



Shirley M. Fischer

November 2, 1930 - January 22, 2026

Shirley M. Fischer, age 95, of Kearney, passed away on Thursday, January 22, 2026 at Mt. Carmel Home Keens Memorial in Kearney. Memorial services will be on Friday, January 30, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. with Pastor Jo Ellen Axthelm officiating. The service will be a small remembrance service and will be held at First United Methodist Church in Kearney. Interment will be later at the Alma Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the Crossroads Mission in Kearney. Please visit www.hlmkfuneral.com to leave a tribute or message of condolence. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney oversees arrangements.

Shirley was born on November 2, 1930, in Anadarko, OK to William and Flossie Riley. She graduated H.S. with a bookkeeping, typing, office practice, and shorthand background.

She was employed by the U.S. government as and Executive Secretary from 1951-1973. Was an office manager for J.M. McDonald Co. from 1979-1981. Was a general partner and bookkeeper for 8 Limited Partnerships from 1977 – 1981. She then was a Clerk Typist for the State of Nebraska.

Shirley was married to Ralph Fischer and they had three children: Sharon, Patricia, and Jeff. They were later divorced.

She is survived by her sister, Mary Fecht of Kearney, and sister Barbara Artz. Daughter Sharon Taylor of Alma, daughter Patricia Lenz (David) of Kearney, and son Jeff Fischer (Melanie) of Alma. Grandchildren Matt (Haley) Jenny of North Platte, Stephanie (Roger) Bumgarner of Lincoln, Jaime (Keith) Purdy of Lincoln, Samantha (Mike) Sup of Kearney, Derrick (Lea) Lenz of Olathe, KS, Stuart (Shannon) Lenz of Aurora, and Daniel (Karen) Lenz of Lincoln. And many great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 30. 10:30 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
4500 Linden Drive
Kearney, NE 68847

Tribute Wall

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“ *Patty and family, my deepest sympathy to you and your family. Shirley was a lovely lady. When we worked together at the state she was a great teacher and I learned alot from her. May beautiful memories help ease your sorrow.*



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“ *We're so sorry to hear of Shirley's death. She was such a joy to know & be around. We loved her big pieces of pie that she so generously served us with coffee. We have thought of her often, and pray that your memories will give you comfort & make you smile in the days ahead & forever. With love, Wayne, Monie, & Dana.*

Monie & Wayne Karschner - January 27 at 02:05 AM

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I'm so sorry to hear of Shirley's passing. I haven't seen her in years, but have many memories of spending time with her and Bob at the lake in Republican City. They were good friends of ours for many years.
Mary Olson

Mary Olson - January 29 at 07:00 PM