



**Janice Gertrude Anna Breinig**, age 78, of Arapahoe, Nebraska passed away on March 30, 2017 at her home. She was born on August 16, 1938 south of McCook, Nebraska in Red Willow County to Martin and Helen (Potthoff) Keen.

She attended and graduated from McCook High School at the age of 16. After high school, she went on to Denver Business School in Denver, Colorado. She worked for a two years at Gus Bakery as a receptionist and bookkeeper. Janice married the love of her life, Lyle Breinig on December 14, 1958 at Peace Lutheran Church in McCook. They spent the first year in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma before returning to the family farm at Arapahoe, Nebraska. In addition to raising their three children, Lynn, Randy, & Cedonnia; Janice was a well-loved babysitter.

Janice was an avid bowler, she and her daughter Cedonnia won the State Doubles Tournament and participated in the National Tournament in Reno, Nevada. This was the highlight of her bowling career. Janice loved gardening and enjoyed having contests with her son to see who could grow the largest pumpkins. She liked to tell nursery rhymes and bedtime stories to her grandkids, usually ending with Papa coming in and telling everyone to go to sleep! Of course, they all laughed when Papa would end the night with his version of how the stories should go. Janice loved to travel, reminiscing often of her trips. One of her best memories was going to Germany as a teen with her mother. She collected cup and saucer sets from everywhere she went and her family continued that tradition. She made scrapbooks for, always on the lookout for pictures and articles in the newspaper.

She was baptized and confirmed at Peace Lutheran Church in McCook, later becoming a member at Trinity Lutheran Church of Arapahoe. Janice served her church in many ways including teaching Sunday and Vacation Bible School as well as being active in the LWML. Janice's greatest joy was her love of the Lord and spending time with her family.

Janice is survived by her husband of 58 years Lyle Breinig of Arapahoe, Nebraska, Daughter Lynn and husband Todd Welch of Arapahoe, Nebraska, Son Randy and wife Ginger Breinig of Arapahoe, Nebraska, and daughter Cedonnia Hyke and Greg Vanover of Arapahoe, Nebraska; ten grandchildren; Ciera (Tyler) Cappel of Arapahoe, Dakota Welch of Fremont Ne, Cheyanne Welch of Arapahoe, Audrey, Shannon, Connor, Meredith, and Natalie Breinig of Arapahoe, Dalton (Paige) Hyke, and Austin Hyke of Arapahoe. Five Great-Grandchildren; Caiden and Avery Cappel, Aiden Hyke and Waylynn and Lakyn Hyke all of Arapahoe. Brothers Wallace Keen (Elfriede) of McCook, Cletus (JoAnn) Keen of Hacienda Heights, California and Truman (Shirley) Keen of Omaha, Nebraska. Sister-in-law Doris Rauch (Darrell of Denver CO. Countless nieces,

nephews, cousins and friends. Honorary grandchildren include Katya Reiman, Shaylee Oldham, Ryan Billington, Jessica Moore, Breanna Wyrick, and Kyla Monie, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents Martin and Helen Keen, brothers Elmer and wife Anita Keen and Warren Keen and sister and brother-in-law Margaret and Harvey Herbert.

Viewing and visitation will be Wednesday, April 5, 2017 from 10 AM till 8 PM at Wenburg Funeral Chapel, 652 Main Street, of Arapahoe, Nebraska with the family present from 5 PM to 7 PM. Funeral services are Thursday, April 6, 2017 at 10:30 AM at Trinity Lutheran Church of Arapahoe, Nebraska with Rev. James Moshier, officiating. Interment will be at Arapahoe Cemetery, Arapahoe, Nebraska. Memorials will be designated at a later date. Condolences or personal reflections may be left at [wenburgfuneralhome.com](http://wenburgfuneralhome.com). Wenburg Funeral Home of Arapahoe, Nebraska is in charge of the arrangements.