



Kathryn O. Falconer

September 17, 1938 - February 3, 2026

Kathryn Amarette Olds Falconer, age 87 of Kearney, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, February 3, 2026 at Kinship Point Northridge in Kearney surrounded by her loving family. A celebration of life will be held on Friday, February 13, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Kearney. There will be no visitation. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to St. Luke's Episcopal Church or the Kearney Public Library, both of which she cared deeply about. Please visit 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.

Born on September 17, 1938, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to Thayer S. and Dorris L. Olds, she grew up to be a devoted mother, generous community member, and respected speech pathologist.

Kathryn was known for her keen intellect and interest in the world, as well as her love of knitting, reading, playing bridge, and traveling. She spent 25 years teaching at the University of Nebraska at Kearney but always maintained that her children were her greatest accomplishment.

She is survived by her children, Karen Falconer Al-Hindi (Musa), John Falconer (Tracy), and Helen Hayes-Kramer (Doug); her grandchildren, Anders, Lauren, Sam, Megan, Liam, Nathan, and Sean; and many relatives

and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 13. 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
2304 2nd Ave.
Kearney, NE 68845

Tribute Wall

MC

“ *Lauren and family*
I am so sorry for your loss. Al and I are thinking of you at this time. I hope you will continue to share your memories of your grandma. We would love to hear all the wonderful stories you have of her.
With love
Al and Mitzi

Mitzi Cardona - February 13 at 04:29 AM

JG

“ *I am saddened to hear of Kathryn's death. She was my advisor while I was in undergrad and grad school. We shared a love of linguistics, and well-written mysteries! Kathryn had a vast knowledge of communication disorders, especially aphasia. She was an excellent instructor who always had time for her students or colleagues and offered sage advice as warranted. Her sense of humor was dry, and endearing. She will be missed. Jana Green*

Jana M Green - February 09 at 02:29 AM

CW

“ *I cut Kathryn & her mother's hair for sometime. I enjoyed the many stories, of their past. Each Christmas Kathryn would bring me a wonderful loaf of her oatmeal, cinnamon bread! So blessed to have known them. Prayers to the family.*



Connie Welty - February 07 at 01:36 PM

JP

“ Thinking about you and your family Helen. I always enjoyed when she and I would visit about school.

Janice Polk

Janice R Polk - February 06 at 04:03 PM

MK

“ I am sorry to hear this sad news about Kathryn. She was a treasured colleague and always had authentic concern for all of her clients with aphasia.---Mary Kommers

Mary Kommers - February 05 at 07:12 PM

TA

“ Doug & Helen, thinking of you! May loving memories of a life well lived bring you comfort. Gene & Tammy



Tammy - February 05 at 01:58 PM

MK

“ I am very sorry to hear about Kathryn. She was a treasured colleague, who always presented authentic concern for all of her clients with aphasia. She will be missed by many.---Mary Kommers

Mary Kommers - February 05 at 01:45 PM

LF

“ My Grandmom, Kathryn, was always supportive of me and my endeavors. Whether it was giving me and my sister Megan a place to be before our piano lessons in elementary school, supporting my trip to France in high school, or talking with me about whether I should go to graduate school, she was there with words or actions of support.

I remember doing puzzles with her before piano lessons and her teaching me how to knit (though today, I crochet). I remember her ordering soup for each Christmas Eve at her house. And, I remember how, each time I saw her after I left Kearney, she would ask me questions about my life in Lincoln.

Today, I was talking to a coworker about Grandmom and her life. He said, “wow, she sounds like a baller.” While Grandmom would likely be mortified being described this way, it’s probably an accurate description. She led a life filled with lots of love, which is what most of us strive for in our existence. I got to see her on Sunday, which I will forever be grateful for.

Lauren Falconer - February 05 at 12:37 PM

LH

I am so sorry for your loss may your memories bring you comfort. I met Kathryn when her mother Doris Olds lived at the Regency. She was a kind and considerate woman.

*Linda Hall
Regency of Kearney*

Linda Hall - February 17 at 02:11 PM