



Mary Kay Cochran

July 13, 1962 - June 30, 2025

Mary Kay Cochran (Harr), passed away peacefully in the early morning hours of June 30th, 2025, after a courageous 22-year battle with cancer.

Mary Kay lived her life with quiet strength, boundless grace, and a heart full of love. She faced every hardship with dignity and resilience, never allowing illness to diminish her spirit or define her journey. Even in the most difficult moments, she continued to show up for the people she loved—with a warm smile, a kind word, and endless generosity.

Born on July 13, 1962, to Don and Margaret Mary (Montgomery) Harr. Mary Kay was a light in the lives of so many. Her compassion ran deep. She gave of herself freely, whether through comforting words, acts of kindness, or simply being present for those in need. She was a devoted wife, mother, sister and aunt, a proud grandmother, a cherished friend, and a woman of faith.

Her legacy lives on in the lessons she taught, the values she upheld, and the deep love she poured into her family. She leaves behind her husband Steve; son Brian and wife Jordan Cochran, along with grandchildren Hunter, Huston, Elle and Hendrex; daughter Courtney Harris, husband O'Neal and granddaughter Asya; son Colton and wife Amanda Cochran; brother Greg and Sue Harr; brother Steve Rapatz-Harr; brother Chris and Amy Harr; sister Peggy and Bryant Brooks; sister Betsy and Brad Fornoff; brother in-law Brad

and Melanie Cochran; sister in-law Lori and Jim Stull; sister in-law Karen Cochran and many nieces and nephews. All who will carry her memory and spirit forward.

Though we are heartbroken by her passing, we take comfort in knowing she is finally at peace—free from pain, embraced by love, and reunited with those who went before her. She was preceded in death by her parents Don and Margaret Mary (Montgomery) Harr; her sister in-law Jenny Rapatz Harr; her mother and father in-law Harley and Norma Cochran.

Rest peacefully. Your love will guide us always.

A celebration of Mary Kay's life will be held at the Gail and Michael Yanney Pavillion in Kearney on July 12th, 2025, at 2pm, followed by an open house in her honor from 2:30-4:00. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made in her memory to the Kearney Pickle Ball Club, an organization she supported and enjoyed being active in.

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/donation-form/mary-kay-cochran-memorial>

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

JUL 12. 2:00 PM (CT)

Gail & Michael Yanney Pavilion
2020 West 11th Street
Kearney, NE 68845

Open House Visitation

JUL 12. 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

KH

“ *Shari, Rex, Jordan: My sympathy on your loss. What a lady!*

Kathy Campbell RN (Riverdale house) - July 19, 2025 at 05:32 PM

DH

“ *Dan and Jan Dudley. Friends of Greg H. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mary Kay Cochran.*



Dan and Jan Dudley. Friends of Greg H. - July 14, 2025 at 08:18 AM

DH

“ *Dan and Jan Dudley. Friends of Greg H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Kay Cochran.*

Dan and Jan Dudley. Friends of Greg H. - July 14, 2025 at 08:18 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Kay Cochran.*

July 12, 2025 at 01:34 PM

JL

“ *With love and fond memories, Mary Kay will always be in our hearts forever. With deepest sympathy, David and Jeanne Lowder.*

Jean Lowder - July 12, 2025 at 01:25 PM

JL

“ Jean L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Kay Cochran.

Jean L. - July 12, 2025 at 01:15 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Kay Cochran.

July 12, 2025 at 12:11 PM

FM

“ From The East Coast Montgomery's purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mary Kay Cochran.



From The East Coast Montgomery's - July 12, 2025 at 11:53 AM

FM

“ From The East Coast Montgomery's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Kay Cochran.

From The East Coast Montgomery's - July 12, 2025 at 11:53 AM

BJ

“ I knew her and Steve from McCook then I seen them every now in Kearney she will be missed god bless the family rip Mary



Bernard R judd - July 11, 2025 at 07:09 PM

LM

“ Love, Dave & Patti Morgan purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Mary Kay Cochran.



Love, Dave & Patti Morgan - July 11, 2025 at 05:59 PM

JS

“ Jeff S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Kay Cochran.

Jeff S. - July 11, 2025 at 01:42 PM

ES

“ Ethan & Sarah Schroeder purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Mary Kay Cochran.



Ethan & Sarah Schroeder - July 11, 2025 at 09:51 AM

TC

“ The Conway’s purchased the Simply Elegant Spathephyllum for the family of Mary Kay Cochran.



The Conway’s - July 10, 2025 at 10:03 PM

TC

“ The Conway’s planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Kay Cochran.

The Conway’s - July 10, 2025 at 10:03 PM

TB

“ today. All Our Love The Bolton's purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mary Kay Cochran.



today. All Our Love The Bolton's - July 10, 2025 at 05:17 PM

TB

“ today. All Our Love The Bolton's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Kay Cochran.

today. All Our Love The Bolton's - July 10, 2025 at 05:17 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Kay Cochran.*



July 10, 2025 at 03:43 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Kay Cochran.*



July 10, 2025 at 10:56 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Kay Cochran.*

July 10, 2025 at 10:56 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mary Kay Cochran.*



July 10, 2025 at 10:38 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Kay Cochran.



