was school secretary for 10 years, until she became Postmaster at Amherst in April of 1979. She retired in October of 1992.

She volunteered at the Good Samaritan Hospital gift shop, was a life member of the Miller American Legion Auxiliary and was a member of the Buffalo County Historical Society.

Survivors include her two sons, Carroll Dean Kinnaman Jr. of Bloomington, IL.

and Chuck (Julie) Kinnaman of Kearney; two daughters, Carolyn (John) Schroll of Grand Island and Constance (Jerry) Ryan of Plano, TX.; 11 grandchildren; 20 great grandchildren; and 2 great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Carroll in 1987; daughter in law, Karen Kinnaman; brothers, Willie, Walter, Joe and Carl; sister, Anna Supanchick; step brother, Raymond Axmann; step sisters, Pauline Mays and Martha Richards; and a step grandson Gregory Ryan.

Cemetery Details

Stanley Cemetery

145th & Odessa Road
Amherst, NE 68812

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 11. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Christian Wake Service

AUG 11. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 12. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Helen E. Kinnaman*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Helen's passing. I had not heard from her for two or three years. She took me to a carnival when I was a little girl and I am now 87. My mother was her cousin. She was a beautiful lady.*
Dolores DeBiak

Dolores DeBiak - August 23, 2020 at 02:18 AM



“ *Helen what kind things could I all say. She was so sweet. The smile never seemed to fade. I remember when Jim's class had their 50th reunion (Lois Lee and I were invited to attend) Carroll said she was Queen of the Sumner Festival and all the kids were home for the celebratioin. Doesn't surprise me at all. When they ran the store down town you could count on most of us if not all of us stopping in. I think part of that was not just to eat but see our "loved one". The Post Office job she took very seriously and was good at it.*
By then Jim & I and Jeff & Lori lived in Riverdale.

I should stop now. Sorry I am not well enough to attend the mass for Helen. God will welcome her with open arms. Love you all. Phyllis Andrijeski-Holdrege

Phyllis)Knajdl) Andrijeski - August 12, 2020 at 01:20 PM

DL

“ Our deepest sympathy in the loss of your Mother. She was a very special person. Dean & Rosie Leopold

Dean Leopold - August 12, 2020 at 12:35 PM

KB

“ A very kind & patient, very helpful lady. I remember this from when she worked at the Amherst School to working at the Amherst Post Office. Rest in Peace. Ken & Sherry Bramer

Ken Bramer - August 12, 2020 at 11:27 AM

CB

“ Aunt Helen was one of the loving aunts. She always had a kind heart for everyone. She lived a wonderful life.

Cathy Kinnaman Bourgeois - August 11, 2020 at 05:59 PM

RZ

“ So sorry for your loss. In my prayers.

Roxie Stobbe Zoucha - August 11, 2020 at 08:49 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Helen E. Kinnaman.



August 10, 2020 at 11:53 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Helen E. Kinnaman.*



August 10, 2020 at 11:48 AM