



## Janell M. Macek

May 5, 1955 - December 25, 2023

Janell Marie Macek, age 68, of Gibbon, passed away December 25, 2023 at her home surrounded by her family. The Funeral Mass will be 10:30 a.m., Friday, December 29, 2023 at St. James Catholic Church with Father Art Faesser as celebrant. Visitation will be from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. with a Vigil Service following at 7:30 p.m., on Thursday, December 28, 2023 at the church. Burial will be at a later date at the St. Mary's Cemetery at Prairie Center. In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested to the family for future designation. Please visit [www.hlmkfuneral.com](http://www.hlmkfuneral.com) to leave a tribute or message of condolence. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney is in charge of arrangements.

Janell was born on May 5, 1955, in Kearney, NE, to Harold and Joan (Smallcomb) Cepel. Along with her three younger brothers, she grew up on the family farm southwest of Gibbon. She attended country school and later graduated from Gibbon High School in 1973. While in high school, Janell played the flute and was in the 4-H Club.

On May 14, 1977, Janell was united in marriage to Kenneth W. Macek. Kenneth and Janell settled down in the Gibbon area where they raised two sons, Brian and Brad. They celebrated 46 years of marriage this past May.

Janell worked in housekeeping for 32 years at Good Samaritan Hospital in

Kearney until she retired. Janell enjoyed spending her days gardening, crafting, baking, and caring for her farm animals. She loved music and dancing with Kenneth on the weekends. Janell was very active in her dance community. She loved her family dearly, and any day with her grandchildren was a great day. In her downtime, you could find her with her beloved dogs, Sammy and Whitney, cuddled up on the couch. Janell touched countless lives with her warmth, devotion, generosity, and thoughtfulness.

Janell was preceded in death by her parents, Harold and Joan, and her sister-in-law, Darlene Cepel.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband Kenneth, of Gibbon, NE; son Brian Macek (Jodi) of Gothenburg, NE; son Brad Macek (Carisa) of Gibbon, NE; grandchildren Austin, Maverick, Dakota, and Landon; brothers Tom Cepel (Charla Lambert) of Columbus, NE; Jeff Cepel (Stacey Hollens) of Sterling, NE; Ken Cepel (Julie) of Kearney, NE; Step Mother Lula Cepel of Kearney, NE; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Janell Marie Macek will be greatly missed, and her legacy will live on in the hearts of family and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery at Prairie Center

31240 190th Road  
Riverdale, NE 68870

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **28**. 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

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

## Vigil Service

DEC **28**. 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Mass

DEC **29**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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



# Tribute Wall

DB

“ Was her brother Harold Bacon? Debbie Bramlage (Butzlaff). Now in Canby Oregon. Please reach out to me if possible My sympathies for family and friends.

Debbie Bramlage - March 17, 2025 at 12:17 PM



“ Lorna Livingston lit a candle in memory of Janell Macek



Lorna Livingston - December 29, 2023 at 10:54 AM

WW

“ Betty and I would like to share our condolences with the family. Janell and Ken came to Colorado and visited several times. She loved wine and had heard about the Abby in Canon city producing wine. We visited the Abby and purchased wine and we tasted their variety. They were such a enjoyment to be around. We were in Kearney for our Grandsons baseball game and they took us around to show us places in Kearney. The park where my Gradnpa built a lighthouse during the depression. She was just a super person who I really enjoyed. Ken, her husband, is just like her and fun person too!! We will miss her a bunch!!  
Wayne and Betty Walter

Wayne and Betty Walter - December 29, 2023 at 10:45 AM

SM

“ My thoughts and many prayers go out to all of you . I am so very sorry. There is never a good time to receive your angel wings but helps in some ways to know she is not going to be in pain . She will give you a sign now and then that she is with you and watching over you whether it be a special bird or a special song or just hearing her voice subconsciously about something you do. She is never far away as she will always have that special place in your heart. I feel so bad that I was not able to attend the visitation due to out of town company leaving late nor the funeral as I have 12 residents that have to be done Friday at the Veterans Home. I wish I could reschedule but I don't go back till the 8th if not done tomorrow. Please know I am thinking of you all and sending you all a virtual hug!



*Sheryl Mitchell*

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Sheryl Mitchell - December 28, 2023 at 11:59 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Janell M. Macek.



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December 27, 2023 at 05:13 PM

JB

“ I met Janell and Kenny when he was a patient at Cancer Treatment Centers of America in Tulsa, OK. I was a nurse there. I used to live in Nebraska and we hit it off right away. We have kept in contact since that time. I am thankful to have known her. My sympathies to Kenny and the family.

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**Janet Bacon** - December 27, 2023 at 12:37 PM

GS

“ Greg Smallcomb planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janell M. Macek.

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**Greg Smallcomb** - December 27, 2023 at 11:06 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Janell M. Macek.



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December 27, 2023 at 11:06 AM

LK

“ Our sympathy and prayers for your loss. Curt and Linda Knispel

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**Linda Knispel** - December 27, 2023 at 10:28 AM

CW

“ So many memories of watching wrestling matches together Kenny. So sorry for your loss, may God grant you peace and the knowledge that you will see her again. Brad and Brian you are in our thoughts and prayers as well.



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**Candi Warrington** - December 26, 2023 at 06:56 PM