



Judy D. Hawks

April 2, 1946 - April 11, 2025

Judy D. Hawks, age 79, formerly of Kearney, passed away Friday, April 11, 2025, in Elkhorn. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Friday, April 18, 2025, at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral Home. Burial will follow at 2:30 p.m., at Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery in Grand Island. Visitation will be from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Thursday, April 17th at the funeral home. 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.

Judy Dee Hawks was born on April 2, 1946, in Grand Island, Nebraska, to Glenn and Beatrice (Belpere) Hawks. Judy graduated from Kearney High in May of 1964. After graduating high school, she started her career at Baldwin Filters on September 4, 1964, on the production line. With her dedication to the company continuing, Judy advanced herself to a dedicated quality control lab employee. After over 47 years of dedicated service, she retired from Baldwin Filters on January 3, 2012. Throughout her life, she has always been an avid sports fan. From watching family to local and collegiate teams, she enjoyed watching any sport, but she was always a dedicated Husker fan. If you needed to find Judy on a Saturday in the fall you could find her either at the stadium or in front of a TV watching her beloved Blackshirts. Besides talking about and watching sports she loved sharing memories of family fishing trips to Minnesota at the White Pine Resort. She also loved traveling

with friends to Colorado to fish and enjoy the beautiful scenery. Throughout the years, Judy also loved to take care of everyone in her life. After retiring and having great memories of traveling, you could find Judy taking her beloved daily drive, listening to music to check out what was going on in town, and stopping to visit with friends. To end her drives you could often find her parked at Yanney Park enjoying the scenery and reading the newspaper. Once her niece Megan decided to attend college at UNK she would often pick Megan up and go on the daily drive. These drives with Megan often ended with a stop to get dinner or a quick detour to get a drink from a local fast-food restaurant.

Judy is preceded in death by her parents, Glenn and Beatrice, brother Richard Sr., and niece Candace Hardy. She is survived by sister-in-law Creeth of Missouri, nephews Richard (Teresa) Hawks of Elmwood NE and Kenny (Amy) Hawks of Omaha NE, niece Joni Lawal (David) of Denver, Travis (Samantha) of Missouri, Trevor (Lvonne) of Arizona, great nieces and nephews Samantha Hardy Hastings NE, Megan Hawks (Paul) Columbus NE, Austin Hawks (Topanga) of Elmwood NE, Courtney (Colorado), Danielle (Marcel) (Colorado) and Kaylyn Hawks Omaha NE.

Memorials to be given to the family to purchase something for Yanney Park in Judy's name.

We ask that you please wear your HUSKER gear in memory of Judy to the funeral!

Cemetery Details

Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery

3826 West Stolley Park Road
Grand Island, NE 68803

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 17. 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 18. 10:30 AM (CT)

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2421 Avenue A
Kearney, NE 68847
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Graveside Service

APR 18. 2:30 PM (CT)

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Grand Island, NE 68803

Tribute Wall



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Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services - April 18, 2025
at 01:14 PM

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“ A Gem that will shine forever. That's the way I can best describe Judy.

Whether she was explaining the intricacies of the laboratory testing to current or potential BALDWIN clients, or, just chatting with you as a friend on a daily basis, she had a heart full of compassion for her work, but far more importantly, for those around her. Judy was Judy... a down to earth, this is who I am, straight shooter that connected quickly with people from all walks of life and all over the world. Her work and personal impacts on this world will be greatly missed, but her light will shine in the hearts of many forever.

God Bless and Rest in Peace.

Steve Englund

Steve Englund - April 16, 2025 at 07:56 AM

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“ *The Country House Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Judy D. Hawks.*



The Country House Family - April 15, 2025 at 01:46 PM

JC

“ *Jacob and Olivia Closner purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Judy D. Hawks.*



Jacob and Olivia Closner - April 15, 2025 at 10:27 AM

LD

“ *Lori and Dan Eastman and Bonnie Drake purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Judy D. Hawks.*



Lori and Dan Eastman and Bonnie Drake - April 14, 2025 at 03:02 AM