



## Kay Eckwert

September 13, 1934 - May 7, 2021

Kay Eckwert, age 86, of Kearney, died Friday, May 7, 2021 at the St. John's Good Samaritan Society in Kearney. You may join the family for coffee and a treat at Baristas, 2301 13th Ave., south of UNK, Thursday, December 23, 2021 from 10:00 to 11:30 am. Memorials are suggested to Head Start, M.O.N.A., or the Peterson Senior Center in Kearney.

Kay was born September 13, 1934 in Falls City, Nebraska to Alan and Ermel (Parrack) Kirk. She graduated from Falls City High School in 1952. She then graduated from the University of Nebraska at Omaha in 1956.

On August 19, 1956 Kay married Bob Eckwert in Omaha.

Kay taught 5th grade in Pleasanton when they first moved to Kearney. She also worked at Emerson Elementary in Kearney and helped many families while at Family Planning and Head Start. Kay was instrumental in developing some of the first tumbling classes in Kearney. She loved art, dancing, dressing to the Max and accessories galore. She was such a fun, free spirit. Her talent for decorating and entertaining was a class act. Kay enjoyed every minute of her travel with Bob on Elks trips. She loved her husband, Bob, her family and especially her grandkids. Being beside her daughters helping to raise the next generation was a joy for her. Her love for gardening, playing cards, nature, throwing a great party, and loving the holiday traditions is being carried on by

her family. She would be proud!

Kay is survived by her daughters, Becky and Paul O'Connell of Kearney, Jennifer and Curt Nelson of Albuquerque, NM; grandchildren, Kylie and Cory Sleeth of Highlands Ranch, CO, Kara and Ben Porter of Highlands Ranch, CO, Kirk O'Connell of Denver, CO, Karlie O'Connell of Kearney, Alexis Nelson of Albuquerque, NM, Andrew Nelson of Albuquerque, NM great grandchildren, Beckham and Blakely Sleeth, Nora, and Mason Porter; brother, Alan and Marti Kirk of Buffalo, NY; sister-in-law, Norma Eckwert of Falls City, NE.

Kay was preceded in death by her husband Bob Eckwert, mother, and father.

# Previous Events

## Gathering and Celebration

DEC **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Baristas Daily Grind  
2301 13th Ave.  
Kearney, NE 68845

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kay Eckwert*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *Kay was such a dear friend to my Mom, Marilyn David, at Prairie View Gardens. Staff wondered if they were sisters. Mom passed on Feb. 13 of this year. I am imagining them meeting up again in Heaven. Sending my heartfelt condolences. Teresa Sorensen*

**Teresa Sorensen** - May 31, 2021 at 06:33 PM



“ *I loved working with Kay at Head Start as her teacher's aide.*

**Jan Miller** - May 18, 2021 at 11:28 AM