



Florinda S. Petersen

March 23, 1958 - March 11, 2021

Florinda S. Petersen, 62, of Grand Island left her earthly life on Thursday March 11th.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with the arrangements.

Florinda was the daughter of Walter Petersen and Connie Clay, stepdaughter of Wilbur Wrage.

She was born, raised and lived in Grand Island most of her life. Florinda attended grade school at Dodge Elementary, Barr Jr High and graduated from Grand Island Senior High - Class of 1976. During her school years she was a cheerleader at Barr, on the spirit squad, the swim/dive team at GISH, and a student in Billie Anderson's School of Dance. While she enjoyed dancing, her love was the water; swimming and diving her passion in high school.

Florinda worked a variety of jobs throughout her years in Grand Island: Mr. Steak, the bakery at Jack and Jill, Atch's and The Red Baron.

As she ventured into adulthood, the path she took at the fork in the road did not lend her well.

She did the best that she could with her circumstances. During her residence in Omaha, Florinda and Pete Payne had 3 children. In her last years she found balance. Comfort living with her sister Teresa, and companionship with

her lifelong friend Jim Janc.

For those that knew Florinda, she will be remembered as a beautiful person inside and out. Loving and kindhearted, yet silly & mischievous at times. She had beautiful blue eyes and a wonderful smile.

Fond childhood memories, Florinda and we sisters three! All Florinda wanted was to “love” and “be loved”.

Those left to cherish her memory are sisters Barbara Leonard of Phoenix, AZ; Gretchen Petersen of Phoenix, AZ and Teresa Pichler of Grand Island. Her children Pete Jr, Michael, and Tabitha Payne. 11 grandchildren, 7 nieces and nephews, a great niece, great nephew and her best friend Jim Janc.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Connie Wrage; stepfather, Wilbur Wrage;

father, Walter Petersen and the father of her children Pete Pane.

Tribute Wall



“ *Florinda S. Petersen*

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“ *I remember Florinda from Senior High and seeing her at St. Paul's during those years. She was such a pretty girl, I was happy just to say hello and get a hello back. I'm very sorry to read that her life was difficult, but relieved that she was able to find comfort and companionship in her final years.*



Rest in peace, Florinda.

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