



Karen L. Kraft

September 11, 1940 - September 21, 2025

Karen L. Kraft, age 85, of Fonda, Iowa died September 21, 2025 at her residence in Fonda.

Funeral Mass will take place Wednesday, September 24, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel St. Sebastian Catholic Church in Fonda. Burial will be in the St. Columbkille Catholic Cemetery in Varina. Visitation will be held Tuesday, September 23, 2025 from 4-7:00 p.m. at the CHURCH. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Fonda is in charge of the arrangements.

Karen was born September 11, 1940 to C. Arnold and Mary Rose (Reis) Wolf in Carroll, Iowa. She was baptized and confirmed at St Columbkille Church in Varina and was a current member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Fonda. Growing up, Karen attended school in Varina, graduating from St. Columbkille Catholic High School in 1957 at the age of 16.

On January 30, 1958, Karen was united in marriage to Fredrick Kraft at the St. Mary's Parsonage in Storm Lake, Iowa. They were blessed with five children: Dale, Paul, Debora, Donna, and Fredrick.

Karen's first love was family, but she also loved going to the casino. If anyone said, "Let's go to the casino!", she was the first one in the car. Karen had many jobs in her lifetime, however, owning and running the Circle K Drive-In in

Fonda for 21 years was her most rewarding. She was known for her good cooking and customers came from miles around to enjoy it, and they also became her friends. Karen will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Left to cherish Karen's memory include her children: Dale F. (Judy) Kraft of Quimby, Iowa; Paul (Kelli) Kraft of Albert City, Iowa; Debora (Neal) Lindgren of Fonda, Iowa; Donna Weiss of Mathis, Texas; Fredrick J. (Michelle) Kraft of New Boston, Missouri; brother: Ray (Mary) Wolf of Varina, Iowa; sister: Carla (Dennis) Lindgren of Varina, Iowa; grandchildren: Todd J. (Libby) Kraft of Fonda, Iowa; Josie (John) Fahrenkrog of Sioux Rapids, Iowa; Jennifer (Michael) Snedeker of Newell, Iowa; Tony (Jess) Kraft of Newell, Iowa; Josh (Katie) Lindgren of Newell, Iowa; Samantha (Josh) Erie of Newell, Iowa; Savanna (Brandon) Piercy of Newell, Iowa; Alan (Liz) Weiss of Granger, Iowa; Matt (Alicia) Weiss of Rockwell City, Iowa; Jesse (Taira) Kraft of Sioux City, Iowa; Derrick (Brooke Albrecht) Kraft, Casey Kraft, and Beau Kraft of Missouri; great grandchildren: Wyatt, Gabriel, Payten, Emilia Kraft; Kinnick, Hayden, Franny Jo Fahrenkrog; Katelyn (Kenny) Joens; Haley (Chris) Scadden, Sydney (Ryan Fink) Snedeker, Nevaeh Snedeker; Madison Nielsen; Cole Kraft, Abigail and Alexa Kraft; Colton, Levi, and Cash Lindgren; Taylor, Jackson, Leon, Aven Erie; Hadley, Kennedy, and Sterling Piercy; Carlie, Audrie, Emmett, Joseph, and Isaiah Weiss; Lincoln Weiss; Rowen and Raegan Kraft; Joseph Kraft; Casen Kraft; great-great grandchildren: Finnley Mowry; Rylee Payer; Kayston and Kayslee Scadden; Waylon Fink; Wynonna Jones; Stetson Kraft; sister-in-law: Ina Mae Kraft of Lake View, Iowa; Harry Kraft of New York Mills, Minnesota; extended family and friends.

Karen was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Fred Kraft; parents: Arnie and Mary Rose Wolf; parents-in-law: Harry and Amber Kraft; sister: Eileen (Jim) Maneman; siblings-in-law: Dale J. Kraft, Anna Kraft, and Wanda (Jack) Miller.

Cemetery Details

St. Columbkille Catholic Cemetery- Varina

13505 580th St.
Fonda, IA 50540

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **23.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church -- Fonda
513 North Main Street
Fonda, IA 50540

Funeral Mass

SEP **24.** 10:30 AM (CT)

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church -- Fonda
513 North Main Street
Fonda, IA 50540

Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Karen L. Kraft*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - September 23, 2025 at 11:05 AM

DJ

“ *I have many fond memories of Karen, she was a great cook, kind and friendly. The Circle K was the very best. Sympathies to all of you as you navigate this loss. Prayers for all*

DIANE R JOHNSON - September 25, 2025 at 10:54 AM

DW

“ *Darvin Will lit a candle in memory of Karen Kraft*



Darvin Will - September 25, 2025 at 07:32 AM

CF

“ *Deb, Our sincere condolences. Prayers of peace for You and your family 🙏*



Craig and Mary Farrell - September 24, 2025 at 12:07 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Karen L. Kraft.

September 23, 2025 at 04:03 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen L. Kraft.



September 23, 2025 at 04:03 PM



“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - September 23, 2025 at 01:59 PM



“ Bev Reis lit a candle in memory of Karen Kraft



Bev Reis - September 23, 2025 at 09:27 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen L. Kraft.*



September 22, 2025 at 10:08 PM



“ *Karla Pickhinke lit a candle in memory of Karen Kraft*



Karla Pickhinke - September 22, 2025 at 05:15 PM



“ *Norma Jean Reis-Voeltz (Jeanne) & family purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Karen L. Kraft.*



Norma Jean Reis-Voeltz (Jeanne) & family - September 22, 2025 at 02:42 PM