



Vaneta M. Kerns

May 13, 1952 - July 23, 2018

.Funeral services for VANETA M. KERNS, 66, will be held at 10am Friday, July 27, 2018 at the First Wyoming United Presbyterian Church with Pastor Gary Flom officiating. Burial will follow in the Valley View Cemetery. Vaneta died July 23, 2018 at Community Hospital. Memorials may be given to either the emergency room at Community Hospital or local EMS. Visitation will be Thursday from 3pm to 5pm at the funeral home and the casket will be open at the church prior to the service. Arrangements are by the Colyer Funeral Home and condolences may be sent to www.colyerfuneralhome.com.

Vaneta was born May 13, 1952 in Bassett, Nebraska the daughter of Dalbert and Vivian (Lange) Nelson. She grew up and attended rural schools in the area and then graduated high school in Stapleton, Nebraska. Vaneta then attended Western Nebraska General Hospital School of Nursing and became a registered nurse. She worked at DePaul Hospital in Cheyenne, Wyoming from 1973 to 1976. She married Roy Kerns and July 24, 1976 and they were later divorced. She moved to Torrington, Wyoming and started work at Community Hospital where she was employed at her death.

Vaneta enjoyed sewing, crafts, gardening, traveling and spending time with family. She was a member of the American Trauma Society, the Society of Trauma Nurses and the Emergency Nurses Association.

Vaneta is survived by a daughter Cheryl (Kari) Dionne of Bar Nunn, Wyoming; two sons Michael Kerns and Justin Kerns both of Sulphur, Louisiana; a sister ViDal (Ken) Butler of Elm Creek, Nebraska; and six grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; and a nephew Steven Butler.

Cemetery Details

Valley View Cemetery

30th Avenue
Torrington, WY 82240

Previous Events

Service

JUL 27. 10:00 AM (MT)

First Wyoming Presbyterian Church
2972 Main St
Torrington, WY 82240-1932
(307) 532-2972

Tribute Wall

KR

“ *I am so sorry to hear about your mother. She was a wonderful person. We dealt with her in the emergency room (or she dealt with us) and enjoyed times as our sons Justin and John Patrick grew up in school together.* ”

Kerri and John Rose - August 13, 2018 at 03:02 PM

SV

“ *Sam & Marlene Vigil lit a candle in memory of Vaneta M. Kerns* ”



Sam & Marlene Vigil - August 09, 2018 at 03:23 AM

SH

“ *Scherri Hacker lit a candle in memory of Vaneta M. Kerns* ”



Scherri Hacker - July 31, 2018 at 02:50 AM

TD

“ *Tammy Derr & Family* ”



Tammy Derr - July 30, 2018 at 11:33 AM

KR

“ *Vaneta was a wonderful nurse. She was also a good neighbor. She will be missed! Prayers are with her family!*

Konne and Charlie Rife

Konne Rife - July 29, 2018 at 08:22 AM

VS

“ *We were so sorry to hear about Vaneta. Can't imagine going to the hospital and not seeing her. She was such a caring and compassionate person. She has cared for all of my family at one time or another. She will be missed not only at the hospital but in the community as well. Our deepest sympathy, Ray and Val (Lamb) Sharp*

Val (Lamb) and Ray Sharp - July 28, 2018 at 11:29 PM

SH

“ *Cheryl, Mike and Justin your mother was a true gem, a dying breed. There was no grey area in her life and that is what I appreciated the most about her. She was a great nurse and I always knew we had the best of care when she was on duty. She will be greatly missed by all of us. Know that she spoke of you all often with her co-workers and was always so excited about the time she got to spend with you and most of all her grandkids. I have know her almost all of her career, back in the old days in the ER. Cherish the memories and good times and know she is out of pain now. Thanks for sharing her with us. Sally Hunter*

Sally Hunter - July 27, 2018 at 12:44 PM

AW

“ *Angelena Wambolt lit a candle in memory of Vaneta M. Kerns*



Angelena Wambolt - July 27, 2018 at 09:44 AM

RF

“ *Vaneta was an Angel for Marge the day Marge passed away. Vaneta was a wonderful woman.*



Raben Family - July 27, 2018 at 09:34 AM

TF

“ *The Raben Family lit a candle in memory of Vaneta M. Kerns*



The Raben Family - July 27, 2018 at 09:32 AM

JB

“ *Vaneta, always took great care of me when I was sick. What a wonderful woman, and friend. I' am so sorry for your loss. Such a loss for everyone..*



jane bohl - July 27, 2018 at 12:15 AM

LK

“ I was a transcriptionist driving from Lusk when a friend was shipped to Torrington while I was working and asked that I would be told when she arrived so I could help with her history. As I am standing next to my friend I noticed that she had left out her history of a mastectomy, so I mentioned it to Vaneta, she questioned me some more so I opened my friends purse to show her the prosthetic, she just shook her head and went back to work, never missing a beat! What a wonderful person, she will be missed.



