



Joyce Brennan

July 30, 1926 - April 1, 2018

Joyce Brennan, 91, of Kearney died Sunday, April 1, 2018 at her daughter's home in South Bend, NE.

Funeral Services will be Friday, April 6, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Kearney. Rev. Alan Davis will officiate assisted by Father Joe Hannappel. Burial will be at Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be held Thursday April 5 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral Home and prior to the funeral services at the church. Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church or to the Kearney Goodfellows. Please visit www.hlmkfuneral.com to leave a message of condolence.

Joyce was born July 30, 1926 in Grand Island, NE, to Ralph and Minnie (Harvey) Drown. She attended grade school in Poole, NE, until third grade when her family moved to Gibbon, NE. She graduated from Gibbon High School in 1943.

On Jan. 18, 1950 she married Leo Brennan in Kearney. She worked at the Kearney Air Force Base and Sears until retiring to raise her family. She later worked for Valley Vending implementing their vending program at Rockwell International in Kearney. In later years, Joyce enjoyed a career with Gregerson and Sheppard Jewelry in Kearney. Prior to marriage and until 2016 she sold Sallye Harmer cosmetics traveling Nebraska and becoming director

for the state.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church of Kearney, Kearney V.F.W and American Legion Auxiliaries, Evening Belles Extension Club, B. P. O. Does, and the Red Hat Society. She enjoyed organizing reunions for Sears and helping her husband organize reunions with Midwest Building Movers Association. Most of all, Joyce cherished time spent with her family.

Surviving relatives include; sons, Tom Brennan and wife Roxan of Marian, Iowa, Bill Brennan and wife Cheryl of Kearney; daughter, Mary Jo Hill and husband Bruce of South Bend, NE. Joyce is also survived by her grandchildren; Todd Brennan and wife Megan of Omaha, NE, Andrea Young and husband Matt of Leawood, KS, Stephanie Brennan and Fiancée Mike Mattingly of Olathe, KS, Kyle Brennan and wife Sarah of Kearney, Kory Brennan and wife Crissy of Kearney, Brennan Hill of Lincoln and ten great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and later by her husband in 1999.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I
Kearney, NE 68847

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 5. 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

APR 6. 2:00 PM (CT)

First united Methodist Church
4500 Linden Drive
Kearney, NE 68847

Tribute Wall



“ *Joyce Brennan*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Joyce Brennan.*



April 05, 2018 at 10:48 PM



“ *Tom, so sorry to see that your Mom has moved on. I still laugh about the situation that came up when some of my Pender Palace laundry got mixed up with yours. We lost our Mom, Bea, last summer - America's Greatest Generation is slipping away. Prayers for you and your family.*

*Bob Elliott
Denver, CO*

Bob Elliott - April 05, 2018 at 12:41 PM



“ *Mary Jo, sorry to hear about the loss of your mother..sending thoughts & prayers to you and your family. I liked one of the previous stories of her sitting in a car, drinking spiced wine and watching a touch football game, I bet she was fun loving and a special mother no doubt!*

Polacek - April 05, 2018 at 12:13 PM

MP

“ *Marcie Peppers purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Joyce Brennan.*



Marcie Peppers - April 05, 2018 at 12:06 PM

FJ

“ I so enjoyed having Joyce for my neighbor. We would be working outside in our yards and stop frequently for a visit. She loved the birds and could always identify a birds by their different songs. I think of her and wish I could ask her about some bird I have been hearing. We watched for the cardinals and hummingbirds. Cardinals were her favorite bird and everyone who new her new this as evidenced by the many gifts she received with cardinals on them. Cardinals greeted you as you came in the front door, sat atop her Christmas tree and perched around her home. We enjoyed coffee on her front porch or at her kitchen table looking out at the school kids across the street. Sometimes our discussions centered around a squirrel family that had just recently arrived and was raising her babies in one of her trees. We discussed various activities going on in the neighbor hood and watched as the runners associated with the hospital ran their marathon. She enjoyed seeing the runners with their dogs, pushing strollers etc. and would waved when someone she new went by.

She did not like the persistent cat/s that frequently visited her backyard for a couple of summers and would ask me if I had seen it around. This cat seemed to visit a flower bed on the west side of the house and leave evidence of his visit. We would discuss different ways to discourage this visitor. I think she was more concerned about the birds being driven away than the flowers she was trying to grow.

