

Pawnee City, NE

Bonnie Jenett (Klepper) Reed, 85, of Pawnee City, Nebraska passed away on Sunday, July 3, 2022 with her family by her side. She was the second child born to Kenneth E. and Bonita “Bonnie” (Stewart) Klepper on November 29, 1936 in Pawnee City, Nebraska. When Jenett was about 7 years old, her dad took a position with the U.P. Railroad in the small desert town of Kelso, California. Besides her and her parents they had four other children who traveled with them to California. They lived in Kelso for about 4 years.

Jenett continued her education in Pawnee City attending grade school and graduating from Pawnee City High School. A broken leg in her first year of school set her back a year, presenting the opportunity for her and her sister, Beverly, to be in the same grade and both graduating in 1955.

Jenett then moved to California where she secured her first job working with her aunt at a care home and later at Convair, where she helped make airplanes. She worked in office jobs and really enjoyed working as a real estate escrow officer.

A New Year baby girl, Eva JoAnn, was born to her and her first husband in 1959. Jenett had accepted Jesus as her Savior as a young child. She and JoAnn joined the San Diego Baptist Church and was baptized into Christ. Jenett and JoAnn often sang “Love Lifted Me” at church while JoAnn, being a little girl would stand on a chair behind the pulpit as they sang.

Jenett and Kenny Reed met in 1963 and then married in 1965, forming a wonderful family. There were many trips back home to Nebraska and in 1976 they returned back to Pawnee City to make it their home. Jenett took a job at the Pawnee Manor as the bookkeeper, while studying and training for the administration position. She worked for 23 years at the Pawnee Manor, filling in where she was needed when other employees were unable to work because of illness. Jenett was always concerned about her residents and employees.

She found so much joy in her grandchildren. She loved taking pictures and writing poems and stories about Lynette, Michael and Carrie and her great grandson Darren making them the main characters. Jenett loved to sing for weddings, funerals and at nursing homes and in high school she sang in the choir and operettas. She was an excellent seamstress, loved baking, gardening and writing stories.

Jenett and Kenny made many trips back to California visiting family and enjoyed many vacations taking in different areas in the U.S. They delighted in feeding and watching the birds and all the squirrels, turkey and deer they shared their yard with.

Jenett was preceded in death by her parents, Kenneth and Bonita Klepper, mother and father-in-law, Lucy and George Gillilan, her youngest sister, Marie Annette Hinrichsen, oldest brother Kenneth S. Klepper, brothers-in-law, Thomas Crews and Terry Schafer, sisters-in-law, Sandra Klepper, Joyce Klepper and Cheryth Klepper and several nieces and nephews.

Left to mourn her passing are her husband, Kenny Reed, her daughter, JoAnn Waldele, grandchildren, Lynette (Paul) (Turnbull) Gilkey, Michael Huso, Carrie (Bob) (Huso) Snider, great-grandson, Darren Gilkey, sisters, Beverly Crews, Becki (Bob) Smith and Cathy Schafer, brothers, Herb Klepper, Richard Klepper, Jon Klepper, Keith Klepper, Mike (Linda) Klepper and Jack (Linda) Hinrichsen, many nieces, nephews, cousin and numerous friends.

Funeral Services 10:00 a.m., Saturday, July 9, 2022 at Faith Baptist Church, Pawnee City, Nebraska. Officiating Pastor Chris Rohrbaugh and Pastor Connor Barr. Visitation on July 8, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., with family greeting friends from 6-8 p.m., at Wherry Mortuary, 919 G Street, Pawnee City, Nebraska. Interment at the Pawnee City Cemetery, Pawnee City, Nebraska. Memorials to family choice. Online condolences may be left at www.wherrymortuary.com. Services are entrusted to Wherry Mortuary, 919 G Street, Pawnee City, Nebraska.