



## Ilene J. Anson

October 13, 1949 - February 21, 2018

Ilene J. Anson, 68, Kearney, passed away February 21, 2018 at C.H.I. Health Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney. A Memorial Mass will be 10:30 a.m., February 27, 2018 at St. James Catholic Church with Fr. Art Faesser officiating. Burial will follow at the Kearney Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the Good Samaritan Foundation – Animal Assisted Therapy or the Kearney Area Animal Shelter.

Ilene was born October 13, 1949 in Scottsbluff, Nebraska to Emmet and Ruth (Mead) Davidshofer. She graduated from Bayard High School in 1967. She earned her B.S. in Education from Kearney State College in 1971, and then her Master's Degree from UNK in 2003.

Ilene married Gerald Anson on December 22, 1972 in Kearney at the Newman Center. She spent 24 years in Broken Bow raising her family. She later divorced and spent her remaining years of life in Kearney.

Ilene worked as a case worker for Mid Nebraska Individual Services in Broken Bow for many years. She also taught math in Broken Bow, North Platte, and Kearney. The majority of her teaching career was at YRTC, and she retired in 2014.

Ilene enjoyed volunteering at Good Samaritan Hospital, especially doing pet

therapy with her beloved dog Roscoe and at the Kearney Area Animal Shelter. She also enjoyed traveling and spending time with her grandchildren and attending their events. Ilene was a member of St. James Catholic Church.

Ilene is survived by her daughter, Beckie Uelmen and her husband John of Kearney; son, Darrin Anson and his wife Tami of Longmont, CO; grandchildren, Kade, Whitney, and Blake Uelmen of Kearney, and Holly, Abbie, and Lucas Anson of Longmont, CO; sister Luci Steffen and her husband Jon of Bayard, NE; and dear friend John Murphy of Kearney.

Ilene was preceded in death by her parents.

# Cemetery Details

## **Kearney Cemetery**

4400 Avenue I  
Kearney, NE 68847

# Previous Events

## **Memorial Mass**

FEB 27. 10:30 AM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ilene J. Anson*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *Katheen A.Kamerzell lit a candle in memory of Ilene J. Anson*



**Katheen A.Kamerzell** - March 03, 2018 at 03:55 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Ilene J. Anson.*



February 26, 2018 at 02:18 PM



“ *With Love from your FirstBank Family purchased the Touching Tribute Spray for the family of Ilene J. Anson.*



**With Love from your FirstBank Family** - February 26, 2018 at 11:19 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ilene J. Anson.*



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February 26, 2018 at 09:56 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Ilene's passing. We were roommates in a small basement apartment in Kearney in 1971. There were 5 of us girls (Ilene, Jean, Ali, Pat, and myself), all complete strangers brought together for work and classes. I remember how much fun we all had and Ilene especially always had a smile! I remember she had a great sports car and some weekends I would ride with her to Bayard. Such great memories of a beautiful person and a wonderful time in our lives! Hugs and prayers to Ilene's family, Gerri Bamford*



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**Gerri Bamford** - February 26, 2018 at 01:05 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ilene J. Anson.*



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February 25, 2018 at 11:48 PM

LS

“ *Mrs. Anson was always one of my favorite teachers! I'll remember her fondly.*



Libby Snyder-Beck - February 25, 2018 at 10:21 AM

Jenny Gibbs

“ *I had the privilege to help her with her kitchen update project not long ago. She was a sweet soul. My heartfelt condolences to her family and friends. I know she's truly missed by so many. So glad I was able to know her, prayers of comfort and peace* 💕

Jenny Gibbs - February 24, 2018 at 05:51 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ilene J. Anson.*



February 24, 2018 at 03:48 PM

CE

“ *Dear Luci and family  
I was so glad to see Ilene last summer. So many memories growing up* 🥰  
*Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you thru the journey.  
Love u friend.  
Steve and Cathy Erdman*

Cathy Erdman - February 24, 2018 at 01:59 PM

KS

“ *Our prayers & sympathy are with Ilene's family.*



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**Kay & Lyle Schall** - February 24, 2018 at 11:44 AM

RS

“ *Ruth Ann Stewart lit a candle in memory of Ilene J. Anson*



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**Ruth Ann Stewart** - February 23, 2018 at 10:47 PM

CC

“ *Christine Cleveland lit a candle in memory of Ilene J. Anson*



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**Christine Cleveland** - February 23, 2018 at 10:46 PM

NG

“ *We just moved into the condo's Ilene lived in this summer. A few mailbox conversations and Homeowner's association meetings was mostly how I got to know her. So sorry to hear of your loss. What a nice lady and know you will miss her. She was one of the first to welcome us to the neighborhood.*

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**Nancy Gumb** - February 23, 2018 at 05:35 PM

