



Elizabeth 'Liz' Davis

February 15, 1979 - August 28, 2025

Elizabeth “Liz” Erin Davis passed away unexpectedly at her home in Lincoln, Nebraska on August 28, 2025, from a seizure.

A celebration of life will take place Saturday, September 6 at 10am at Trinity United Methodist Church, 511 N. Elm St., Grand Island, NE. Visitation will be held from 5-7pm on September 5 at All Faiths Funeral Home, 2929 S. Locust St., Grand Island.

Liz was born on February 15, 1979, to Jan and Lonnie Davis in Grand Island. She graduated from Grand Island Senior High in 1997 where she was a cheerleader, flag corps member, and served on the student council.

After graduating with honors from the College of Education at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Liz set out on a twenty-year transcontinental mission as an elementary and middle school teacher. Over the course of her teaching career, Liz taught students in six schools in Charleston, SC, Los Angeles, CA, and Lincoln, starting her career as a student teacher at Elliott Elementary in Lincoln in a multi-national classroom with children speaking in five different languages. Despite the tremendous challenges of teaching in such a complex environment, Liz was hooked. No challenge in education was too big or hard. She later earned a master’s degree in education from California State University – Northridge and spent more than 10 years teaching science at Chime Institute, an inclusive school in southern California, where she thrived in building a safe and welcoming classroom for children of all abilities. She subsequently taught at the prestigious Geffen Academy at the University of

California-Los Angeles and returned to Lincoln Public Schools in 2021. Liz thought of each of her students as one of her own children and she had a gift for helping children find their spark, particularly in the sciences. She challenged all students to invest in themselves to reach their full potential, regardless of barriers in their lives. Science experiment days in Liz's classrooms became famous for students leading big, bold experiments that pushed their abilities and tested the school's smoke alarm systems, with lots of laughter along the way.

Liz loved her friends and family and maintained long-term friendships throughout her life with friends across the country. In many cases, she supported old friends through terminal illness, relationship turmoil, and career changes, as she emphatically advocated for friends to see the best in themselves, typically underlining her point with a treasure trove of profane "Lizism's."

Her infectious laugh, genuine empathy for others, and self-deprecating humor endeared her to people in all walks of life, from celebrities to the unhoused looking for someone with whom to visit.

She had incredible taste in music and loved attending concerts. Liz maintained many hobbies including jewelry making, gardening, painting, and curated an epic collection of knick knacks, including gnomes, fairies, mice, and felt thing-a-ma-jiggers. In recent years, she found great joy in searching for and dressing her cat Maxwell in ridiculous outfits and recently was thrilled to shoot a gun for the first time.

She loved trips to Palm Springs with her girlfriends, most recently spending a week there with her besties in July. Her most beloved experiences took place in the summers with her family, friends, and cherished nieces and nephews floating down Pine Creek in Long Pine, Nebraska. In August, she returned to Long Pine for 'Tubathon 2025' and gloriously won Long Pine's inaugural (and unsanctioned) long-distance potato gun shooting championship.

While Liz believed wholeheartedly in those she loved and generously shared her infectious zest for life with many, she navigated a decades-long battle with

depression and alcoholism, triggered by a compounding series of traumas following the death of her mother at a young age. In recent years, she found a deep sisterhood in Alcoholics Anonymous and was so proud to be stepping forward as a leader in AA while working to maintain her sobriety and return to the education field. Despite her courageous efforts to stay sober, the physical and emotional toll of her addiction ultimately were too much, and she succumbed to her disease.

Survivors include her father, Lonnie Davis, stepmother, Annette Davis, husband, Charles Wallace, brother Ben Davis (Adrienne Tranel), nephew Abraham Davis and nieces Alexandra, Emilia, and Louisiana Davis, and beloved curmudgeon, Maxwell the Cat. She was preceded in death by her mother, Janeth C. Davis, and her four grandparents.

