



## Eldeen Ann Watson

August 24, 1944 - April 29, 2018

Eldeen Ann (Mankin) Watson, 73, of Coffeyville, KS, passed away on Sunday, April 29, 2018 in Kansas.

A gathering of family and friends will be from 5-7 p.m. Sunday, at All Faiths Funeral Home. A private family graveside service will be Monday at Greenwood Cemetery at Trumbull, NE.

Eldeen was born August 24, 1944 in Hastings to Dean and Elberta (Turner) Mankin. She grew up in Trumbull and graduated from Hastings College of Nursing. On November 24, 1972 she married Joe Watson. Eldeen has lived in Texas, Nebraska and Kansas and was employed in several hospitals as Director of Nursing.

She was a member of the Grand Island Evangelical Free Church, Celebrate Recovery and MS Support Group.

Those left to cherish her memory include her children, Joleen (Jason) Swindell and Paul (Robyn) Watson; sister, Roberta (Robert) Cool; brother, Gordon (Pat) Mankin; and four grandchildren, Shaun (Makayla) Swindell, Jace Swindell, Jayton Watson and Jayce Watson.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother and sister-in-law,

Stan and Jan Mankin.

Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society or Celebrate Recovery.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 13. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home  
2929 S Locust St  
Grand Island, NE 68801  
(308) 398-2929  
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<https://www.gialfaiths.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Eldeen Ann Watson*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *I was a high school classmate of Eldeen. Her boundless energy and cheerful nature made her a favorite in our class. We dated a few times and those times were the most fun ever. Eldeen was one of the most caring people I have ever known and obviously her nursing profession allowed her to share her joy of life with thousands of people. Our lives are much richer having known Eldeen. Rest In Peace, dear friend.*

*K. Alan McFerren  
HHS Class of '62*

**K. Alan McFerren** - December 07, 2018 at 09:01 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathies to you, Jolene and Paul, and to your families. Eldeen was truly a special lady....she was always so full of life and so much energy!! I met her when my Aunt Jan married Uncle Stan....I always looked forward to seeing his side of the family. She was such a great caregiver...always thinking of others....that's what made her such a special lady....remember the memories she has given you.....they will help you through this difficult time and in days to follow. She has touched a lot of Lives over the years....Bless her heart....and Gods Blessings to each of you....*

*Vicki and Wayne Nienhueser*

**Vicki Nienhueser** - May 11, 2018 at 08:24 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Eldeen Ann Watson.*



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May 11, 2018 at 07:08 PM



“ *When Eldeen heard our son was on the way to the Parsons hospital with the loss of his foot she told staff to take care of us, then took us home with her, herself! Shared her family/food /transportation as long as we needed. Told me her name spelled backwards was needle-LOL - A kindness and treasure of a woman who will never be forgotten.*

*Jeanie Packett*

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**Jeanie Packett** - May 11, 2018 at 06:34 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Eldeen Ann Watson.*



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May 11, 2018 at 02:55 PM

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“ Dear Eldeen's family.....you have no idea how many times Eldeen's name has been brought up. She was such an outstanding, influential, caring, Director of Nursing at our facility(GSS-Ravenna). She always pushed us to do our very, very best at what we do. She had so much fun with the residents--'red hat society' was always a hoot!! She even got the residents involved to make 'my' 50 red hat. I still have it after 12 years and I grin to myself when I see it. Whenever we needed her, she would walk down and help us out; in good and bad weather. Her main objective was to treat our residents with dignity and respect and have a darn good time while doing it. Her sense of humor was contagious!! Oh and her laugh :). Do pray God allowed her to pass into his kingdom with ease; she deserved the best. Sincerely, Bev Macek from Ravenna

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**Beverly Macek** - May 11, 2018 at 11:30 AM