Liz Kaltenheuser - July 26, 2018 at 11:49 AM

TR

“ Theil Ryan lit a candle in memory of Vaneta M. Kerns



Theil Ryan - July 26, 2018 at 09:05 AM

SD

“ Sue Davis lit a candle in memory of Vaneta M. Kerns



Sue Davis - July 25, 2018 at 05:30 PM

CB

“ *Vaneta touched so many hearts and people through her work. We will always remember her as the sweet nurse who called our chubby little one "skinny" and gave us such encouragement during an ER visit.*

Courtney Birkley - July 25, 2018 at 04:54 PM

SS

“ *Shanon Short lit a candle in memory of Vaneta M. Kerns*



Shanon Short - July 25, 2018 at 04:01 PM

JH

“ *Johnny, Jennifer, & David Hill purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Vaneta M. Kerns.*



Johnny, Jennifer, & David Hill - July 25, 2018 at 03:59 PM

MP

“ *Mike & Marlene Pexton lit a candle in memory of Vaneta M. Kerns*



Mike & Marlene Pexton - July 25, 2018 at 11:10 AM

DH

“ *She was a wonderful woman and a great Co-Worker, She will be truly missed.*

Deanna Hill - July 25, 2018 at 09:17 AM

DH

“ *Deanna Hill lit a candle in memory of Vaneta M. Kerns*



Deanna Hill - July 25, 2018 at 09:17 AM

BG

“ *Bobbi Kay Giles lit a candle in memory of Vaneta M. Kerns*



Bobbi Kay Giles - July 25, 2018 at 07:50 AM

CS

“ *Craig And Lennie Sandlian lit a candle in memory of Vaneta M. Kerns*



Craig and Lennie Sandlian - July 24, 2018 at 09:48 PM

CP

“ *Carol Peterson lit a candle in memory of Vaneta M. Kerns*



Carol Peterson - July 24, 2018 at 04:28 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Vaneta M. Kerns.*



July 24, 2018 at 03:59 PM

“ Six years ago, my son was in a horrific car accident. He was 11 months old & alone upside down in a vehicle in a ditch for a long period of time after his mother was killed. He was found, taken to the closest ER, and received wonderful care from the staff there. The entire time, he was simply a John Doe. They didn't have his name, his age, his immunizations, his allergies. In fact, he was such a big boy they were estimating he was 18 months old. They mentioned how happy he was, smiling & laughing all the time. He was shipped to a larger facility, kept for a few days, & finally became part of our family.

For the past few years I've gotten to work and attend meetings/conferences with the other trauma coordinators in the State. Vaneta was one of the familiar faces I looked for and often sat with at these trainings. She was wonderful, always had lots of tips and advice.

Two years ago I learned that Vaneta was the same nurse who cared for my son. He happened to be at a state trauma coordinator meeting with me and I was able to introduce him to the nurse who cared for him in that first facility. I was able to thank her from the bottom of my heart for taking care of my son. He told her thank you. She hugged on him & told him he was so big & a beautiful boy. It was truly a special moment. There's nothing like being an ER nurse and being able to help someone in their time of need. I will never be able to thank her enough for caring for my son.

Vaneta will be missed by so many. I'm thankful we were able to thank her in person. I'm thankful for all the wonderful things she did throughout her time as a nurse. I send heartfelt condolences to her loved ones.



Candace Heinen - July 24, 2018 at 03:29 PM

GD

“ *Gwen Dowers lit a candle in memory of Vaneta M. Kerns*



Gwen Dowers - July 24, 2018 at 03:10 PM

DY

“ *Darin Yates lit a candle in memory of Vaneta M. Kerns*



Darin Yates - July 24, 2018 at 02:27 PM

TE

“ *Torrington EMS lit a candle in memory of Vaneta M. Kerns*



Torrington EMS - July 24, 2018 at 01:49 PM

DA

“ *She was a beautiful lady, mother, grandmother and nurse. She will truly be missed by all.*

Donna Andrews - July 24, 2018 at 01:43 PM

CF

“ Charm & John Friedlan lit a candle in memory
of Vaneta M. Kerns



Charm & John Friedlan - July 24, 2018 at 01:00 PM