



Wilma J. Neal

June 17, 1930 - September 17, 2017

Wilma J. Neal, 87, Kearney, died Sunday, September 17, 2017 at Brookdale, Northridge. Celebration of life services will be 1:30 pm, Friday, September 22, 2017 at the First United Methodist Church in Kearney with Pastor Melody Adams officiating. Private family burial will be at Kearney Cemetery prior to the service. Visitation will be from 5:00 to 7:00 pm, Thursday, September 21, 2017 at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services. Memorials are suggested to Kearney First United Methodist Church or AseraCare Hospice.

Wilma was born June 17, 1930, in rural Kearney County to Myner and Esther (Morris) Thomsen. She graduated from Minden High School in 1947, and worked at Minden Exchange Bank until 1950 at which time she married Arvard Neal of Kearney at the Minden Methodist Church. They were blessed with three children: Timothy, Lori, and Pamela.

They lived for two years in Killeen, Texas while Arvard served in the Army and then returned to the farm near Fort Kearny in 1953. Wilma was a member of Minden Methodist Church and later joined the Newark Methodist Church, then Kearney First United Methodist Church.

She was an active member of her church and her neighborhood. She especially enjoyed meeting with the ladies of the Newark Project Club, and

was still an active member. Wilma's greatest joy of her life was her family. She enjoyed helping Arvard on the farm, gardening, and her many friendships. The family would like to thank AseraCare Hospice, particularly Jill, Larry, and Angie, for their compassionate care of the family during these last few months.

Wilma is survived by her husband, Arvard Neal of Kearney; son, Tim Neal and his wife Kathy of Fort Collins, CO; daughters, Lori Baer of Des Moines, IA, Pam Reinert and her husband Doug of West Des Moines, IA; 6 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren; and sister-in-law Arlette Neal of Kearney.

Wilma was preceded in death by her parents, and one sister Joan Sprouse of Lincoln.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **21.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Celebration of Life

SEP **22.** 1:30 PM (CT)

First united Methodist Church
4500 Linden Drive
Kearney, NE 68847

Tribute Wall



“ *Wilma J. Neal*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Memorial Video*



Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services - September 28, 2017 at 08:32 AM



“ *I am so sorry to learn of Wilma's death. I'm glad Ann and I had the opportunity to visit with her this summer. It has been a highlight of summer visits to Kearney to get together and catch up on what is happening with families and reminisce a bit about Newark community days. Those connections keep friends and family alive in our memories.*

Martha Johnson - September 22, 2017 at 07:58 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Wilma J. Neal.*



September 21, 2017 at 01:09 PM

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“ *Scott & Michele Walker, Sharon Trouba purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Wilma J. Neal.*



Scott & Michele Walker, Sharon Trouba - September 20, 2017
at 03:19 PM

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“ *So saddened about Wilma's death. I enjoyed our summer visits and got to know her as a person and not just Tim, Lori and Pam's Mom and Arvard's wife.
I'll never forget the time she told me she was a "city girl" and had a big adjustment moving to the farm! Wonderful memories of Newark days.
Kathy Nielsen*

kathy Nielsen - September 20, 2017 at 08:18 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Wilma J. Neal.*



September 18, 2017 at 08:56 PM