

# Dianna S. Fay

June 26, 1946 - April 9, 2026



Dianna S. Fay, age 79, of Manhattan, passed away April 9, 2026 at the Brookdale Assisted Living Facility in Junction City.

Dianna Sue Fay was born in Springfield, Illinois on June 26, 1946 to Nina and Arthur Fay. She and her twin brother Dale were the youngest of five children.

Dianna spent her childhood in Riverton, Illinois. She fondly remembered her time there playing with neighborhood girls and fishing with her father on the river.

Dianna spent 52 years working in her career in retail. 32 years were spent with K-Mart, where she made close friendships, she cherished all her life. She then spent 13 years with Orscheln Farm and Home in management. This job brought her to Manhattan, Kansas, where she became an integral part of the farming community.

While living in Manhattan, Dianna met Buzz Heidel, her special love. Buzz brought her even more into the world of country life, farming, and ranching where she found a true love and joy in the simple, hardworking, ranching life.

Dianna and Buzz lived a happy and peaceful life, enjoying the land and time with friends and family until his passing in 2020. Dianna remained active in the Ashland Bottoms Community and honored Buzz in many ways.

Although Dianna spent her career in retail, her true passion was in caring for everyone around her. She greatly loved her many family, friends and pets. While she never had children of her own, she always spoiled her nieces and nephews, and all the other children in her life. She was "mama" to many, giving all the love and attention a mother would give.

She is preceded in death by her parents, brothers Gary and Dale, sisters Louise and Shirley, and the love of her life, Buzz Heidel.

She is survived by her sister-in-law Margie, and her nieces and nephews: Jim, Joe, Mike, Banita, Barb, Patrick, Doreen, Kim, and Tina and their children. She also leaves behind many loving friends. She will be greatly missed by all.

A visitation will be held from 6:00 until 7:30p.m. Friday April 24, 2026 at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home in Manhattan.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00a.m. Saturday April 25, 2026 at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Chapel. Interment will follow at the St. Patrick's Cemetery - Elbow Community in Manhattan.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions are suggested to the Ashland Friendship Club. Contributions may be sent in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

Online condolences may be left for the family through the funeral home website at [www.ymlfuneralhome.com](http://www.ymlfuneralhome.com)