



Verleen F. Gentry

May 25, 1936 - August 17, 2022

Verleen F. Gentry, age 86, of Kearney, passed away on Wednesday, August 17, 2022 at the Kearney Regional Medical Center. Funeral services will be on Wednesday, August 24, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in Kearney. Pastors James DeLoach and Doug Gaunt will officiate and burial will be at Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be on Tuesday, August 23, 2022 from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney and also 1 hour prior to services on Wednesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Zion Lutheran Church. Please visit www.hlmkfuneral.com to leave a tribute or message of condolence. Horner Lieske McBride and Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney are in charge of arrangements.

Verleen was born on May 25, 1936 to Earl and Anna (Fegter) Saathoff in Hildreth, NE. She attended Hildreth High School and graduated in 1953. She attended Kearney State college, and then from 1953-1955 she taught at District 34 Country school in Franklin County. She then attended Concordia College where she graduated in 1967. During her 38 year teaching career Verleen taught at Lutheran schools in Nebraska and Texas. In 2003 she retired from Zion Lutheran School. She married James “Jim” Thomas Gentry on December 30, 1964 in Kearney. Verleen and Jim lived in Texas before moving to Kearney in 1985. Verleen was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Kearney. She enjoyed teaching Sunday School and also reading and

gardening. Most of all she loved spending time with her family and friends, especially her granddaughter Kate. She cherished watching her grow and the many wonderful memories they made together.

Surviving relatives include her son, James Gentry and his wife Diane of Canton, SD; daughter Alisa and her husband Roy Reynolds of Kearney; granddaughter, Kate Reynolds of Kearney; sister Angela and brother-in-law John Wick of Blair, NE; brother, Larry Saathoff of LaVista, NE; sister-in-law Julie Carnahan of Tyler, Texas; many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

Verleen was preceded in death by her parents; husband; sisters, Elna Saathoff and Leann Harris; brother, Jerold Saathoff; sister-in-law, Lynne Saathoff; and brother-in-law, Mert Carnahan.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I
Kearney, NE 68847

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 23. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

AUG 24. 11:00 AM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church
2421 Ave. C
Kearney, NE 68847

Tribute Wall



“ Verleen F. Gentry

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ Mrs. Gentry was my kindergarten teacher at Good Shepherd Lutheran school in Irving TX. I remember loving to go to her class and that she was always kind and caring to me as a shy girl. My mother worked with her at the school and kept in touch with her over the years. I was able to stay with Mrs. Gentry and her family once on a trip to Nebraska. Her and her family were very nice to me as a child and I have always remembered her as one of my two favorite teachers growing up in Irving. I was blessed to have her in my young life.

Jennifer McCliment - August 24, 2022 at 03:40 PM



“ I am sorry to hear about the passing of Verleen. She was a joy to work with at Good Shepherd Lutheran school in Irving, Tx. My daughter loved her as her preschool and Kindergarten teacher. My thoughts and prayers are with her family.

Lola Dean - August 24, 2022 at 02:42 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Verleen F. Gentry.



August 24, 2022 at 12:41 PM

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“ My Aunt Verleen was beautiful inside and out. I looked forward to spending the summers with my cousins and seeing my Aunt Verleen and Uncle Jim. Verleen had such a calm cheerful spirit about her with the most beautiful speaking voice. Verleen always sounded like a Southern Belle to me. (She wasn't but her voice always had such a beautiful musical quality to it that reminded me of a Southern Belle.) Verleen was a wonderful lady and will be missed by so many. We love you Verleen!

Anna Aguilera - August 24, 2022 at 12:28 PM

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“ My heartfelt condolences to Verleen's family. Verleen and I worked together at Zion Lutheran School for 18 years! Each of those years was a blessing to me and her students! She was a master teacher, leading her students to successful school careers, touched with a love for reading!

Her friendship was and is a precious blessing to me!

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."

2 Timothy 4:7

Lovingly, Kathy Kowalczyk

Kathy Kowalczyk - August 23, 2022 at 09:11 PM

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“ My favorite memories of my Aunt Verleen is when I was younger and spending some of my summer vacation in Texas with Verleen, Jim, Alisa, and James . Verleen had a way of making me feel special. Her smile and laughter would light up a room. She was a wonderful teacher, and she shared her love of books with my kids as they grew up. I feel so honored and blessed to have had so many years with my aunt. She will continue to be with me in my heart and continue to brighten my days ahead with my fond memories of her. Sending my love to Alisa, James, and their families.

Teresa McCormick - August 23, 2022 at 05:51 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of Verleen F. Gentry.



August 22, 2022 at 08:55 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes* was purchased for the family of Verleen F. Gentry.



August 21, 2022 at 06:20 PM