Donations in honor of Liz's life can be made to The Bridge Behavioral Health in Lincoln or Trinity United Methodist Church in Grand Island.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

SEP 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

Trinity United Methodist Church
511 N Elm St
Grand Island, NE 68801-4599
(308) 382-1952

Visitation from 5-7 PM Friday at All Faiths Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Southern Magnolia Tree was purchased for the family of Elizabeth 'Liz' Davis.*



September 05, 2025 at 06:56 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Elizabeth 'Liz' Davis.

September 05, 2025 at 06:56 PM



“ *I am so sorry to read of Liz's passing! I coached her in softball a million years ago! She had a fierce inner spirit, but it was easy to see she was in a lot of pain after losing her mom. My sincere condolences to Lonnie, Ben and family! She crammed a lot of life into her years. I hope she is at peace! God Speed Liz!*

Cyndi Miller - September 05, 2025 at 01:04 PM



I am so very sorry to hear this news.

Catharine L. Huddle - September 06, 2025 at 01:36 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



All Faiths - September 05, 2025 at 11:18 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Elizabeth 'Liz' Davis.



September 05, 2025 at 10:28 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Elizabeth 'Liz' Davis.

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elizabeth 'Liz' Davis.



September 05, 2025 at 01:31 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Elizabeth 'Liz' Davis.

September 05, 2025 at 01:31 AM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Elizabeth 'Liz' Davis.

September 04, 2025 at 03:45 PM



“ Noah and Jennifer Ambs purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Elizabeth 'Liz' Davis.



Noah and Jennifer Ambs - September 03, 2025 at 10:25 PM



“ Cheryl Hornady Morris, Jason and Renae purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Elizabeth 'Liz' Davis.



Cheryl Hornady Morris, Jason and Renae - September 03, 2025 at 05:19 PM

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“ Cheryl Hornady Morris, Jason and Renae planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elizabeth 'Liz' Davis.

Cheryl Hornady Morris, Jason and Renae - September 03, 2025 at 05:19 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Elizabeth 'Liz' Davis.



September 03, 2025 at 03:03 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Elizabeth 'Liz' Davis.

September 03, 2025 at 03:03 PM

MA

“ Maryann, Bob, Brian, Pam, Corey, Jenn, Noah purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Elizabeth 'Liz' Davis.



Maryann, Bob, Brian, Pam, Corey, Jenn, Noah - September 03, 2025 at 09:02 AM

MS

“ Mandy Schlichenmaier purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Elizabeth 'Liz' Davis.



Mandy Schlichenmaier - September 03, 2025 at 07:47 AM

TD

“ The Murphy's David, Ann, Marion, Shirley purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Elizabeth 'Liz' Davis.



The Murphy's David, Ann, Marion, Shirley - September 03, 2025 at 07:40 AM

CD

“ My heart goes out to Liz's family at this time of grief. As you know, my son died from a mental illness 22 years ago, and I empathize with your loss. I'm grateful that Liz accomplished so much good and helped so many children. Blessings and best wishes.



Carole Denton - September 02, 2025 at 08:13 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Elizabeth 'Liz' Davis.



September 02, 2025 at 07:49 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Elizabeth 'Liz' Davis.

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“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elizabeth 'Liz' Davis.



September 02, 2025 at 02:33 PM



“ Joel, David, Carmen, & Zoe (& Marv) purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Elizabeth 'Liz' Davis.



Joel, David, Carmen, & Zoe (& Marv) - September 02, 2025 at 02:22 PM



“ Joel, David, Carmen, & Zoe (& Marv) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elizabeth 'Liz' Davis.

Joel, David, Carmen, & Zoe (& Marv) - September 02, 2025 at 02:22 PM

DB

“ *I know that Liz is enjoying her days with other angels and her mother who has welcomed her with open arms after so many years. Peace always, my dear Liz... I will miss your smile and enthusiasm for life in the days to come.*

Dori Bush - September 02, 2025 at 11:58 AM