



## Kris Olson

March 1, 1965 - May 31, 2015

Kristine “Kris” Jean Olson, 50, of Grand Island, Nebr., passed away on Sunday, May 31, 2015.

A gathering of family and friends will be from 5-7 p.m. Thursday. Celebration of Life service will begin at 7 p.m. at All Faiths Funeral Home Chapel. Daniel D. Naranjo will officiate.

She was born on March 1, 1965 in Columbus, Nebr. Kris grew up in Madison, Nebr., and graduated from Madison High School in 1983. Upon graduation, she moved to Grand Island where she attended Grand Island School of Commerce and graduated with her associates’ degree in 1985.

She has worked for the Grand Island Clinic for 25 years, where she met many life-long friends who also shared in her hobbies and passions. She spent her time reading, writing, and working on her garden. Her love for animals extended far beyond the family pets, where she oftentimes took in foster dogs when needed.

She enjoyed camping at Calamus Reservoir and attending concerts with her many friends. She was a proud parent of two daughters and dedicated many hours to supporting them in music, sports and their university studies. Though her time was cut short, she was able to cheer Kelsie on during her college tennis career, Kasie in her travels abroad, and support both daughters as they graduated with bachelor’s degrees and celebrate in their marriage unions.

Kris was kind, caring and loving, and would go out of her way to help others.

Kris was preceded in death by her grandparents, Otto and Anna Hamann,

Leonard and Mable Barrett; step-father, Charles Donscheski; her aunts, Shirley "Skeeter" La Croix, and husband Al La Croix and Maxine Stieren and husband Edward Stieren and friend Rose Hanel.

She is survived by her husband of 26 years, Timothy; her daughters Kasie and Kelsie, and their husbands, Jared Heiden and Benjamin Buckley; her mother, Jeanette Donscheski; her father, Darrell Barrett; brother, Jeff Barrett, her sister-in-law, Maureen Barrett, and many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund will be established in honor of Kris. The family plans to make a donation in Kris' memory to a local animal rescue. Our family, the community and the world lost a beautiful person. Remember her heart, her smile and her love, and be thankful for the time we had with her.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kris Olson*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILIES OF KRIS OLSON. MAY GOD BE WITH YOU IN THE DAYS TO COME. CHERYL HANSEN*

**Cheryl L Hansen** - June 05, 2015 at 10:33 AM



“ *My sympathy to you and your family. Carolyn Schroll*

**Carolyn Schroll** - June 05, 2015 at 08:22 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kris Olson.*



June 04, 2015 at 07:05 PM

MW

“ Kelsie ~

*We are so sorry about your Mom. We are thinking of you and remembering you and your family in our prayers and will continue to do so. Although we never met your Mom, we enjoyed getting to know you through Kristin during your high school years. So happy that you two have continued your friendship while at UNO and now in your professional lives. Your Mom had so much to be proud of because of all that you have accomplished Kelsie! Peace to you and your family in the days ahead.*

*Sincerely, Marvin & Jeanne Webb*

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**Marvin & Jeanne Webb** - June 04, 2015 at 02:32 PM

BA

“ *So sorry to hear the tragic news of Kris' passing. I graduated from Madison a year before Kris, we had our share of good memories back in the day. Even though we lost touched over the years I thought about her many times. She was a fun loving person even then, so no doubt she turned into an amazing adult, wife and mother.*

*Sending her family our deepest condolences. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.*

*Clay and Bev Austin - Meadow Grove, NE*

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**Bev Austin** - June 04, 2015 at 10:49 AM

“Krys, how do I begin to tell you just how much you’ve meant to me over the past 7 years? Who knew that two “empty nesters” could find so many things in common? I’m so blessed to have had you in my life. You have been the guiding light that has kept me focused in some of my darkest days. Without your spirit and encouragement, I’m not sure how I would have survived.

*There are literally so many memories of you that my mind can’t keep up: flower shopping, discovering new restaurants (and there were soooo many), the Omaha Zoo, the Fonner Park Races, taking the kids to the State Fair, our walks around Eagle Scout lake, manicures/pedicures, travelling to Kelsie’s tennis matches, the Omaha Casinos, craft fairs, comedy shows, the paint party at the Saddle Club, movies, just hanging on my patio to grill steaks, exploring new fun at the KC Power and Light District, enjoying the beauty of the fountains at Kauffman Stadium, becoming sick from the rides at Worlds of Fun, taking the kiddos trick-or-treating, and shopping galore.*

*You were always the one to drop everything when I needed help. Remember being my taxi service every time my car was snowed into my garage, looking after me during the 6 weeks I broke my ankle, driving me home after my hospital stays, coming to the rescue of my doggies when I had to leave town (I know you loved playing with and spoiling them). Then there are the times you would just surprise me at work with yummy treats because you just wanted to say Hi and share your beautiful smile. You were continually finding new treasures for my grandkids that you couldn’t wait to run over to my house and share. You loved those babies like your own and they loved you so much in return. Just this past week, you helped me paint my kitchen so we could finish faster and have social time with April in Wood River.*

