



## Kathryn K. Gappa

September 19, 1943 - June 24, 2025

Kathryn "Kathy" K. Gappa passed away on June 24, 2025, at age 81 after a long journey with Parkinson's Disease. Please visit [www.hlmkfuneral.com](http://www.hlmkfuneral.com) to leave a tribute or message of condolence. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney is assisting the family with arrangements.

Kathy was born on September 19, 1943, in Loup City, Nebraska. She attended Loup City High School and graduated from Hastings College. Kathy will always be remembered by her smile, warmth, and generosity. Her very presence made the world a better place. Some of Kathy's happiest moments were socializing with her Flynn and Ritz cousins, family vacations-mystery trips, and spending time with Wayne, her devoted and loving husband of 58 years. The roles she enjoyed the most were being a wife, mother, and grandmother "Mama."

Kathy was preceded in death by her parents, Declan and Minnie Flynn. She is survived by her brother, Declan Flynn (Joan). Kathy is also survived by her husband Wayne. Kathy and Wayne were blessed with three children: Kara Larsen (Troy), David Gappa (Julie), Mindy Stuckey (Scott), and ten grandchildren: Ava, Garrett, Greta, and Wyatt Larsen, Jais and Cole Gappa, Maeve, Flynn, Hattie, and Shepard Stuckey. They will forever treasure her memory.

There will be a private family celebration of life. Kathy would want you to do something special for yourself, but should you wish to honor her memory in another way, please consider First Presbyterian Church, 4511 Sixth Ave., Kearney, Nebraska 68845 or a charity close to your heart. "It is because of you, Jesus, that we have hope and are sure of a forever life. We're grateful."

# Cemetery Details

## **Kearney Cemetery**

4400 Avenue I  
Kearney, NE 68847

# Tribute Wall

EK

“ *My deepest condolences to Wayne and family. I found out about Kathy passing today when I was reading the Times. Kathy was truly a beautiful and caring person. She was always so nice to me when I worked for her and Wayne. May God ease your loss.*  
*Ed Kowalski*

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**Edward Kowalski** - July 12, 2025 at 09:24 PM

VN

“ *So very sorry Wayne and family. Kathy was a beautiful lady and I will miss all the updates of the family she would send me. Rest in peace Kathy and no more pain and suffering.*  
*Virginia Nollette*

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**Virginia Nollette** - July 05, 2025 at 12:41 PM

SO

“ *Kathy and I met in Miss Conger's kindergarten class and we remained friends for 77 years. Kindergarten through college and into our 80's we enjoyed calls on our birthdays and other special occasions*  
*I know she loved her life with Wayne, her high school sweetheart; she loved her children and their children. I believe I received a phone call when each child was born - lots of calls!!*

*I shall miss our calls. Thinking of you Wayne Kara, David, Mindy and your families.*  
*Sylvia Otto*

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**Sylvia Otto** - July 02, 2025 at 03:06 AM

CM

“ Wayne & family: Sorry to hear about your lost. Kathy was a special cousin. Always enjoyed visiting with her at the reunions. If I remember correctly, Kathy and the Obermiller girls started the first Ritz reunion in Kearney and it went on from there. God's blessings on your family in the days ahead. Carolyn & Ernie Moravec

Carolyn Moravec - July 01, 2025 at 10:24 AM

FS

“ Frank S. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Kathryn K. Gappa.



Frank S. - June 30, 2025 at 10:27 AM

EF

“ Kathy was an absolute joy to care for, I enjoyed nothing more than coming to work and getting to chat with her in her room. She reminded me so much of my own grandma. Her kindness will always live on through me as I get to care for other residents. Thinking of you all. ☐  
-Emma Foote

emma foote - June 28, 2025 at 11:17 PM

AS

“ Angie, Amy, Sarah, and Susie purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Kathryn K. Gappa.



Angie, Amy, Sarah, and Susie - June 27, 2025 at 10:57 PM

TW

“ Wayne and children  
We are so sorry for your loss of a wife, mother, and grandmother.

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**the Wards** - June 27, 2025 at 01:26 PM

TW

“ the Wards lit a candle in memory of Kathryn  
Gappa



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**the Wards** - June 27, 2025 at 01:23 PM

CJ

“ Chad and Karen Jaeger purchased the Beautiful i  
n Blue for the family of Kathryn K. Gappa.



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**Chad and Karen Jaeger** - June 27, 2025 at 08:48 AM