



Lucille "Gay" Kennedy

August 17, 1958 - July 10, 2024

Lucille Gay Kennedy, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and friend, passed away on July 10, 2024, in York, Nebraska, at the age of 65 due to a car accident. Lucille was born on August 17, 1958, in Dodge City, Kansas, and in 1971, she was lovingly taken in by Stanley and Lily Mae Nordlund.

Lucille spent her early years in Kearney, Nebraska, after marrying the love of her life, Larry Kennedy, on April 23, 1983. The couple shared a journey across several Nebraska towns, including Minotaur, Broken Bow, Geneva, and finally settled in Exeter.

A graduate of Ansley High School, Lucille furthered her education at Mid Plains Technical School in North Platte, where she earned an Associate in Nursing. She started her nursing career in Kearney and Broken Bow nursing homes, where she provided compassionate care. Later in life, Lucille worked at Walmart in York, Nebraska, for 13 years before retiring due to medical reasons.

Faith was a cornerstone of Lucille's life. She was baptized into the Christian faith, which remained a guiding force throughout her years. Known for her eagerness to support Larry's creative endeavors, particularly his "redneck yard art," Lucille found joy in her role as "Grandma Cricket" to her cherished grandchildren.

Lucille had a vibrant array of interests and hobbies, including scrapbooking, bird watching, crafting, and gardening. She delighted in spending time with her grandchildren, tending to her flowers, and collecting various treasures. Her nurturing spirit extended beyond her family, as she was always a caregiver at heart.

Lucille was preceded in death by her parents, Stanley and Lillie Mae Nordlund, her father-in-law Earl Kennedy, and her great nieces, Chloe and Kyndall Collins. She is survived by her devoted husband, Larry of Exeter, her mother-in-law, Marlene Kennedy of Broken Bow, and her children: Lance and Cherry Kennedy of Torrington, Wyoming, Tyrell and Megan Kennedy of McCool Junction, and Lana Kennedy of Exeter. She also leaves behind her siblings Barb and Daniel Hanson of Broken Bow, Deborah Kennedy of Broken Bow, Randy and Rhonda Kennedy of Lincoln, Sondra Fry of Grand Island, Jim and Grace Nordlund of Aurora, Debra and John Frost of Minot, North Dakota, Linda and Everett Donelson in Aurora, Colorado, and special friend Lindy Renfro of Eaton, Colorado. Lucille's legacy lives on through her grandchildren: Lucas, GraceLynn, Caidan, Taran, Peyton, and Aeson, as well as numerous great nieces and nephews.

Lucille's warmth, creativity, and unwavering love for her family and friends will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

The Lord is my light and my Salvation. Whom shall I fear? Psalm 27:1

A Funeral Service for Lucille was held on Wednesday, July 17, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at the Evangelical Free Church in Geneva, Nebraska with Pastor Jeff Jensen presiding.

Organist, Danelle Andres, accompanied the congregation as they sang 2

hymns, "How Great Thou Art" and "Amazing Grace". There was a special music selection played concluding the funeral service, "Go Rest High On That Mountain" by Vince Gill.

Pallbearers included Dan Hanson, Randy Kennedy, Dan Kronhofman, Tim Peppie, Jonathan Thompson and Dylan Thompson.

Honorary Pallbearers were Caiden Kennedy, Taran Kennedy, Petyon Kennedy, Aeson Kennedy, Lucas Kennedy, GraceLynn Kennedy, Kaizly Carter and Laisyn Casey.

Graveside Services were conducted following the funeral service at the Exeter Cemetery in Exeter, Nebraska.

Memorials were directed to the family to be designated at a later date in Lucille's name.

Farmer & Son Funeral Home was in care of the funeral arrangements and online condolences may be left at www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Exeter Cemetery

Exeter, NE 68351

Previous Events

Family Present for Visitation

JUL 16. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Farmer Funeral Home
305 South Burlington Avenue
Exeter, NE 68351
(402) 266-3621
<https://farmerandsonfuneralhome.com>

Visitation

JUL 16. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Farmer Funeral Home
305 South Burlington Avenue
Exeter, NE 68351
(402) 266-3621
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Funeral Service

JUL 17. 10:00 AM (CT)

Evangelical Free Church of Geneva
230 N 17th St
Geneva, NE 68361-1607
(402) 759-4067

Tribute Wall



“ 54 files added to the album Memories Album



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - July 17, 2024 at 01:43 PM



“ Shirley Martens purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Lucille "Gay" Kennedy.



