



## Shelley K. Hilker

June 4, 1960 - August 6, 2021

Shelley K. Hilker, age 61, of Kearney, passed away Friday, August 6, 2021, at CHI Health Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Thursday, August 12, 2021, at the First Lutheran Church in Kearney with the Reverends Dr. Rick and Dr. Michelle Carlson officiating. Burial will follow at the Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 11, 2021, at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society, American Diabetes Association, or St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Shelley Kay (Walters) Hilker was born on June 4, 1960, to Don and Lois Walters in Omaha, Nebraska. She graduated from Kearney Senior High with the class of 1978. She then attended Kearney State College and earned her degree in Interior Design. On November 27, 1982, she married Brad Hilker. On April 9th, 1986, they welcomed their daughter Kelsey Jo. Shelley worked at Builders Warehouse in Kearney for many years. During her years at Builders, she had several different roles but she eventually found her ideal job in helping people design their dream kitchens. When she wasn't working she enjoyed planting flowers, decorating their home, and spending time with family, especially her two granddaughters. She loved her family above all else. For most of her adult life Shelley battled many health issues. Through these battles she taught us about perseverance. Because of this, she was one of the toughest people we had ever known.

Survivors include husband Brad Hilker; daughter and son-in-law Kelsey and

Andy Ostrander; granddaughters Kaylynn and Brynlie Ostrander; sisters Sharla (Jim) Mruz and Shari Walters; mother-in-law Irene Hilker; sister-in-laws Darla (Patrick) Haight, Cindy (Doug) Treffer, and Lisa (Roger) Thaut; nieces and nephews Andrew Mruz, Julia (Tom) Hoyt, Nicole (Nicholas) Herzog, Patrick Mruz, Nicholas Walters, Tina, Jeff, Sean, and Darin Haight, Athena Pace, Kayla Carver, and Austin Thaut.

She was preceded in death by her father and mother Don and Lois Walters, Brother and Sister-in-law Mike and Jill Walters, Father-in-law Bill Hilker, and Brother-in-law Mick Hilker

# Cemetery Details

## Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I  
Kearney, NE 68847

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 11. 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

AUG 12. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

First Lutheran Church  
3315 Avenue G  
Kearney, NE

# Tribute Wall



“ *Shelley K. Hilker*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Shelley K. Hilker.*



August 10, 2021 at 03:28 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Shelley K. Hilker.*



August 10, 2021 at 10:00 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to the Hilker Family. I had the pleasure to work with Shelly for many years during her time at Builder's Warehouse, she was the best!  
With sympathy,*

*Brent Skiles*

**Brent Skiles** - August 10, 2021 at 09:50 AM

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“ My heart hurts for the passing of Shelley. Many memories throughout the years of our friendship. Although the past few we became distant, I always will remember the good times with a smile on my face! You were like a sister to me, and a 2nd mom to my 2 kids. They both loved you dearly, and were saddened by the news of your passing. We played many pitch games (and won very few,) but man did we have fun! :) I love you Shelley and know we'll catch up.....later!

Lynette  
aka "Nettie"

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**Lynette Lafferty** - August 09, 2021 at 05:17 PM

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“ Darleen Farwell lit a candle in memory of Shelley K. Hilker



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**Darleen Farwell** - August 09, 2021 at 04:28 PM

LG

“ LARRY GIDDINGS lit a candle in memory of Shelley K. Hilker



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**LARRY GIDDINGS** - August 09, 2021 at 12:18 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Shelley K. Hilker.*



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August 07, 2021 at 08:08 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Shelley K. Hilker.*



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August 07, 2021 at 06:48 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shelley K. Hilker.*



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August 07, 2021 at 02:40 PM