



Kristen Poppert

September 17, 1987 - January 20, 2026

Kristen Poppert, age 38, of Grand Island, passed away on Tuesday, January 20, 2026.

A celebration of life service will be held on Monday, January 26th at 10:30am at Peace Lutheran Church with Pastor Carl Eliason officiating. A visitation will be held on Sunday, January 25th from 2-5pm at the church. Memorials are directed to the family for later designation. All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements. Condolences can be left at www.gjallfaiths.com.

Kristen was born on September 17, 1987 in Grand Island to Larry and Beth (Hetfield) Smith. She attended Shoemaker Elementary School, Westridge Middle School and graduated from Northwest High School in 2006. When she was young she enjoyed playing ice hockey and softball in high school.

Kristen went on to graduate from CCC with a degree in business and accounting. She worked at Ashley Lynn's Tanning as an assistant manager and then opened and ran her in-home daycare. For the last seven years she was a devoted and loved teacher at Peace Lutheran Preschool. The lasting impact she made on countless children and families will live on forever.

Kristen loved fiercely and went above and beyond for her children. She was an amazing mom, daughter, fiancé, sister, friend and teacher. Everyone who

met her adored her and she will be greatly missed.

Kristen met the love of her life Michael Leu in November of 2022 and they became engaged in December of 2023. They had many cherished memories and adventures together.

Those left to cherish her memory include her children, Raegan Ann, Rilee Beth and Jax Allen; fiancé, Michael Leu and his daughter, Kennedy Leu; parents, Larry and Beth Smith; brother, Matthew (Trudy) Smith; grandma, Beverly Hetfield; niece, Hannah (Aaroyne) Shadow and their son, Jackson; beloved animals, Dunkin, Mylah, Donut, Millie; numerous aunts, uncles and other relatives and friends.

Kristen was preceded in death by her grandparents, Jack Hetfield and Walter and Irene Smith.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **25**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Peace Lutheran
1710 N. North Rd
Grand Island, NE 68803

Celebration of Life Service

JAN **26**. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

HH

“ Most of my childhood memories are connected with Kris. I'm heartbroken hearing of her passing. Sending love to her beautiful kids, Beth, Larry and Matt.

haley hack - January 26 at 11:58 AM

TC

“ The Grand Island Emergency Center planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kristen Poppert.

The Grand Island Emergency Center - January 24 at 10:59 AM

TC

“ The Grand Island Emergency Center purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Kristen Poppert.



The Grand Island Emergency Center - January 24 at 10:59 AM

DE

“ Darby, Kathy, Emma and Lexi Ellestad purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Kristen Poppert.



Darby, Kathy, Emma and Lexi Ellestad - January 23 at 08:59 PM

PF

“ Pearce Lorentz and family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Kristen Poppert.



Pearce Lorentz and family - January 23 at 03:51 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kristen Poppert.



January 23 at 10:05 AM

HK

“ Heather Karber purchased the Simply Elegant Sp athiphyllum for the family of Kristen Poppert.



Heather Karber - January 22 at 04:21 PM

HK

“ Heather Karber planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kristen Poppert.

Heather Karber - January 22 at 04:21 PM

BF

“ *Bullet/Case pack Hornady Family purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Kristen Poppert.*



Bullet/Case pack Hornady Family - January 22 at 08:09 AM

K2

“ *Koch Family - Addie's preschoolool 23-24 purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Kristen Poppert.*



Koch Family - Addie's preschoolool 23-24 - January 21 at 10:25 PM