



Mary A. Kamphaus

May 21, 1945 - February 25, 2024

NORFOLK -- Funeral service for Mary A. Kamphaus, 78 of Norfolk, will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, March 2, 2024 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Norfolk. Officiating the service will be Father Patrick McLaughlin. Visitation will be held from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m., Friday, at Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk with Rosary starting at 7:00 p.m. Burial will take place in the Omaha National Cemetery 2:30 p.m., Monday, March 4, 2024. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Alzheimer's/Dementia Foundation of your choice in her honor. Mary died on Sunday, February 25, 2024 at the Stanton Health Center in Stanton, NE. Stonacek Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Mary was born on May 21, 1945, in Norfolk, NE to Kenneth "Red" and Francis (Blide) Claussen. She spent her school-age years in Norfolk, graduating from Assumption Academy in 1963. Mary worked as a telephone operator in Norfolk until she married Larry Lewis on November 25, 1966. They spent 5 years in Santa Barbara, CA before returning to Norfolk. From that union they had 3 children-twins Michael and Pam and Sherry. Larry died in 1977.

In January 1998, after many years of being each other's partner in life, she married Jack Best. They lived in Norfolk until his passing in April, 2000. Mary worked as a CNA for several years.

Henry Kamphaus became her husband in 2004 and they remained in Norfolk until her hospitalization in 2023. She fought a valiant battle against several different illnesses. She received wonderful care at the Stanton Nursing Center until her passing.

Mary is survived by her daughter's; Pam Lewis of California, Sherry (Justin) Patton of Weeping Water, sister Jean O'Brien of Tilden, brother Jim Claussen of Norfolk, her grandchildren Samantha Schmidt, Luke and Austin Patton, and many nieces and nephews. Mary is also survived by her spouse, Henry Kamphaus of Norfolk.

Mary was preceded in death by her first-born twin son, Michael James Lewis; sister

Mickey Kander; and her parents, Kenneth and Francis Claussen.

Pallbearers will be her grandson's, Luke Patton and Austin Patton; son-in-law, Justin Patton; nephews Jim O'Brien, Jim Patton, and Frank Kamphaus. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com

Cemetery Details

Omaha National Cemetery

14250 Schram Rd
Omaha, NE 68138

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 1. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stonacek Funeral Chapel - Norfolk
1200 N.13th St.
Norfolk, NE 68701
(402) 371-7676
info@stonacekfuneralchapel.com
<https://stonacekfuneralchapel.com/>

Rosary

MAR 1. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

MAR 2. 10:30 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church - Norfolk
204 South 5th Street
Norfolk, NE 68701
<http://www.sacredheartnorfolk.com/>

Tribute Wall

NC

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Nikki Murphy C.

Nicole Cabaniss - April 09, 2024 at 02:20 AM

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Nicole Cabaniss - April 09, 2024 at 02:18 AM

MK

“I am sorry for your loss. I am a nurse at SHC and I just loved your mom. She thought I lived across the hall from her. I have been on medical leave but I went to see her as she had been asking about me. She said, “where have you been.” She did love her girls and fussed about Henry! Take care!

Maureen Kline - March 07, 2024 at 09:15 PM

PA

Thank you for caring for our mom and being her friend. She did talk about her friend that lived across from her. ❤️

Pam - March 17, 2024 at 08:24 AM

TF

“ Terry Wendi & family Ben Shannon & famil planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary A. Kamphaus.

Terry Wendi & family Ben Shannon & famil - February 28, 2024 at 08:12 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary A. Kamphaus.



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“ Love, Jeanne and Jim O'Brien & family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Mary A. Kamphaus.



Love, Jeanne and Jim O'Brien & family - February 27, 2024 at 07:38 PM