



Kathleen M. Jestes

August 18, 1930 - April 15, 2026

Kathleen M. Jestes, 95, passed away April 15, 2026, at the Mother Hull Home in Kearney. A Memorial Service will be 10:30 am, April 29, 2026, at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney. Burial will be 2:00 pm, at the Park Valley Cemetery Northwest of Sumner. Memorials are suggested to Live On Nebraska.

Kathleen was born August 18, 1930, in Heartwell, Nebraska to Paul and Dorothy (Schneider) Velene. She graduated from Elm Creek High School in 1947 and then Kearney State Teachers College.

Kathleen married Emery Shelden in 1953. He passed away in 1977. Kathleen later married Chet Jestes in 1984.

Kathleen enjoyed a life centered around family, home, and connection with others. She took great pride in caring for her family and looking after those she loved. She liked to stay busy, whether through her church or her community, participating in various clubs and organizations as long as she was able. She loved to be surrounded by people and especially enjoyed visiting, whether with friends, neighbors, or family, always making people feel comfortable and welcome. Time spent with them was her greatest joy.

Kathleen is survived by her daughters, Connie and Dan Simmons of Kearney,

Marsha Norvell of Papillion, daughter in law, Barb Sheldon of Lincoln, NE, step-daughter, Patty & John Pecoraro of Omaha, NE, step-son, Tim & Patty Jestes of Axtell, NE, seven grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, eighteen great grandchildren, seven step-great grandchildren, and two great great grandchildren.

Kathleen was preceded in death by two husbands, and son Randy Sheldon.

Cemetery Details

Park Valley Cemetery

44376 County Road 773
Sumner, NE 68878

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 29. 10:30 AM (CT)

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

Graveside

APR 29. 2:00 PM (CT)

Park Valley Cemetery
44376 County Road 773
Sumner, NE 68878

Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Memorial Service*



Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services - April 29 at 12:06 PM



“ *Dave and Maris Bentley & family purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Kathleen M. Jestes.*



Dave and Maris Bentley & family - April 26 at 10:00 PM



“ *Fairfield Inn and Suites purchased the Beautiful i n Blue for the family of Kathleen M. Jestes.*



Fairfield Inn and Suites - April 24 at 11:20 AM



“ Your Friends Mark, Linda, Brenda & Marty purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Kathleen M. Jestes.



Your Friends Mark, Linda, Brenda & Marty - April 18 at 04:53 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathleen M. Jestes.



April 17 at 05:31 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kathleen M. Jestes.

April 17 at 05:31 PM



“ I have fond memories of Kathleen growing up at Eddyville. She would have me "babysit" the kids but being so close in age, I think I was more of a referee in case a dispute arose. It was exciting to have my first real job. Kathleen was mom's Avon lady and I always loved when she would visit. I managed to always get one of those little lipstick samples. Great memories. I am sure the family will miss her. Thinking of all of you with much love and prayers for comfort during this time of your loss. Charlotte Burr

Charlotte Ann - April 17 at 05:28 PM

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“ Kathleen was a close friend of my mother when they both resided at Northridge. The staff called them 'The Posse' because there were four of them that were always together. I had the privilege of hosting many dinners at my home for The Posse, followed by cards. Kathleen was a most excellent Pitch partner. She's the last of the four. They're all together again and that thought makes me smile. She will be missed.

Sue Everett - April 17 at 05:21 PM



“ Charlotte Ann lit a candle in memory of Kathleen Jestes



Charlotte Ann - April 17 at 05:18 PM