



Karen L. Olson

July 24, 1943 - March 31, 2026

NORFOLK – Celebration of life gathering for Karen (Ole) Loree Olson, 82, of Norfolk, will be held from 3:00-6:00 p.m., Saturday, MAY 2, 2026 at Kings Lanes party room in Norfolk. Karen passed away on Tuesday, March 31, 2026 at the Heritage of Bel-Air Nursing Home in Norfolk. Stonacek Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Karen was born on July 24, 1943 in Bassett, Nebraska to Henry and Violet (Johnson) Runte. She graduated from Rock County High School in 1961 before moving to Norfolk to attend Norfolk Junior College, where she later graduated with an Associates Degree. Throughout her professional life, Karen was known for her dedicated work ethic. Her career included time at the Nebraska Game and Parks in Norfolk, Olson's Exterminators, Meadow Grove Grain, Cornhusker Archery and Nebraska RC & D in Bassett. She was a woman of many passions and a member of the Odd Fellow Rebekahs.

In her younger years she was an avid bowler. A sport that gifted her with many enduring friendships. She found joy in the simple pleasures of life such as taking long drives and watching the geese at TaHa Zouka Park, playing keno and cards and spending quality time with friends and admiring her favorite flower, the lilac. Above all, Karen's heart belonged to her family. She was a fixture at her children's sporting events, often feeling more "pre-game stress" than the players themselves. Her greatest hope was that her

grandchildren knew just how dearly she loved them.

Her legacy continues through her surviving family including her sons; Carter (Gretchen Lambert) Olson, Wade (Erin) Olson, Chad (Brittany) Olson, and Colby Olson, numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren who brought her immense pride. She was preceded in death by her parents Henry and Violet Runte, sister Donna Jochum and her sons, Todd and Eric Olson.

Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Gathering

MAY 2. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Kings Lanes Party Room
1000 Riverside Blvd
Norfolk, NE 68701

Tribute Wall

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“ *All of us at Cinema Entertainment Corp purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Karen L. Olson.*



All of us at Cinema Entertainment Corp - April 29 at 10:31 AM



“ *Was a amazing lady I grew up with the twin boys we picked pickles at there dad farm went to Lincoln school with them my twin were in a paper with the twins she did everything for her son's god speed Karen*

Annette Carstens - April 06 at 10:01 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Karen L. Olson.*



April 05 at 12:05 PM