She would always talk about the different family members. Where they were, what they were doing and where they were going. She was for proud of each one of here children and grandchildren, their talents and accomplishments.

She had a very loving family that stopped into to see her quite often and always included her in all there holidays and family gatherings. I was so blessed to have her as my neighbor and you are very fortunate to have had her as a mother and grandmother. I know she left a legacy of love, kindness and the importance of family that will continue to enrich your lives.

Your neighbor,
Francine

Francine Janzen - April 05, 2018 at 11:08 AM

MH

Francine I'm just checking these messages. You could not have captured our mother and her love for nature and family more. I will forever be grateful for you checking on her last summer when Kearney lost power.

Mary Brennan Hill - April 11, 2018 at 07:27 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Joyce Brennan.*



April 04, 2018 at 03:51 PM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Joyce Brennan.*



April 04, 2018 at 03:17 PM



“ *My sympathies to the Brennan family. Joyce will always remain a most lovely woman in my memories. Janet Browne Rose*

Janet Rose - April 04, 2018 at 02:40 PM

MH

Thank you so much.

Mary Brennan Hill - April 11, 2018 at 07:37 PM

PK

“ *Mary Jo, so sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. Know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Penny Knott

Penny Knott - April 04, 2018 at 09:16 AM

MH

Thanks Penny I appreciate your sweet words.

Mary Brennan Hill - April 11, 2018 at 07:32 PM

JS

“ *John Smith purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Joyce Brennan.*



John Smith - April 03, 2018 at 05:41 PM

JS

“ *MJ, Bill and Tom,*

My condolences to you and your family on the passing of your mother. It is never easy to lose a parent, no matter their age. I pray for your peace and comfort during this difficult period.”

John Smith - April 03, 2018 at 05:34 PM

MH

Thank you John. We appreciate your words and the beautiful arrangement you sent

Mary Brennan Hill - April 11, 2018 at 07:33 PM

LS

“ *Mary Jo, Bill and Tom,
The joy in heaven when Emma Jean, Wayne,
Jean and Chan first saw Joyce, was an
amazing reunion. To say nothing of the
happiness of Leo and Joyce. There were
giggles, hugs and kisses as all are now reunited...we bet there was
a deck of cards there too!
We will LOVE Joyce forever!
Our deepest sympathy...our thoughts are with you.
Linda Peterson Sawyer & Rod Sawyer*



Linda Peterson Sawyer - April 03, 2018 at 01:43 PM

MH

Thank you so much Linda - you couldn't have said it better.

Mary Brennan Hill - April 11, 2018 at 07:34 PM



Katherine
Kerner

“ *Joyce was always an absolute delight! One Thanksgiving while
everyone else was playing touch football at a local park she and I
drank hot spiced wine in the car while watching the game. We
decided this was the way to participate in the annual event. I shall
miss this lovely, delightful lady. My heart and prayers go out to to
her family. Katie Kerner*

Katherine Kerner - April 03, 2018 at 11:32 AM



*MJ Bill and Tom,
Sending our love and condolences to you and your families. Mom always considered your Mother a very dear & precious friend. It didn't stop when Mom moved away either.... She thought & spoke of Joyce quite often. Many wonderful memories of the Evening Bells. Everything from Evening Bell family picnics, singing at the Buffalo County Fair, Cooking classes and everything in between. I personally feel I have known Joyce my entire life. I thought the world & all of her. Always enjoyed visiting both with Leo & Joyce when coming to your home. Mom & I will always cherish the last time we saw Joyce. We had a wonderful visit with her & MJ at the Kearney Cemetery one Memorial weekend when we were home. We both want you to know you are certainly in our thoughts & prayers. We also want you to know how very special your entire family has always been to the McKean family. Much love, Wanda McKean & Lesa*

Lesa Liveringhouse - April 05, 2018 at 08:21 PM



Oh Lisa what a sweet note. What a special group those Evening Bells were.

Mary Brennan Hill - April 11, 2018 at 07:36 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Joyce Brennan.*



April 03, 2018 at 08:11 AM



“ *Rose Tribute was purchased for the family of Joyce Brennan.*



April 03, 2018 at 06:54 AM