DR

*I was so sad to hear of Ilene's passing. We met just 2 years ago, and she has been a wonderful influence in my life since then. She encouraged me to volunteer and just be a better person. She had a wonderful way of making anyone she met feel like they had known her for years. I know she will remain in my heart always. May her memories comfort you in this time of loss.*

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**Dee Riskowski** - February 25, 2018 at 11:41 AM

LR

“ *My deepest sympathy & prayers to Ilene's family. She was a great friend during our college days at Kearney State & I still think of her every time I drive through Bayard several times a year.*

*Linda (Syring) Reichert*

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**Linda Reichert** - February 23, 2018 at 04:22 PM

KA

“ *Great memories of fun times in singles together. She and Rosco were great joy with residents at work. Will miss her smiles and laughs. God gained a wonderful Angel..*

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**Kathy** - February 23, 2018 at 01:53 PM

KS

“ *Karla Smith lit a candle in memory of Ilene J. Anson*



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**Karla Smith** - February 23, 2018 at 01:50 PM

DL

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all. What an honor it was to have worked with Ilene those years she was in Broken Bow. She was very compassionate, understanding and "went the extra mile" many times for the benefit of those she served. She will never be forgotten.

Donna Lawson - February 23, 2018 at 01:06 PM

KJ

“ I will miss Ilene. She was always so helpful and caring. Quite the person. I will miss our fun time at Prime Fest and celebrating birthdays.

Karry Jensen - February 23, 2018 at 11:23 AM

SD

“ Sue Divan lit a candle in memory of Ilene J. Anson



Sue Divan - February 23, 2018 at 11:21 AM

KJ

“ I always enjoyed Ilene. She always cared and was concerned about you. We had many good times together in Singles, Prime Fest and celebrating birthdays. I will always remember her.



Karry Jensen - February 23, 2018 at 10:42 AM

KA

“ *Kathy Adams lit a candle in memory of Ilene J. Anson*



**Kathy Adams** - February 23, 2018 at 06:51 AM

KA

*Ilene always brought a smile and a warm caring heart in all she did. Enjoyed being a friend and co-worker of hers.*

**Kathy Adams** - February 23, 2018 at 06:55 AM

Joni Weed

*So very sorry to hear of your loss - Ms. Anson (as we knew her in 9th Grade in Kearney) was a favorite - always fair, always prepared and loved her career. I am sure she will be missed!!*

**Joni Weed** - February 23, 2018 at 11:10 AM

SD

*I will miss Ilene at our retired teacher lunches, her help with math problems for my grandchildren, her laughter and joy for life! My thoughts and prayers are with all of you!*

**Sue Divan** - February 23, 2018 at 11:21 AM

KT

*Ilene always took the time to care for others and what they were going through. I enjoyed her positive outlook on life and the times we spent together. She'll be remembered every time I visit Shopko and check out the clearance items!*

**Kerry Thompson** - February 23, 2018 at 02:38 PM

SR

*Ilene, my best friend will be so missed! We were to get together for my birthday this week end. Enjoyed her positive spirit.*

**Sandy Rash** - February 23, 2018 at 05:06 PM



Alan  
Bartels

*Laughter was a constant anytime I was around Ilene, which wasn't often enough. Alan Bartels.*

**Alan Bartels** - February 23, 2018 at 08:51 PM

RS

*I will miss Ilene we had so much fun together at singles and when we all got together as a group. She was a fun lady. So helpful. She tutored my son in math when he was struggling in high school. She loved music and people. I loved her sweet smile. She will be missed by many. My thought and prayers go out to her family her dog Oscar and especially her children and grand children and her who she loved so much. Prayers for all!!!*

**Ruth Ann Stewart** - February 23, 2018 at 10:45 PM

TO

*May her memory be eternal.*

**Tim O'Dea** - February 24, 2018 at 08:34 AM

CG

*I was in extension club with Ilene many years ago in Broken Bow. She was a very friendly and sweet lady. I am sure she will be missed.  
Carole Gruszczynski*

**Carole Gruszczynski** - February 24, 2018 at 10:40 PM

RR

*Visited with Ilene a few times when she and I would be walking. She was always so cheerful and enjoying her retirement and her volunteering. Am so sorry for your loss. Remembering you in prayers.*

**Rose Mary Ringlein** - February 27, 2018 at 02:17 PM

SJ

*Ilene and I lived two doors down from each other in Ludden Hall at Kearney State College and were in a group of girls who remain life-long friends. She was always a spit-fire and had lots of enthusiasm for life. She was lots of fun, and we laughed often and long! I'm so sorry to hear of her passing. My thoughts and prayers are with her family.*

**Susan (Rasmussen) Jewell** - March 03, 2018 at 05:35 PM