*Music was such a blazing force of our friendship, but ultimately just another excuse for us to hang out. The dozens of rock concerts we travelled to see wouldn’t have been the same without you.*

*Remember being so close to the action at Nickelback that we could feel the heat from the pyrotechnics? Or how you surprised me on my birthday a few years back with a road trip to see our favorite local band? We still laughed about Rockfest KC in 2011 - how you froze, and would never again crave turkey from seeing the half eaten bones littered all over the grounds. We've had such anticipation the past few months in planning our upcoming "2015 Summer of Fun". It's heartbreaking we can't share that together now.*

*I will never forget your immense love of animals, your penchant for fashionably cute new boots, your love of sour candy, our continual quest to add new beads to our jewelry making collections, our excitement over thunderstorms, and all of our special Friday supper dates. I will smile thinking of your addiction to lip gloss, your perfectly painted fingernails, and all of the teasing I dished out to you that you always took in stride.*

*I truly know that I haven't always been the easiest friend to be around, but that's the best part. You always knew when to give me my space, or how to cheer me up just by being your silly self. I will always fondly remember the goofy videos we watched, and the animals clips you were so anxious to show me but the tears would be rolling before you could even start it. You just couldn't contain that huge heart.*

*I will always treasure the day we got to spend together at Rockfest in Council Bluffs, just 2 days before you were taken away from us. Now my sidekick will be rocking it out with the best of them in heaven. You've always known you were more than my sidekick - my sister, my best friend, my partner in crime.*

*Walk with the angels, baby girl. Your light will shine on in your beautiful daughters and your spirit is forever in my heart. I don't know how to say goodbye, so I won't.*

*Love you always,*

*Pam*

**Pam Ruge** - June 04, 2015 at 01:17 AM

MI

“ *I met Kris through writing, She could always seem to take a bad day anyone was having and turn it into the best day or night ever. She could always make me laugh I think that is what I will miss most about her, She would always do the wildest things to make someone smile.*

*In a group we were in together she had as devious of a mind as me and we together often would plan some awesome pranks. We seemed to sync in conspiring and brainstorming writing ideas.*

*I will carry her in my heart always and remember her and everything she had come to mean to me as a wonder friend and person. My prayers to her family in this time.*

*Michelle Fetterman*

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**Michelle** - June 03, 2015 at 05:37 PM

BC

“ As I shared on my facebook page, Kris was the most giving, smart, sassy, animal loving, coworker and friend anyone could have. She is the one who took a vacation day to help me paint cupboards at our Calamus Lake trailer home and anyone willing to give up their vacation day to paint is a true friend. Tim and her had just moved into her moms trailer so we had planned to paint hers next, she had lots of plans for her lake home this year including planning a girls weekend there. She always looked forward to summer lake time. Kris is the one we all relied on at work, whether it was to fix a printer or computer or to answer my many calls a day to her to help me fix coding issues, she was the one everyone called. I don't think I ever found a problem at work she could not solve or fix. Oh and don't forget she made the best chicken, cream cheese and ranch dip for birthdays at the clinic.

She loved many animals, it wasn't but a week ago she had Brenda and Dee chasing down a baby duckling in the parking lot that had gotten separated from its mom and making sure it was headed to a proper home before she would let the Humane Society take it.

She planned our Friday Lunch Bunch group. She would ask us every Friday if we could do lunch and you better have a good excuse if you could not come cause just running errands was NOT a good enough excuse! I guess she knew that you needed to make time for your friends and there weren't excuses that you couldn't fit that one lunch day a week in. Friday lunch will now always have an empty seat.

Now to her family-Tim, Kasey and Jared, Kelsie and Ben, Kris was a beautiful special person inside and out and I want you to know how much she touched each of our lives and now looking back I have learned so much from her. I love and miss you Kris.

Barb

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**Barb Carter** - June 03, 2015 at 02:31 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Kris Olson.*



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June 03, 2015 at 02:12 PM



“ *Basket of Joy was purchased for the family of Kris Olson.*



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June 03, 2015 at 02:08 PM

Anne-  
Marie  
Ross

“ I met Kryss through writing; I remember I was having a really bad week with white page syndrome and other things that just kept piling up. I was venting on a common group that we were on and what she did that day made me smile for all the days of my life. She found a picture of a pink bat, (I still have that picture) tagged my pseudo name to it and told me to hold on tight and swing as hard as I could. And once I was done with the swinging, she would have a great glass of wine with my name on it. Ever since that day in 2010 we have been talking and plotting and writing together. She has become a great part of my day to day; helped me with my kids and my husband at the time. She has been there when I gave birth to my last one, and she was there to support me morally when I made the decision to make great changes in my life. She was the first person I would say hello to in the morning (friends I mean) and she was ALWAYS the last “I love you” of the night before turning in. She helped me with my dog when he was dying. (Now she is playing fetch with him) I love her so much! They say you can't plan or chose your Soul Mate it just happens, but I guaranty you SHE was MY soul Mate. What pains me the most is that we were 8 weeks away of FINALLY being able to hug and kiss each other. EIGHT WEEKS!!!

