



Mary K. Daake

August 18, 1949 - May 27, 2014

Mary K. Daake, 64, of Kearney died Tuesday, May 27, 2014 at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney.

Funeral services will be Friday, May 30, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. at First United Methodist Church in Kearney. Rev. Gary Main will officiate and burial will be at Kearney Cemetery. Visitation is planned Thursday from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney. The casket will be closed at the church. Memorials are suggested to the Kearney Area Children's Museum, Kearney Public Library or to a scholarship fund that will be established at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. A message of condolence, tribute or memory can be left at www.hlmkfuneral.com Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral Home in Kearney is in charge of arrangements.

She was born August 18, 1949 in Kearney to Robert and Kathleen (Seyler) Gifford. She grew up in Kearney and graduated from Kearney High School in 1967 then from Kearney State College in 1971. She later obtained her Master's Degree from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

On December 29, 1970 she married John Daake in Kearney. They lived in Lincoln and she worked for the State of Nebraska from 1971 – 1977. The couple moved back to Kearney and she worked for the Kearney Area Council of Governments from 1977-1979 then at Good Samaritan Hospital as their Director of Educational Services until 1989. She then worked as the Director of the World Affairs Conference and was a Political Science teacher at UNK. She was currently employed as the Director of Academic Advising and Career Services at UNK.

Mary was a member of numerous business and professional organizations and was dedicated to her professional career and was passionate about caring for her students and their advancement through college. She enjoyed traveling with her husband and had visited China, Alaska and had taken several cruises. She enjoyed spending time with her family and especially her granddaughter.

Surviving relatives include her husband, John Daake of Kearney; son, Adam Daake and his wife Jennifer of Kearney; granddaughter, Paige Kathryne Daake of Kearney; sister, Patricia Zwink and husband Randy of Lexington, NE.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mary K. Daake*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *It saddens me to hear that one of my great mentors at the University of Nebraska-Kearney died. She had such a passion for assisting students in times of struggle. I can honestly say that she assisted me when I had struggles or just needed to talk.*

Lisa E. Kent - September 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *John Daake & family,
My condolence to you and your family at the loss of Mary.*

John C. Long - May 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Thank you Mary, you are missed.*

Scot Fransk - May 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Please accept my condolences. She will be missed by many especially Paige. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*

Mary Iten - May 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM

VA

“ My sincere condolences to the family.No words of mine are adequate to erase this irrevocable loss .Mary has been a good friend of mine and she will always be in spirit with us.It is sad that she has gone so young.I am fortunate to get to know her during my career at UNK.

VANI - May 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ I was privileged to have Mary as a professor in PoliSci. While she taught, she became more than a professor, she became a teacher. She had a warm smile, big heart and great humor in her person. I will miss her dearly.

Jeffrey Rumery - May 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM

HY

“ Mary was such a wonderful woman! I was fortunate enough to work with her a work-study in the Academic Advising office in 2004-2005. She was a huge fashionista and a kind, caring soul. Mary will be greatly missed. My prayers and thoughts are with her family.

Holli Y - May 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ John,Adam and family,
So sorry about your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Demaris Labs - May 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. What a beautiful, amazing woman Mary was. Only wish we could have spent more time with her.

*May God bless you all during this time.
Cousin Linda (Ball) Polcha and husband Tom
Phoenix, Arizona*

John and Family - May 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ To the Family of Mary Daake: We are so sorry to hear about Mary. Both Devon and I worked with Mary many times while we worked at UNK. Not only was she a dedicated educator but a classy lady with a GREAT sense of humor. She will be missed! Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

*Sincerely,
John A. Kundel
(Former Director of UNK Admissions)*

John and Devon Kundel - May 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM