

Falls City, NE

Karen Elizabeth Radatz, 73, of Falls City, NE, passed away Wed., April 10, 2019 at Falls City. Karen was born October 24, 1945 at Manitowoc, WI to Harlan and Gladys (Houghton) Ott of Manitowoc, WI.

Karen attended First German Lutheran School, Wilson Junior High School, and graduated from Lincoln High School, Manitowoc in 1963. She earned a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and a minor in Library Science from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and earned additional credits in the field of Education from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and Peru State College, Peru, NE.

Karen met her husband, Charlie, Sheboygan, WI while he was visiting in her hometown of Manitowoc. They married on May 25, 1968 in Manitowoc and made their home in Sheboygan where Charles was a news reporter for WKTS Radio and where Karen began her teaching career as a 3rd Grade Teacher at Lincoln Elementary School. Karen took a sabbatical from her teaching career following the birth of her first child and while she assisted her husband in the operation of KTNC Radio acquired by C.R. Communications in 1981. She worked as an elementary school library aide in the Falls City Public Schools for five years and was a Title I teacher at North school for ten years, retiring in 2010. She was a member of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (20th & Towle), retired teachers association and Falls City Education Association. She loved singing in the church choir and Sweet Adelines.

Karen is survived by her husband, Charlie, a daughter, Jenny and her husband Joseph Liu, West Covina, CA, a son, Jeff and his wife Bonnie Radatz, Seward, NE, two grandchildren, Sophia and Sean Liu, West Covina, CA, a sister, Judi Guse, Germantown, WI, nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Her funeral will be held on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 10:30 AM at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (20th & Towle) with Reverend Andrew Chavanak officiating. Interment will be in Steele Cemetery.

The family will receive friends on Monday from 6-8:00 PM at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home.