



## Donna Kay Effenbeck

November 18, 1956 - February 11, 2014

Donna Kay Effenbeck, 57, of Grand Island died Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha.

A gathering of family and friends will be from 5-7 p.m. Saturday at All Faiths Funeral Home. To honor Donna's wishes, cremation has taken place.

Donna was born November 18, 1956 in Grand Island to Wayne and Alice (Foster) Patterson.

Survivors include her mother, Alice Patterson of North Platte; her daughters, Shawna (Erik) Cassen of Topeka and Kristi Effenbeck; brothers, Gary (Paula) Patterson of North Platte and Bruce Patterson of Grand Island and a very special friend, Bob Robertson of Grand Island.

Those also left to cherish her memory include five grandsons, Yorick, Shawn, Dillon, Deon and Glenn.

She was preceded in death by her father; brother, Lee Patterson and sister, Lori Kaeser.

Donna received her education in Grand Island and North Platte, graduating from North Platte High School. She went on to study business administration at Central Community College in Grand Island.

Donna was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church and the Izaak Walton League.

She loved to dance and her enjoyments included fishing. However, Donna's grandchildren were the light of her life. Her generous nature extended to all creatures, great and small. Independent and strong, Donna possessed a free spirit. She will be remembered for her thoughtfulness and the way she always put others ahead of herself.

Memorials are suggested to the Arbor Day Foundation, Central Nebraska Humane Society or Izaak Walton League.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Gathering

FEB **15**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Donna Kay Effenbeck*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *The Izaak Walton League was saddened by the news of Donnas passing. Donna served as secretary for the Grand Island chapter until her health prevented her from performing her duties. Donna was a dedicated member and conservationist. Although it has been a number of years since Donna was a board member she is still fondly remembered and will be missed.*

*Regards,  
Mike Gaghagen  
Grand Island IWLA*

**Mike Gaghagen** - February 21, 2014 at 06:13 PM



“ *Hold tight to memories for comfort, lean on your friends for strength, and always remember how much you are cared about. I will always remember the fun card games we played. Rest in peace Donna you will be missed.*

*Cindel, BJ, Tia & Shelby*

**Cindel Hamilton** - February 14, 2014 at 02:57 PM



“ *To my old street friend and Howard School days. I will certainly miss you in this world. Even though it has been years....the memories of growing up were set in stone. Thank you Donna for sharing a part of your life with mine. My condolences to Donna's family. She will be missed.*

**Rich McFeely** - February 14, 2014 at 10:06 AM

VT

“ Both my kids and I will miss you Donna, to Donna's family we are very sorry for your loss and our prayers are with you now and always.

*Vera Thorpe and Family*

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**Vera Thorpe** - February 14, 2014 at 09:26 AM

PL

“ The memories Donna and I shared as we played together at her home and across the yards at the "Aunts" house on occasion when we were younger had a cherished impact on me. When I came back to G.I. many decades later and ran into at Donna at work; the years stripped away and we were the same giggly girls again! She's such a joy to be around--infectious with her spirit and love. Until we meet again..... Love from Patty "Phelps" Larson

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**Patty Phelps Larson** - February 14, 2014 at 08:45 AM

RK

*I met Donna in late 1993 she was giving Country Dance lessons, I went couple weeks where the lesson were at, an Donna asked me if I would like more lessons an I said yes I would go over to her home in Grand Island when I lived there & we would practice in her basement. Donna was a lovely Lady she will be missed. Robert Kolls Kearney Ne*

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**Robert Kolls** - February 14, 2014 at 05:01 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Donna Kay Effenbeck.



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February 13, 2014 at 03:58 PM