



## Rosella M. Meier

November 27, 1943 - March 13, 2018

Rosella “Zell” M. Meier, 74, of Kearney died Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at her home.

Funeral Services will be Saturday, March 24, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. at First Lutheran in Kearney. Rev.’s Michelle and Rick Carlson will officiate and burial will be at Kearney Cemetery. Visitation is planned Friday from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral Home in Kearney. Memorials are suggested to First Lutheran Church or the University of Nebraska Foundation to support volleyball scholarships at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. Online condolences may be submitted by visiting [www.hlmkfuneral.com](http://www.hlmkfuneral.com). Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney are in charge of arrangements.

She was born November 27, 1943 in Kearney to Gilbert and Esther (Schake) Zimmerman. She grew up in Kearney and attended Zion Lutheran Grade School then graduated from Kearney High School in. She then graduated from Kearney State College in 1965 and taught school in Minden for 2 years.

On June 4, 1969 she married William “Bill” Meier in Kearney. She obtained her Master’s Degree from the University of Nebraska Lincoln then taught Physical Education at Kearney State College.

In 1969 she was hired as the first volleyball coach at Kearney State College. When she retired after 24 years of coaching in 1993, her teams had compiled a 643 – 228 record. Her 643 victories is 10th on the all-time coaching list of the American Volleyball Coaches Association. In 1988, she was one of the first five to be inducted into the NAIA Volleyball Hall of Fame.

After retirement from UNK she worked with her husband as owners and operators of Zimmerman Printers in Kearney until they sold the business in 2006. She and her husband became interested in country dancing then taught country dance at the college and in 2007 opened Meier's Ballroom in Gibbon where they taught country line dancing and hosted many events. The last function at the ballroom before they sold it in 2017 was to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

She was a member of First Lutheran Church in Kearney and she and her husband enjoyed traveling and motorcycle riding.

Surviving relatives include her husband Bill of Kearney; daughters, Kelli Meier of Phoenix, AZ and Kambi Jecminek and husband Nathan and grandchildren Taylor and Maximus of Denver.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

# Cemetery Details

## Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I  
Kearney, NE 68847

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAR 23.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl  
2421 Avenue A  
Kearney, NE 68847  
(308) 237-2259  
<https://www.hlmkfuneral.com>

## Funeral Service

**MAR 24.** 9:30 AM (CT)

First Lutheran Church  
3315 Avenue G  
Kearney, NE

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rosella M. Meier*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *If it wasn't for Rozella and Bill teaching dance lessons in Kearney, I would have never met my husband of ten years. Paul and I met at their dance lessons at the Elks club in Kearney, and later dated and married. I also took line dance lessons from Rozella and enjoyed getting to know them better. I can still hear her saying quick ball change, and coaster step. Line dancing will never be the same!!*

**Susan Muchmore- Phelps** - March 23, 2018 at 11:25 PM



“ *My favorite memory of Rosella is all the line dances that she could remember. I loved doing line dances and learning new ones and she never forgot the steps to any of the many, many that she knew. Our deepest sympathy to you and your family.  
Jim and Janie Hopkins*

**Jim and Janie Hopkins** - March 22, 2018 at 08:31 PM



“ *We extend our sympathy to your family. Rosella was a great line dance teacher, and was very patient with us as we both have two left feet. We cherish the memories we shared with Rosella and Bill at all the dances. No doubt Rosella is dancing in heaven.  
Lorin and Dorothy Bremer*

**Lorin and Dorothy Bremer** - March 22, 2018 at 06:53 PM

JL

“ I am so sorry to hear the news. I played for Rosella from 1987-1990. I am grateful I was able to see her again at my induction into the Hall of Fame a few years ago.. She was always so full of energy and passion for everything she did. My deepest sympathies to Bill, Kelli, Kambi and her entire family. She will be missed!

Jenni Luke - March 22, 2018 at 08:31 AM

D"

“ Diane Davidson Rouzee and Family "Davey" purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Rosella M. Meier.



Diane Davidson Rouzee and Family "Davey" - March 21, 2018 at 11:04 AM

SK

“ Blessings of peace and comfort to Bill & family from Sylvia Karlsson & Lynn McPheron. We're out of town & unable to attend the service. Through knowing Rosella, her faithfulness & confidence in God's abiding presence shown through her life & her journey of this illness.

Sylvia High Karlsson - March 20, 2018 at 10:23 PM

SJ

“ My deepest sympathy to the family of Rosella Meier! I had the pleasure of playing volleyball for Coach from 1981-1985. We had some very talented girls during my years at KSC! I just appreciate her never giving up on me! I was a walkon from Norfolk that eventually earned a scholarship! She pushed me to excel and be the best that I could be! I have SO many fond memories that I'll never forget and many friendships I treasure today! Thanks Coach Meier! You will be greatly missed! ❤️😭  
Shari Schwede Johnson

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**Shari Johnson** - March 19, 2018 at 09:33 PM

DM

“ We always enjoyed Rosella. She was a good friend to us. Sympathies to you and your family.

*Darla and Darrell Morris*

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**Darla Morris** - March 19, 2018 at 02:47 PM

KF

“ Kelly Rouzee Kasselder and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rosella M. Meier.



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**Kelly Rouzee Kasselder and Family** - March 18, 2018 at 09:24 PM

SG

“ Coach Meier, thank you for 4 wonderful volleyball years at KSC! 1982 to 1986.  
Susie Arkfeld Gordon

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**Susie Arkfeld Gordon** - March 16, 2018 at 10:58 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rosella M. Meier.*



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March 16, 2018 at 10:53 PM



“ *Bill and family sorry for your loss. May her memory be eternal.*

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**Tim O'Dea** - March 16, 2018 at 06:28 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy for the family of Rosella Meier, Coach Meier was my Volleyball Coach in 19884-86. I was a vb transfer and she welcomed me and was very good to me the years that I was there. I am sure she will be missed by many. My heart goes out to all of you!*

*Lori Doty Thiele*

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**Lori Thiele** - March 16, 2018 at 05:37 PM



“ *We have many fond memories of Rosella at Zimmerman's Printing. She read all of our Auction sale bills. (So very helpful!) She will be deeply missed by many. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Ken & Sherry Bramer*

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**Ken Bramer** - March 15, 2018 at 09:40 PM

GL

“*Rosella, then 'Miss Zimmerman' was the girls 'gym teacher' in Minden for my junior & senior years of high school. Although she wasn't much older than we were, she was definitely 'our leader'. She was kind and gentle, but tough when she had to be. I was happy to see her successes at then-KSC and glad that she was recognized for her contributions to the community. May lots of wonderful memories come to comfort her family, as she was a lady worth remembering.*

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**Gloria LeDroit** - March 15, 2018 at 12:46 PM



“*Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rosella M. Meier.*



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March 15, 2018 at 09:35 AM