



Marianna Wimberley

August 22, 1930 - February 21, 2018

Marianna Wimberley, 87, of Kearney died Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at Country House Residence in Kearney.

A Celebration of Life for Marianna will be held at Rowe Sanctuary April 28, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. Memorials are suggested to Rowe Sanctuary, Museum Of Nebraska Art (MONA), Merryman Performing Arts Center or to the Minden Opera House. 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.

Marianna Parish Wimberley was born August 22, 1930 in Auburn, Nebraska and grew up in Elmwood, NE, one of five children. She met Wally Wimberley in Lincoln, at the end of WWII, and they were married August 26, 1950. After living in Aberdeen SD and Columbus NE they settled in Kearney and lived here for the rest of their lives, raising three children. She was preceded in death by her husband, and survived by her three children, eight grandchildren, five great grandchildren, one sister and two brothers.

While managing the children and the house, Marianna went back to school at Kearney State College and completed a degree in English and a secondary teaching certification. After her children entered high school, she taught in the Sumner-Eddyville-Miller School District and then worked at the Educational

Service Unit in Kearney. Few things were more important to Marianna than education and she was dedicated to her students. She was a flawless grammarian and was tireless in correcting her own children, students and the world at large.

Marianna and Wally loved people and always had the coffeepot on for friends and family who stopped by often to visit. They had a wide circle of friends and played golf, were enthusiastic scrabble players and members of the Kearney Dance Club. Marianna's enthusiasms were endless—she enjoyed art, theater, music, birds and good jokes. She was a docent at the Museum of Nebraska Art, an usher for performances at the Merryman Performing Arts Center and a volunteer at Rowe Sanctuary, where her love of people and birds found a perfect outlet.

Marianna cared deeply for people and always helped friends and family who were ill or in need. She was a person whose life and actions defined community. We miss her—her spirit lives on in everyone whose lives she touched.

...But if the while I think on thee, dear friend,
All losses are restor'd, and sorrows end. (William Shakespeare)

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR **28**. 4:00 PM (CT)

Rowe Sanctuary
44450 Elm Island Rd.
Gibbon, NE 68840

Tribute Wall



“ *Marianna Wimberley*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *Dear Cyd and family,*

I'm sorry I couldn't attend the service for your mom today. I remember Duffy so fondly both from the "sewing club" both she and Mom attended and from seeing her at MONA and at St. Luke's once we moved back to Kearney. I loved her smile and sunny personality. I remember once I think when Mom was hosting Sewing Club...I have no idea how old I was, but I called her "Daffy." I was mortified when I had it wrong, but she was so fun that I was sure that "Daffy" fit her.

Take care and know that your whole family has been in the thoughts and prayers of many.

---Mary (McKinney) Kommers and family

Mary Kommers - April 28, 2018 at 04:27 PM



“ *Cyd, Woody and Jessica,*

I so enjoyed getting to know your mother when my husband was the priest at St. Luke's. What a great lady she was and a lot of fun. Please know she will be remembered as one of the best.

Nancy McCammon-Hansen

Nancy Hansen - April 21, 2018 at 01:01 PM

JG

“ Dear Sydney, Jessica, Woody, and families,
I'm so sorry to hear of your mom's death. She was a gracious lady,
and will be missed by all who knew and loved her. May you find
peace in the wonderful memories.
My deepest sympathy to you all.

Jana Green - March 21, 2018 at 08:08 PM

CW

“ Dear Syd, Woody and Jessica: I have such
fond memories of our parents and us
spending time together as children, and our
parents enjoying Dance Club and scrabble
games together. When my mom became a
resident at Good Samaritan St. Luke's, and my dad moved to
Northridge, Mariana was a frequent visitor and a long-time friend to
both. Now "Duffy" and Wally, Bev and DeWayne are playing
scrabble together, laughing and having fun, and sharing memories
of their six children and their many years of service to the Kearney
community. Our Wolf Family sends our love to your Wimberley
Family today!



Chuck Wolf, Houston, Texas

Chuck Wolf - March 06, 2018 at 01:08 PM

 Sandra
Nevitt

“ Mrs. Wimberley was my absolute favorite teacher. She inspired me,
encouraged me, and saved me from the troubles of teenage life by
showing me compassion and grace. She introduced me to yoga and
proper English. She was a beautiful woman inside and out and her
love of people and life will be very missed in this world.

Sandra Nevitt - February 27, 2018 at 01:23 PM

KH

“ Dear Sydney, Woody and Jessica and families,
I'm sure my mom and your mom are rejoicing together in Heaven. Your mom was such a wonderful person! I remember her fondly from my childhood as well as my adulthood. She once gave my daughter and me a whole drawer full of plastic Walmart bags to donate to the Humane Society who was collecting them to raise money for the animals. And she called me one time and gave me a *Trixie Belden* book from my childhood that evidently Jessica had borrowed when we were kids and your mom found it with my name penciled in the front and returned it to me. Marianna was a beautiful person, inside and out! She will be greatly missed. My thoughts are with you at this sad time. I know how hard it is to love your mother. God bless you all.

Karen Helleberg - February 24, 2018 at 11:11 AM

LV

“ I met Marianna on her front doorstep on a cold November morning. It was Thanksgiving day, and my new husband (her nephew) and I had just driven through the night to join Marianna and Wally for the celebration. I received a hug and warm welcome from that female dynamo. And I've loved her ever since. She will be greatly missed.
Laurie Vette, Seattle, Washington

Laurie Vette - February 23, 2018 at 10:55 AM

TC

“ Mrs. Wimberley was my English teacher in summer in the 70's She was one of the teachers I have memories of I am sorry for your loss
Theresa Childers(Potter)



Theresa M. Childers - February 22, 2018 at 06:43 PM



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Lauren Vette, Seattle, Washington

Laurie Vette - February 23, 2018 at 10:48 AM