



Deloris "Dee" Francis

March 21, 1947 - July 29, 2025

Deloris "Dee" A. Francis, 78, of Grand Island passed away on Tuesday, July 29, 2025 at Bryan West Hospital following a car accident.

Celebration of life services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, August 7, 2025 at All Faiths Funeral Home. Dan Naranjo will officiate.

Dee was born on March 21, 1947 in a ditch on the way to the hospital in Julesburg, Colorado, daughter of Paul and Mildred "Millie" (Krems) Daubendiek.

Her early years were spent on a farm near Big Springs, NE with her two brothers and four sisters. Dee's family moved to Ogallala where she attended Ogallala High School.

On June 16, 1971 she married Thomas Francis by the justice of the peace. They lived various places before settling in Grand Island in 1987. In 1980 they were blessed with the adoption of their son, John.

Dee was employed by JBS for over 20 years and after her retirement she started working as a dishwasher at Riverside Lodge. She made many close friends while working at Riverside Lodge.

Dee loved to travel with her sisters on their weeklong trips. She adored her dogs and put together many puzzles in her free time. Dee was a wonderful cook and always had a delicious meal on the table for her family. Dee was the rock of her family and kept everyone in touch and made sure to talk to her sister every day. She was loved by all that were blessed to know her. Dee's laugh and strong and faithful presence will be missed.

She is survived by her husband, Thomas of Grand Island; son, John Francis of Grand Island; sisters, Avis Robohm and Gloria Yoder; sister-in-law, Mary (Elwyn) Schweitzer; numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Dee was preceded in death by her parents, brothers, Raymond and Harold Daubendiek; sisters, Lorraine Randall, Virginia Dalton, Marlene Daubendiek, and infant sister; brother-in-law, Merle Yoder.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG 7. 10:30 AM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home
2929 S Locust St
Grand Island, NE 68801
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<https://www.giallfaiths.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Deloris "Dee" Francis.

August 06, 2025 at 09:56 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Deloris "Dee" Francis.



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“ Becky Owings lit a candle in memory of Deloris "Dee" Francis



Becky Owings - August 05, 2025 at 10:01 PM



“ To the family of a beautiful person—what a blessing Dee was! I was fortunate to work with her for a couple years at Riverside Lodge. She made me laugh and smile and look at the good side of things! She was an amazing gal who I thank God crossed my path in life! She touched my heart and made me remember to look for the joy in life! God is holding a special gal in His arms in heaven! Until we meet again precious Dee! 🙏😊

Brenda Critel - August 05, 2025 at 08:15 PM

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“ With love Bill, Susan, Andrew, Ian Thoma purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Deloris "Dee" Francis.



With love Bill, Susan, Andrew, Ian Thoma - August 05, 2025 at 12:25 PM

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With love Bill, Susan, Andrew, Ian Thoma - August 05, 2025 at 12:25 PM



“ Dee Was my best friend growing up/
. She was funny faithful and a loyal friend.

Christine Kildare - August 04, 2025 at 10:27 PM