



René J. Reinke

July 6, 1936 - March 25, 2021

René J. Reinke, age 84, of Kearney, passed away Thursday, March 25, 2021 at CHI Health Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 am, March 29, 2021 at Prince of Peace Catholic Church with Fr. Paul Colling officiating. Burial will follow the service at Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be 5:00 to 7:00 pm, March 28, 2021 at Prince of Peace Catholic Church with a wake service to follow at 7:00 pm. Please use the west doors of the church when attending the services at the church. Masks are required to attend services. Memorials are suggested to the family to be designated later.

René was born July 6, 1936 in St. Paul, NE, to Karl and Mary Wissbaum. The family moved to Kearney in 1949. She attended Kearney High School and graduated in 1954 and attended Nebraska State Teachers College. While working at Consumer Public Power she met Samuel Reinke. On April 4, 1959, they were united in marriage at St. James Catholic Church in Kearney, NE. They started married life in Orchard Nebraska and then moved to Kearney in 1970. In addition to raising their children she worked at Kearney Public School and bookkeeper for Reinke's Heating, Air and Electric, Inc.

She enjoyed playing Bridge, gardening, canning, genealogy, pets Snuggles and Rambo, the children's, grandchildren's, and great grandchildren's sporting events, and Husker football. Many requested her potato salad for special meals.

René is survived by her husband of 61 years, Samuel Reinke of Kearney; daughters Michele (William) Carlson of Lincoln, Sharon (Gary) Jensen of Wilcox and Candice (Jeff) Kreutzer of Kearney; sons, Samuel S. (Diane), Jeffrey (Twillia), Kent (Amy) and Kevin all of Kearney; sister, Phyllis Hawes of Hastings; Grandchildren Bryce (Ashley) Carlson, Amber (Eric) Toombs, Vade (Stephanie) Jensen, Sarah Jensen, Danielle (Peter) Longo, Jared (Shayne) Reinke, Tanner Reinke (Morgan), Tiana Reinke (Anthony), Lindsay (Dusty) Ayles, Hannah and Wyatt Kreutzer. Great grandchildren, Morgan Carlson, Oliver Toombs, Marlene Jensen, Amelia, Charles, Sophie and Bennett Longo, Margo Reinke, Charlie Ayles, and many nephews, nieces, and other relatives and friends.

René was preceded in death by her parents Karl and Mary Wissbaum, in-laws, Marian and Wilfred Lenzen, Richard Hawes, Lyle and Connie Reinke, Iris and Robert Flenniken, David Reinke, nephew, Greg Reinke, grandson Matthew Carlson, and father and mother-in-law Oswald and Stepanka Reinke.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I
Kearney, NE 68847

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 28. 5:00 AM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Prince of Peace Catholic Church
2407 W 56th Street
Kearney, NE 68845

Wake Service

MAR 28. 7:00 PM (CT)

Prince of Peace Catholic Church
2407 W 56th Street
Kearney, NE 68845

Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 29. 10:30 AM (CT)

Prince of Peace Catholic Church
2407 W 56th Street
Kearney, NE 68845

Tribute Wall



“ *René J. Reinke*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *Candy Kreutzer lit a candle in memory of René J. Reinke*



Candy Kreutzer - March 31, 2021 at 07:45 AM



“ *John Smith lit a candle in memory of René J. Reinke*



John Smith - March 30, 2021 at 06:38 PM



“ *She was a strong woman that raised a great family. Her contributions to this world and especially our community will live on for a LONG time. So sorry to hear of her passing. I wish you all peace.*

Matthew Meister - March 29, 2021 at 10:57 AM

DF

“ I was so fortunate to work with Rene at a lot of Kearney High Athletic events - she was a great lady!

Darleen Farwell

Darleen M Farwell - March 28, 2021 at 09:00 PM

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“ Darleen M Farwell lit a candle in memory of René J. Reinke



Darleen M Farwell - March 28, 2021 at 08:59 PM

RC

“ To the Reinke Family, I send my heartfelt condolences for your loss. I grew up across the street from this loving family and they often opened their home in friendship to me. I was closest with Kevin and Candy, but everyone in the family were always very kind to me. These amazing values is a true sign of an amazing mother. She will be deeply missed.

*Rob Caha Family
San Diego, CA*

Rob Caha - March 27, 2021 at 08:34 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of René J. Reinke.*



March 27, 2021 at 01:42 PM



“ *Sam Reinke lit a candle in memory of René J. Reinke*



Sam Reinke - March 27, 2021 at 12:40 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of René J. Reinke.*



March 27, 2021 at 11:12 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of René J. Reinke.*



March 26, 2021 at 09:20 PM