



## JoAnn Epping

May 16, 1941 - January 16, 2025

JoAnn Kay Epping, 83 years of age, of Kearney, Nebraska, passed away on Thursday, January 16, 2025 at CHI Health Good Samaritan from injuries sustained in a car pedestrian accident in Kearney, Nebraska. Visitation will be Wednesday January 22, 2025 at Horner Liske McBride & Kuhl Funeral Home in Kearney, Nebraska from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm. Following the visitation there will be a gathering of family and friends at the American Legion in Kearney. Private interment of cremated remains will be held at a later date. A memorial has been established in JoAnn's honor and kindly 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 are in charge of arrangements.

JoAnn was born on May 16, 1941, the second of three children of James and Eleanor (Heidemann) Johnson in Holdrege, Nebraska. She attended school in Holdrege and graduated with the class of 1959. Following high school she worked for Northwestern Bell Telephone Company in Holdrege. On October 15, 1960, she married Neil Epping and to this union 3 children were born, Kristi, Timothy and Jennifer.

They made their home on a farm north of Holdrege where they engaged in farming. They later divorced and JoAnn and Jennifer moved to Kearney, Nebraska. While living in Kearney she was employed at Good Samaritan

Health Center in the Environmental Services Department for 29 years. It was during this time that she met Arvon Marlett in late 1984 and she and Jennifer moved to his farm near Newark Nebraska in 1986. The three of them enjoyed farm life and spending time with the grandchildren whenever they could. Arvon preceeded her in death in July of 2007 and a few years later she and Jennifer moved back to Kearney. In 2009 she met Otto Osborne of Wood River. They enjoyed traveling together, going to the great grandkid's activities and spending time with their family and friends. Otto preceeded her in death in 2020. JoAnn's children, grandchildren and great grandchildren were the joys of her life. Christmas Eve was one of her favorite times as everyone gathered at her house and she got to see everyone all together. JoAnn was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Kearney. She was also a member of the Eagles and the Legion and enjoyed spending time there with Jennifer and her friends.

Besides Arvon and Otto, she was preceded in death by her parents, James and Eleanor Johnson; her sister, Janice Upson; her brother-in-law, Margle Upson; her nephew, Shane Upson; former spouse, Neil Epping.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory her children: Kristi Carlson and her husband Brad of rural Minden, Tim and his wife Tammy of rural Kearney, and daughter Jennifer of Kearney; grandchildren Amie (Smith) Bell and her husband Kyle of rural Oxford, Spencer Smith of Denver Colorado, Jon Epping of Albion, Tyann Urbina, of Omaha, Tragg and Taelynn Taylor of Ravenna, step grandchildren Chelsea Carlson and her significant other Dan Newberry of Omaha, Grant Carlson and his wife Kenzie of Vilnius, Lithuania, and Bryce Carlson of Lincoln

Great grandchildren JJ, Quincy, Halle, Maddex, and Kamden of rural Oxford, and Tucker and Avery Urbina of North Platte.

JoAnn will be remembered for her kindness and generosity. She enjoyed visiting with everyone she encountered. She was loved by many and will truly be missed.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **22**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl  
2421 Avenue A  
Kearney, NE 68847  
(308) 237-2259  
<https://www.hlmkfuneral.com>

# Tribute Wall

MB

“ I am so sorry for your loss. JoAnn will be missed. She was an amazing grandmother and great-grandmother. My hearts go out to you all. Mona



Mona Brown - January 22, 2025 at 08:20 AM

MB

“ Mona Brown lit a candle in memory of JoAnn Epping



Mona Brown - January 22, 2025 at 08:13 AM

PT

“ Payactiv CSM/Onboarding teams purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of JoAnn Epping.



Payactiv CSM/Onboarding teams - January 21, 2025 at 08:51 PM

PT

“ Payactiv CSM/Onboarding teams planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of JoAnn Epping.

Payactiv CSM/Onboarding teams - January 21, 2025 at 08:51 PM



“ My deepest sympathies to all of Joann's family. I have many childhood memories going to Arvon and Joann farm. They both being great friends of my mom and dad Patty and Dennis Wright. Remember and share the memories to keep her love close. Love Patty Wright and Tonya (Wright) Wagner

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**Tonya Wagner** - January 21, 2025 at 07:36 PM

SF

“ Scott, Anisa & Anne (Otto's family) purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of JoAnn Epping.



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**Scott, Anisa & Anne (Otto's family)** - January 21, 2025 at 07:24 PM

PK

“ So sorry for your loss. I worked with her at GSH such a beautiful lady we always such a wonderful time when we got together . God got a beautiful angel 🙏❤️❤️

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**Phyllis Kulhanek** - January 21, 2025 at 02:26 PM

JS

“ My deepest sympathy. Joann was a nice person, I enjoyed it when she came up to help us on the same floor I worked at Good Sam. She was a pleasant person. I am truly sorry for your loss.

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**jenelle snow** - January 21, 2025 at 11:31 AM

SB

“ Prayers for the family. I am an old friend of Tim's.

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**Shawna Biltoft** - January 21, 2025 at 10:37 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of JoAnn Epping.*



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January 20, 2025 at 09:28 PM



“ *I'm so very sorry to hear of JoAnn's passing. I worked with her in the early 1990's at Good Sam. My deepest condolences to her family.*

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**Angie Schroer** - January 20, 2025 at 07:09 PM



“ *Joann was a lifetime friend of my mom. I have many good memories of Joann and Jennifer. My mom was blessed to have Joann as a friend. Thinking of all you during this time.*

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**sandra m Polhemus** - January 20, 2025 at 06:48 PM



“ *Patty Johnson lit a candle in memory of JoAnn Epping*



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**Patty Johnson** - January 20, 2025 at 06:21 PM

JW

“ *Jamie & Scott, Allen. Kathy Worman purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of JoAnn Epping.*



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**Jamie & Scott, Allen. Kathy Worman** - January 20, 2025 at  
03:19 PM