



Marilyn R. McNeal

April 8, 1932 - January 24, 2024

Marilyn Ruth McNeal, 91, of Kearney, formerly of Gothenburg, passed away January 24, 2024 at Brookstone Gardens in Kearney. A Celebration of Life will be held 2:00 pm, February 10, 2024 at Faith United Methodist Church with Pastor Jeff Wulf officiating. Interment at Grand View Cemetery near Gothenburg will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Faith United Methodist Church.

Marilyn was born April 8, 1932, on a farm in Custer County to Lawrence and Martha Penn Stinehagen.

She attended Sunny Hill Rural School in Custer County for grades 1-8 and graduated from Cozad High School in 1949. She attended Normal Training and began teaching in rural elementary schools in Dawson County at the age of 18. She returned to college and received her bachelor's degree at UNK in 1988 and graduated Magna Cum Laude.

On June 8, 1952, she married R. Leigh McNeal. To this union two children were born. Leigh Ann and Kirk were the joys of her life.

She was an avid reader, Master Gardener, and baker. She held multiple leadership roles in her church and taught Sunday school for sixty years. She was the President of Dawson Co-Rural Teachers Association, member of

Delta Kappa Gamma, President of Town and Country Garden Club, Treasurer Grant Township, 4-H leader, and Missionary Education Director.

Marilyn is survived by her daughter Leigh Ann (Kent) Wilcher and her son Kirk (Alexis) McNeal. Three granddaughters, Laura-Leigh (Randy) Norris, Lexie Wilcher, (fiance Trevor Meyer), and Lauren McNeal. Three great grandchildren, Miles, Max, and Mila Norris. She is also survived by her sister Shirley Hinkle and sister-in-law Chrystl Steinehagen.

Marilyn was preceded in death by her husband, Leigh, brother Jim Steinehagen, and sister Perk English.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 10. 2:00 PM (CT)

Faith United Methodist Church
1623 Central Avenue
Kearney, NE 68847

Tribute Wall

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“ *Kirk and family- so very sorry for your loss. Prayers for peace and comfort.*

Marcia (Feusner) Stewart

Marcia (Feusner) Stewart - February 01, 2024 at 07:31 PM

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*Thank you Marcia for your prayers.
Blessings to you.
Kirk*

Kirk McNeal - February 03, 2024 at 03:28 PM

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“ *Love Allie, Sarah, and Lyndsey purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Marilyn R. McNeal.*



Love Allie, Sarah, and Lyndsey - February 01, 2024 at 11:37 AM

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“ *Love Allie, Sarah, and Lyndsey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marilyn R. McNeal.*

Love Allie, Sarah, and Lyndsey - February 01, 2024 at 11:37 AM