*I will miss that woman with every fiber of my being till the end of my days. We talked about getting a matching tattoo when we were going to meet up this summer, in memory of her I WILL be getting that tattoo done. My heart goes out to her family; I can never express how sorry I am that this has happen to you. She was such a great woman.*

*Much Love, respect and admiration.....  
Anne aka Frosty*



**Anne-Marie Ross** - June 03, 2015 at 11:15 AM



“ *Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Kris Olson.*



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June 03, 2015 at 10:46 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. Dennis & Cheri Renfrow*

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**Cheri** - June 03, 2015 at 07:44 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kris Olson.*



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June 02, 2015 at 11:51 PM



“ *So sorry to hear the sad news about Kris, I wish your family my sincerest sympathy. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Patty Rowell** - June 02, 2015 at 11:21 PM

BP

“ Kris has been a friend of mine close to 16 years and a room buddy at work 11 of those years. We have shared a lot over the years between flower shopping, gardening, and our love of animals. Like the time she was at a baseball game of one of her girls and a parakeet landed on the fence near her. Knowing this little yellow bird wouldn't survive alone in the wild she quickly went into action and captured the bird with her hands. Biting her all the way back to her vehicle she placed her in a box for safe keeping. The next day she told me the heartbreaking story of this lost little bird and convinced me I needed to keep her. And yes I did. Our story repeated itself again just 2 weeks ago. I saw a duckling by itself out our window at work. It was so close to the road. Fearing it would get run over Kris yelled to Dee and myself "Let's go! We need to catch him before he gets run over!!!". We all jumped up, Kris grabbing a trash can and jacket with Dee and myself close on her heels. At one point or another each of us were under a car trying to capture this baby duck. Man can they move fast. Luck was finally with us and Kris was finally able to corner it. I imagine it was quite a site seeing the three of us crawling under cars with a little duck escaping between us! That baby duck is now in the hands of a wild life rescue who will raise the baby then release it when he is able to fend for itself. She was one determined person. Love you always Kris. I will cherish our memories.

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**Brenda Piper** - June 02, 2015 at 09:27 PM

 Sandi  
Ryan-  
Earl

“ I met Kris online through our writing. We became friends and talked of meeting, as I live in Bellevue, but unfortunately that never happened. She loved her family and dogs. She was very proud of her daughters and talked of them often. I'm glad to have met her even if it was only through our writing. You will be missed my friend.

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**Sandi Ryan-Earl** - June 02, 2015 at 08:49 PM

AB

“ *She had such a beautiful soul. A wonderful and amazing woman. She was loved by tons of people. I miss my bff dearly. Love you my dear friend.*

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**April Bryson** - June 02, 2015 at 07:44 PM

BG

“ *I was only fortunate enough to be around Kris a few times (once at Kelsie's tennis match, at Kelsie's bridal shower, and at the Buckley wedding), but each time she was smiling, supportive and so proud of her daughter. I do not have personal memories with Kris, but I know she had to be an incredible woman to have raised Kelsie (and, Kasie, too) to be the wonderful young woman she is.*

*My heart hurts so badly for Kris' family and friends. My only hope is that they feel God's love and presence during this difficult time and that they take comfort in Him.*

*May Kris rest in peace, and may the girls know that their mother is looking down on them, smiling and as proud as ever.*

*God Bless.*

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**Brittany Griffiths** - June 02, 2015 at 07:22 PM

KW

“ *Kris and I have been friends since kindergarten. Although our teen years were probably the best and the craziest! We always took care of each other then and it won't stop now! I've always loved you kris and I always will! Best Friends Forever!*

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**Kris Wilcox** - June 02, 2015 at 06:56 PM

DB

“ I have so many good and fun memories of Kris. I met Kris through work and she was the IT person we would call when our computers weren't doing what we thought they were supposed to, or something wouldn't work. She had two main questions that she would ask us first - - "Is it plugged in"? "Did you try shutting it down and bringing it back up"? and if we had done those she would tell us "turn it off for a while and then plug it back in".

*My sympathy and prayers to all the family. I will miss her every day and will never forget her. God bless you all.*

*Donna Bennett*

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**Donna Bennett** - June 02, 2015 at 05:34 PM

 Linda Shaffer

“ I have so many memories of Kris. I met her in 1982 in Norfolk NE. I was walking down main street and her and Kris Wilcox picked me up. Everyone always thought we were sisters. We spent every night driving up and down main street in her white mustang. We all were inseparable until I met my husband and life went on and we went our separate ways. We always had great times, and lots of drinking. I often think of those days. Great times with great friends. Kris you are loved and will be missed greatly.



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**Linda Shaffer** - June 02, 2015 at 03:31 PM