



JoAnn R. Wilke

August 4, 1941 - March 8, 2024

JoAnn R. Wilke, age 82, of Kearney, passed away on Friday, March 8, 2024 at Chandler Regional Medical Center in Chandler, AZ. Funeral services will be on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. at First United Methodist Church in Kearney. Pastor Matt Fowler will officiate and burial will be at Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be on Monday, March 18, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney and also 1 hour prior to services at the church on Tuesday. Memorials are suggested to Make a Wish of Nebraska or Concrete Cares. Please visit 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.

JoAnn was born on August 4, 1941 in Baltimore, MD to George and Erma (Schmailzl) Watson. She attended and graduated from Lincoln Northeast High School in 1959. She married Richard A. Wilke on July 17, 1958 in Lincoln, NE. JoAnn worked for many years as a secretary at numerous places and also as a bank teller at several banks. Her final employment was as a secretary for the family's construction business, Wilke Contracting. She enjoyed camping, researching family ancestry, traveling and making greeting cards. She also enjoyed Arizona where she spent winters every year since 2001. She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Kearney.

JoAnn is survived by her sons, Dave Wilke and wife La Nita of Kearney and Mark Wilke and wife Carol of Hot Springs, SD; daughter, Karen Wilke of Kearney; grandchildren, Ed Johnson and wife Maggie of San Francisco, CA, Brock Wilke and wife Jodi of Axtell, Derek Wilke and wife Beth of Kearney, Cole Wilke of Kearney, Carey Altizer of Grand Island, Jesse Johnston of Omaha, Trevor Hibberd of Kearney and Trey Hibberd and his fiancé Catherine May of Kearney; 7 great grandchildren; sister, Diane Watson of Florence, AZ; sisters in law, Phyllis Wilke of Sun Lakes, AZ and Debra and husband Jon VanHoutan of Lincoln; several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; granddaughter, Amanda Johnson; brother, George Watson; brother in law and sister in law, Robert and Delores Wilke

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I
Kearney, NE 68847

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 18. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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


Funeral Service

MAR 19. 10:30 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
4500 Linden Drive
Kearney, NE 68847

Tribute Wall

MP

“ Joie’s family, you are in my thoughts and prayers. Sorry I was not able to attend the services,. I just got done with my cancer treatment and travel is not happening just yet.
I have many good memories of reunions and get together at Grandpa and Grandma Schmailzl house. Love you all 

Marilyn Barnard Petty - March 19, 2024 at 07:37 PM

LT

“ We are so sorry for you're family's loss. She was a very special lady , Lee and I loved her so much. We send our love and prayers to the whole family.

Lee & Terri Trunkenbolz - March 18, 2024 at 01:12 AM

RB

“ Joann was always a fun, happy lady. She had a lot,of friends here in Arizona. Agreed to be president of the Recycles ATV/UTV club and was good at it. Proud of her for doing a good job. Remember her riding her bike around the park. Rest in peace JoAnn, glad we knew the great lady you were.

Reenie Baier - March 15, 2024 at 09:57 PM

VJ

“ Dave & LaNita: So sorry to hear of your loss. My sympathy and prayers to you and all of your family. God's peace be with you as you share memories.
Verlene Jacoby, Mesa AZ

Verlene Jacoby - March 15, 2024 at 02:59 AM

KC

“ Dave & LaNita: My sympathy on JoAnn's passing. Nice obituary about her life's accomplishments in Kearney. May God comfort you. Kathy CampbellRN

Kathy CampbellRN - March 14, 2024 at 05:11 PM

JG

“ Jan Gallentine purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of JoAnn R. Wilke.



Jan Gallentine - March 13, 2024 at 01:03 PM

GM

“ I was David and Marks babysitter when the Wilke's lived in Milford. Joann was always so kind to me. Loved her children. Our sympathy to the family.

Glenda Roth Maury - March 09, 2024 at 08:33 PM

VH

“ To JoAnn's family— you have my Sympathy & Prayers. I think your folks came to the park about the same time as we did. Your Grandma was one of the first people to welcome us. Can't you just see the joyful family reunion in heaven. Your folks were very special people. May GOD BLESS you all..🙏

Virginia Hochstatter - March 09, 2024 at 08:14 PM

VY

“ We're so sorry to read this...she was such a happy person and such a joy to be around..she will be greatly missed by those who love her...May God wrap you and give you all comfort....

Verlene Yates - March 09, 2024 at 06:17 PM

HH

“ Henry Hewett lit a candle in memory of JoAnn Wilke



Henry peewee Hewett - March 09, 2024 at 11:51 AM