



Jolene R. Melchert-Stalker

June 14, 1954 - August 23, 2024

Jolene Melchert-Stalker passed away peacefully at home, on August 23, 2024, after a brief but hard-fought battle with pancreatic cancer, surrounded by loved ones.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, September 14th at 10:30am at Resurrection Catholic Church with Father James Schmitt Celebrant. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Resurrection Catholic Church Senior Center. All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements. Inurnment will be at the Fort McPherson National Cemetery in Maxwell, Nebraska. Condolences can be left at www.giallfaiths.com.

Jolene was born to Ernest and Nila (Kelley) Melchert on June 14, 1954 in McCook, Nebraska. She graduated in 1972 from McCook Senior High School. She earned a Bachelor's Degree from Bellevue University and a Master's Degree from the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

Jo lived in Grand Island, NE where she raised two sons, Kelly and Kris. Later, while working at the St. Francis Hospital Alcohol Drug Center Jolene met co-worker Richard Stalker. They married in November of 1991. She served as a Program Manager there for more than 40 years.

Jolene will be remembered for her effervescent attitude, her inquisitive nature,

outgoing personality and overwhelming generosity. She loved state fairs, the beauty of the Plains, country music, the Nebraska Junk Jaunt where her friends, the "Greek Ladies" sold antiques and cooked amazing Greek food. She never met a stranger and was always there to lend a hand. She will be missed by all who met her.

Jo's interest in travel was first piqued by a trip to Europe with her mother and brother. She would later visit Italy, Greece, Spain, Thailand and Vietnam, in addition to several cruise destinations. She and Dick made many cross-country trips in their RV. She loved to spend time with her children and grandchildren at their lakefront home in Nebraska.

Jo was preceded in death by her parents and husband, Dick.

She is survived by her sons, Kelly (Brandi) and Kris (Adrian) both of Colorado; brothers, Jim (Jan) of St George, Utah and John (Galen) of Calais, Maine; grandchildren, Kennedy, Kyah, Tanner and Riley and her partner, John Hoffman.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP **14.** 10:30 AM (CT)

Resurrection Catholic Church
4110 Cannon Rd
Grand Island, NE 68803

Tribute Wall

MO

“ *What a wonderful friend and mentor. She took being honest with oneself and others to the next level. Her passion and compassion will be missed.*

Myra Oshlo - September 13, 2024 at 04:08 PM

MS

“ *Jolene was a friend and a great help when our daughter was in treatment her senior year in high school. Many times we shared our hope and care for others in the program. She was a thoughtful and kind. Know she was loved and respected by many.*

Marlene A Schmidt - September 11, 2024 at 12:18 PM

JL

“ *I met Jolene in 2000. She was my first counselor at AD/TC. I was a total wreck in my addiction not knowing anyway out of not knowing how to love myself. Jolene made me write a 1000xs in my journal...
GOD I CANT
YOU CAN
AND IM GOING TO LET YOU!!
24 yrs later I say this before my feet hit the floor each morning!!!THANK YOU JOLENE ... YOU SHOWED ME LOVE
WHEN I COULD NOT AND DID NOT KNOW HOW TO LOVE MYSELF!!!
GOD BLESS YOU AND REST EASY JOLENE YOU ARE HOME!!!
Tell Dick hello and to keep whistling!!!
21/2 yrs clean Jolene!!! THANK YOU AGAIN!!!*

Jean Lemburg - August 28, 2024 at 03:21 PM

LD

Joleen was a good friend of mine we both were going through cancer mine was breast we talked about riding bikes after we both got better. We talked about the Lord and both know there's a better place in the here after. We talked about the Lord and the beautiful she is about to see. So much Love and beauty she will see.

Linda Disney - September 13, 2024 at 03:54 PM

KG

“*Jolene came into our family while I was in college when she married my Uncle Dick. She took an interest in all of us right away and was always so sweet, kind and caring for not only my family but later when I got married and had my own children. Aunt Jolene is all my children knew and they dearly loved her. Memories of many a 4th of July, camping at Johnson Lake, Homemade ice cream, Garth Brooks concert and a lot of hugs and laughs. Thank you for loving us and for loving Uncle Dick. Say "Hi" to him, we will sure miss you!*
Kathie Garabrandt

Kathie Garabrandt - August 27, 2024 at 12:54 PM

RS

“*So very sorry to hear the news of Jolene passing. She was a wonderful person that was a part of mine and a lot of others lives in the recovery process. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time.*

Ron Senkbile - August 26, 2024 at 12:09 PM

VM

“ When I started my battle with addiction and had just been released from prison, Jolene helped me continue on with my recovery, today I am 24 years clean and sober and was lucky enough to work with her at ADTC. She set the pace for how to succeed in recovery and how to help others with their battle. She will be so missed. You helped so many people. Rest in Peace now. God bless your family for their loss.



Vicky McKimmey - August 25, 2024 at 02:39 PM

BJ

“ I am so sorry to hear that Jolene has past from this awful Cancer. She struggled so hard. But had a good disposition through it all. Until the end she was ready to go home. She looked so relaxed and done with this cancer running her life. I will miss all the things we did together. Too many to put in writing. Jolene was a dear Friend and I am going to miss her. She has been one of the best neighbors I have ever had in 28 years. God Bless you Jolene. Rest in peace. Say hi to Dick for me! ❤️🙏

Bunner Judy - August 25, 2024 at 12:10 PM

CS

“ Sincerest sympathy to family and friends, what a genuine, beautiful soul, called to her heavenly home. While working at St Francis, I recall Jolene's amazing smile when she stopped in the gift shop. Such a fun, zesty gal to visit with, a joy for life and her faith truly radiated through her smile for sure. Christy Sullivan

Christy Sullivan - August 25, 2024 at 10:19 AM