



## Deborah "Deb" L. Novosad

April 23, 1953 - June 12, 2017

Deborah "Deb" (Gray) Novosad, 64, of Grand Island passed from this earth into the arms of her Savior on Monday, June 12, 2017.

Celebration of Life services will be held on Friday at 11 a.m. at First Faith United Methodist Church. Pastor Trudy Kenyon- Anderson will officiate.

All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.

Deb is survived by her husband, Mike of Grand Island; children, Michelle (Tyler) Millsap of Lincoln, Jeff Gaasch of North Platte, Cheri (Mickie) Hunt of OR, and Sheila (Mike) Holden of Georgia; brother, Dan (Theresa) Gray of Grand Island; sister, Jody (Rick) Seymour of Grand Island; 12 grandchildren; and a host of extended family, friends and neighbors.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and grandparents.

Deb was born on April 23, 1953 in San Diego, CA, daughter of Lawrence and Beverly (Cole) Gray.

Deb grew up in the Holdrege area until moving with her family to Grand Island when she was 16. Following graduation from Grand Island she continued her education and received her Associate degree from Central Community College and her Bachelor's in Psychology from Northern Colorado University. Throughout her career as a substance abuse councilor, Deb was able to put her gentle and caring nature to use. She was employed by several substance abuse counseling centers in Colorado, Wyoming and western Nebraska. In 2000 she returned to Grand Island to be near her parents.

On March 9, 1980 she was united in marriage to Michael Novosad.

In 1995, Deb was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. Though all of her health struggles she was always upbeat and never let her illness dampen her spirit. Deb loved to bake, her cinnamon knots being a family favorite. She loved large family holidays to bake and share stories. Deb adored animals and would be there for an animal in need and welcome them into her home and heart.

Memorials are suggested to the Central Nebraska Humane Society.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

JUN **16**. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Faith United Methodist Church  
4190 West Capital Ave.  
Grand Island, NE 68803

# Tribute Wall



“ *Deborah "Deb" L. Novosad*

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“ *Deb and I were neighbors while in elementary school. Her mom was our leader in Blue Birds and Campfire girls. Bev was a wonderful person, as was Deb. So glad Facebook reunited us. We had lots of conversations in the last 2 years. She was very helpful to me in some family struggles. I enjoyed getting reacquainted with her. My sympathies go out to the family. Mom's are the glue that holds families together. Thinking and praying for all of her friends and family at this very difficult time.*

*Linda Benson Swanson*

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