July 09, 2025 at 05:45 PM



“ Joe, Karlie & Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mary Kay Cochran.



Joe, Karlie & Family - July 09, 2025 at 02:05 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Kay Cochran.

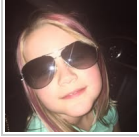


July 09, 2025 at 10:06 AM



“ I'm so sorry to hear about Mary Kay. She was such a joy to be around—always full of joy..... I'll always treasure the times we spent playing pickleball together. My heart goes out to you and your family during this difficult time.
Lauren and Rob Harbols

Lauren Harbols - July 09, 2025 at 08:09 AM



“ Mary K. was such a delight! In 23 yrs, what I remember the most is 1) how she loved Jordan and Hunter Day 1💙 ☐ 2) how she fought cancer for her family, who she adored. May she play pickleball in the sunshine of heaven 🙏☀️
Chris, Farrah, Ava, Ella

Farrah 'Felton' Plate - July 09, 2025 at 12:31 AM

JE

“ To the family of Mary Kay Cochran- I enjoyed being a neighbor to Steve & Mary Kay years ago. We all lived in the trailer park in McCook, Ne and they were such good neighbors. They kept busy and always spoke. Thoughts & Prayers- Jeanie Earnest Culbertson, Ne

Jeanie Earnest - July 08, 2025 at 10:14 PM

JV

“ Our sincere condolences to your family. Mary Kay is in our prayers.
Jerry and Sherry Vap

Jerry Vap - July 08, 2025 at 05:10 PM

NR

“ Nick & Kelsey Renn purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Mary Kay Cochran.



Nick & Kelsey Renn - July 08, 2025 at 12:01 PM

DN

“ *My sincere condolences to all of Mary Kay's family. The Harr family had such deep roots in McCook while I was growing up.*

Danny Nothnagel - July 07, 2025 at 11:53 AM

BK

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Bruce Keenportz - July 06, 2025 at 06:48 PM

JK

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to Mary Kay's family....*



Joan (Carson) Kracke - July 06, 2025 at 06:35 AM

AB

“ *Aliza Elise Heather Laura Jess + boys purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mary Kay Cochran.*



Aliza Elise Heather Laura Jess + boys - July 04, 2025 at 11:32 AM

AB

“ Aliza Elise Heather Laura Jess + boys planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Kay Cochran.

Aliza Elise Heather Laura Jess + boys - July 04, 2025 at 11:32 AM

DG

“ We will cherish our memories of our trips with FP to Greece and Thailand. That’s how I’m going to remember her. Always smiling and lots of positive energy. My heart and prayers go out to your family. She’s at peace and is now your guardian angel.



Diane Grutzmacher - July 04, 2025 at 10:55 AM

JS

“ Saddened by the news of Mary Kay’s passing. But then as childhood memories of her came flooding in, a slight grin came to my face. Mainly because I remember her with that beautiful smile and all of the fun times we had in her neighborhood playing like young kids do—not a care in the world.
To all of Mary Kay’s family, may you find comfort and peace as you turn to faith and your fond memories. We will all join her one day and that is really something to look forward to. With prayers, Jean (Blank) Solomon

Jean Solomon - July 03, 2025 at 09:31 PM

TM

“ Todd Brittany kari and Mitch purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mary Kay Cochran.



Todd Brittany kari and Mitch - July 03, 2025 at 04:53 PM

LC

“ There are no words to express what a beautiful soul and friend Mary Kay is to everyone. She has been a dear and cherished friend for nearly fifty years. As many of us walked alongside in her courageous battle, she was the one who gave strength and grace to others. What a gift she was to all who knew her, and I will miss her terribly. May her family find comfort in happy memories and her love that remains.

Lesa Clifford - July 03, 2025 at 11:10 AM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Kay Cochran.



July 02, 2025 at 12:06 PM

BG

“ Bret & Glenna Grandbouche purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mary Kay Cochran.



Bret & Glenna Grandbouche - July 02, 2025 at 11:50 AM

BG

“ *Bret & Glenna Grandbouche planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Kay Cochran.*

Bret & Glenna Grandbouche - July 02, 2025 at 11:50 AM

MG

“ *Please accept my deepest sympathies and know that my prayers are with you now and always. May God heal you in His infinite graces and bless you with His love.*

I knew Mary Kay and her family when she lived in McCook. We met through the YMCA where she was one of my fitness instructors and my friend. She was a very outgoing fun individual who brought joy to everyone she encountered in her life. Mary Kay will be deeply missed by myself and all who knew her. She was a wonderful person.

Sending strength, courage, and condolences on the loss of your wife, your mother, your daughter, your sister, your grandmother, your aunt, and your friend. May her soul rest in eternal peace, surrounded by God's grace. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal.

Michelle Gonzales - July 02, 2025 at 09:29 AM