



## Martha Colleen Sears

November 1, 1938 - July 18, 2019

Martha “Colleen” Sears, age 80, recently of Kansas City, MO, passed quietly at Carondelet Place on Thursday, July 18, 2019.

Colleen was born on November 1, 1938, to Michael and Rita (Barron) Cronin on their farm south of Melrose. She attended elementary school in Melrose and graduated from Melrose High School in 1957. Later that year she married Ivan Sears in San Diego, CA.

In addition to being a homemaker and mother of four, Colleen worked several years in Monroe County as a home health aide and supervisor. Colleen lived in Los Lunas, NM, for 25 years before moving to Kansas City for a liver transplant in 2008, after which she moved to Des Moines for the next 10 years. She loved animals, Irish music, knitting, and watching almost any type of sports.

Colleen is survived by her 4 children, Catherine Ann (Kay) Sterk (Ron) of Kansas City, MO, William Van (Willy) Sears (Sherry) of Des Moines, Christina Lynn Martin of Katy, TX, and Robert Dean Sears (Jenny) of Edgewood, NM; four sisters, Collette Schurman (Bernard) of Melrose, Susan Kersten (Charles) of Omaha, NE, Carolyn Wills (Alan) of Altoona, and Connie Patterson (Michael) of Indianola; 3 brothers, Richard Cronin (Cathy) of Melrose, Michael Cronin (Sandy) of Prairie City, and John Cronin of Ft. Worth, TX; 11

grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Ivan; her parents, Michael and Rita Cronin; and 2 sisters, Judy Moore and Regina Murphy.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 23, 2019, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Melrose, with Colleen's family present.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 23, 2019, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Melrose, with Fr. Timothy Armbruster, C.P.P.S. officiating. Burial will follow the service at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Melrose.

A memorial has been established to St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Melrose.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Calvary Cemetery

Melrose, AK 52569

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 23. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick's Catholic Church  
200 Trinity Ave,  
Melrose, IA

## Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 23. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Martha Colleen Sears*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Martha Colleen Sears*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *Dear cousins, I was so sorry to hear of Colleen's passing. I have so many memories of growing up with you. I would have loved to see you all. I send my love and prayers as you share your grief and many loving memories. Cousin Beth Tierney Cook*

**Beth Tierney Cook** - July 24, 2019 at 09:34 PM



“ *Bob & Gerry Martens lit a candle in memory of Martha Colleen Sears*



**Bob & Gerry Martens** - July 23, 2019 at 03:36 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Colleen's death, always remember the good times we had as kids when we would go to visit you guys & our family reunions. May God bless her & love & prayers to the family.*

**Bob & Gerry Martens** - July 23, 2019 at 03:32 PM

3E

“ 3E purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Martha Colleen Sears.



3E - July 22, 2019 at 08:12 AM

CF

“ Christine, Anne, Maureen and Families purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Martha Colleen Sears.



Christine, Anne, Maureen and Families - July 21, 2019 at 12:05 PM

JC

“ My mother Mary Coady worked with Colleen at Public Health and always spoke very highly of her and her compassion for others. My sincere sympathy to her family..

Justine Collins - July 21, 2019 at 09:16 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Martha Colleen Sears.



July 20, 2019 at 05:08 PM

MH

“ *Marti Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Martha Colleen Sears*



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**Marti Hawkins** - July 20, 2019 at 04:45 PM

MH

“ *Condolences to Colleens family, Prayers and thoughts during this time of your loss..Marti Ripperger Hawkins*

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**Marti Hawkins** - July 20, 2019 at 04:43 PM