Shirley Martens - July 16, 2024 at 10:07 PM



“ Shirley Martens planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lucille "Gay" Kennedy.

Shirley Martens - July 16, 2024 at 10:07 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Lucille "Gay" Kennedy.*



July 15, 2024 at 05:56 PM



“ *Doug & Jess Godown planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lucille "Gay" Kennedy.*

Doug & Jess Godown - July 15, 2024 at 05:56 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Lucille "Gay" Kennedy.*



July 15, 2024 at 05:44 PM



“ *Lacey, Andrew, KayLee and Tucker purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Lucille "Gay" Kennedy.*



Lacey, Andrew, KayLee and Tucker - July 15, 2024 at 11:18 AM



“ Larry, Lance, Ty and Lana, I'm so sorry to hear about Gay. She was a GREAT lady!! She will be sadly missed by many. She will remain in your hearts forever.



Brenda Bonin - July 14, 2024 at 02:33 PM



“ Terry,Stephanie, Alex,Ally Salyer purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Lucille "Gay" Kennedy.



Terry,Stephanie, Alex,Ally Salyer - July 13, 2024 at 01:51 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Lucille "Gay" Kennedy.



July 13, 2024 at 09:53 AM



“ Kirby and Alexis Whorton purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Lucille "Gay" Kennedy.



Kirby and Alexis Whorton - July 12, 2024 at 02:26 PM

NM

“ Please know Gay had other full blooded siblings as well. Terry (deceased), Luther, Tom (deceased), Angelina, Gerry, Mary, Monty (deceased), Marina, & Nellene. As well as 5 half siblings; Larry (deceased), Richard (deceased), Marie, Crystal (deceased), and Gary.
We were family.

nellene Martin - July 12, 2024 at 02:08 PM

MB

Thank you

Melissa Bennett - July 12, 2024 at 07:18 PM

MR

“ Larry and family, so sorry to hear about Gay, she was a great lady who always made me smile. She will be missed ❤️ Our deepest sympathy

Mark & Sarah Reinsch - July 12, 2024 at 12:49 PM

KA

“ We are so sorry to hear of Gay's passing. We will not be able to attend her funeral or visitation as we will be out of State. Keith, Ramona, & Lisa Andrews

Keith Andrews - July 11, 2024 at 07:18 PM

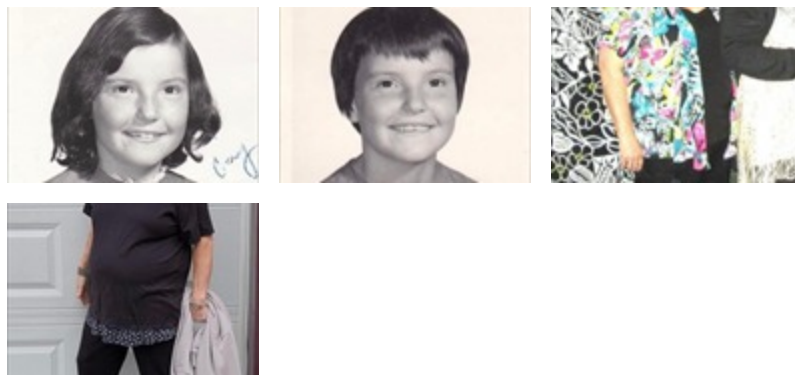
VY

“ Larry, Lance, Ty, Lana and family
We are so saddened to hear of Gays passing....always enjoyed
visiting with her as well as Larry...she was a happy lady and very
friendly...may God wrap you with comfort as you mourn such a
wonderful lady...
Verlene and Lynn Yates

Verlene Yates - July 11, 2024 at 07:03 PM

NM

“ My sister was the world champion, at least in our house, of Jacks,
and Cat's Cradle, and of course, she always won playing tether ball.
I'm so glad you can be at peace now Gay. Please hug my mom and
your mom too.



nellene Martin - July 11, 2024 at 06:33 PM

CH

“ Cy&Lynn Hill purchased the Country Basket Bloo
ms for the family of Lucille "Gay" Kennedy.



Cy&Lynn Hill - July 11, 2024 at 04:59 PM

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“ Cy&Lynn Hill planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lucille G. Kennedy.

Cy&Lynn Hill - July 11, 2024 at 04:59 PM

SF

“ My sister, Gay, and I had a saying we would say every night before we went to bed, good night sis I'll see you in my dreams! So now I say to my dear sister Gay good night sis I'll see you in my dreams. You will forever be in my heart and always in my dreams.



Sondra Fry - July 11, 2024 at 04:18 PM