



Katherine "Kathy" Bernice Jensen

January 8, 1940 - February 27, 2024

Katherine B. "Kathy" Raether Jensen was born January 8, 1940, in Waterloo, Nebraska during a raging blizzard. Her parents were Albert Raether and Margaret and Roy Denker. Kathy attended a country school until 5th grade, transferring to Valley until her Junior year. She then attended Elkhorn High School, graduating in 1957. Kathy was active on the school paper, the yearbook, Pep Club and was a cheerleader.

Before marriage, Kathy worked at Boystown and an insurance company. Kathy married the love of her life, Arlo Jensen on November 30, 1957, in Elkhorn, Nebraska, and they were blessed with three children, Jana Maree, John Carl, and Jodee Anne.

Kathy and Arlo began married life living in Elkhorn, but moved to a dairy farm in 1960, where Arlo farmed and milked cows for Harold and Dwight Buss. Kathy worked at Western Electric while on the farm. After two years on the farm, Arlo was drafted into the Army. Kathy was able to follow Arlo to El Paso, Texas, and to Germany. After he was discharged, they briefly lived in Elkhorn until buying the home Kathy lived in for years in rural Valley. Kathy stayed home with the children until they were in school and then went to work for her brother, Dr. John Denker, at his office. She later worked at a Valley church, Valley nursing home and Valley Pharmacy before staying home with Arlo to care for two grandchildren from 6 weeks old until they started school. They were 69 years old when they took on this endeavor.

In 1964, Kathy & Arlo attended a Billy Graham Crusade and accepted Jesus

as their personal Saviour. They are charter members of Our Saviour's Baptist Church in Elkhorn, where they still worship.

Kathy's hobbies included gardening, sewing, cooking, and decorating. She loved flowers and could work in her yard from early morning until dark. She enjoyed a good steak at Texas Roadhouse and fish at Long John Silver's, but most of all, enjoyed cooking at home. Her greatest joy was her beloved Arlo, J.C. and Jodee, and her grandkids!!

Kathy was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease in September 2017. She always felt blessed that she didn't have symptoms as bad as many other people with Parkinson's.

Kathy passed away on Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at Methodist Hospital in Omaha surrounded by her family. She was preceded in death by her parents Albert Raether and Margaret & Roy Denker, daughter Jana Maree, sister Mary Benke, brothers Stuart Denker, John Raether, and Laurence Raether, and brothers-in-law Paul Spilman and Wes Benke. Kathy is survived by her loving husband Arlo, son John "J.C." and daughter Jodee; grandchildren Corey (Kaylee) Jensen and Zack Jensen of Fremont, NE, and Malley, Jenna & Serena Ugland of Omaha; two sisters Ann Spilman of Bella Vista, AR, and Georgia (George) Daily of Marysville, TN, brother Dr. John (Lorrie) Denker of Valley, NE, sister-in-law LaVerne Raether and many special nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be Friday, March 15 from 5-7 PM at Reichmuth Funeral Home, Elkhorn. A memorial service will be held 10 AM Saturday, March 16 at Heights Church, 20230 Hopper St., Elkhorn, NE 68022 with lunch following the service. Memorials to Heights Church.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **15.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn
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P.O. Box 711
Elkhorn, NE 68022
402-289-2222
services@reichmuthfuneralhomes.com
<https://www.reichmuthfuneralhomes.com/>

Memorial Service

MAR **16.** 10:00 AM (CT)

Heights Church
20230 Hopper Street
Omaha, NE 68022
<http://www.heightschurchelkhorn.org>

Tribute Wall



“ *Reichmuth Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Katherine "Kathy" Bernice Jensen*



Reichmuth Funeral Home - March 13, 2024 at 11:16 AM

RF

“ *Russell Armagost and family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Katherine "Kathy" Bernice Jensen.*



Russell Armagost and family - March 15, 2024 at 11:05 AM

CR

“ *Twenty plus years ago, Kathy gave me a macrame angel. I didn't know her well, but I worked with Arlo for decades. She knew I was in a tough battle with cancer and the gift of that angel and her thoughtfulness meant so much to me. I still have the angel, and I will think of her and what a kind person she was every time I look at it.*

Cheryl Rice - March 15, 2024 at 10:38 AM

BL

“ *Byran & Darcy Limley purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Katherine "Kathy" Bernice Jensen.*



Byran & Darcy Limley - March 14, 2024 at 02:17 PM

JL

“ *So sorry for your loss of Kathy, have many memories of being neighbors and watching our kids growing up together. She will be missed by many.*

JERRY AND PHYLLIS LEAVER - March 14, 2024 at 01:51 PM

PF

“Who on earth could ever explain the great mysteries of life,
Or the mournful and untimely face of death,
But as long as we remain, we grow better, even stronger
Though we'll never be the same

*'Cause the ones left standing have to cry all the tears
And replay all the memories, the good and bad from the years
And we shoulder the weight of the work left to be done
And the ones left standing carry on*

*The peace of God will abide in the season of our sorrow
In the valley of a pain we can't describe
In the palm of His hand is a
Shelter from the madness
We can never really understand*

*'Cause the ones left standing have to cry all the tears
And replay all the memories, the good and bad from the years
And we shoulder the weight of the work left to be done
And the ones left standing carry on.”*

Wayne Watson

Paul and Tillie Franks - March 12, 2024 at 06:45 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Kathy's passing, but happy to know that she is with her Lord and Savior. Kathy and Arlo were some of the first people we met at Our Saviors when we first moved to Elkhorn. Kathy was always so welcoming and kind.....I know that she is truly going to be missed. My prayers for you all during this very difficult time.

LuAnn Dritley

LuAnn Dritley - March 10, 2024 at 07:29 AM

JS

“ I've known Kathy for the last 27 years at Our Saviour's Baptist Church. She and Arlo are dear friends. My wife and I were blessed to serve along side them both for many many years in our Awana program. She will be greatly missed. We look look forward reuniting again one day.

Joe Sittler - March 07, 2024 at 01:53 PM

LF

“ Love, Jack, Lorrie and Family. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Katherine "Kathy" Bernice Jensen.



Love, Jack, Lorrie and Family. - March 07, 2024 at 12:55 PM

BA

“ Kathy and I have been "prayer partners" for over 40 years. She was a dear lady who loved the Lord!

Betty Arnold - March 01, 2024 at 12:11 PM