



Linda Petersen

January 5, 1945 - February 27, 2022

Linda K. Petersen, 77, of Kearney died Sunday, Feb. 27, 2022, in Grand Island. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. There will be no visitation. All Faiths Funeral Home of Grand Island is in charge of arrangements.

Linda was born on January 5, 1945, in Kearney, daughter of James and Carolmae (Krebs) Petersen. After graduating from Kearney High School in 1963, Linda went to Kansas City where she trained to become a licensed cosmetologist. She returned to Kearney and worked at Carolmae's Beauty Salon. Linda enjoyed her clients, many of whom remained lifelong friends. In the meantime, beginning in 1969, Linda began taking classes at Kearney State College. She graduated, honorable mention, with a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration and psychology in 1973. Throughout 1974 and 1975 she was a graduate student at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Linda loved to socialize and, to fill her free nights, she began bartending. She enjoyed good conversation, playing cards and helping out at the Kearney Elks Lodge #984 and the Veterans Club. Linda was an avid reader and later became interested in learning about natural health and healing. She also enjoyed crossword puzzles, Sudoku and Nebraska Lottery scratch games. Linda will be remembered for her kindness, sharp wit, easy laugh and radiant smile.

She is survived by her son-in-law, Stanley Schwartz (Rocky Williams) of Joshua, TX; brother, Kern (Marsha) Petersen of Hastings; cousins, Shari Schnuelle (Richard Sharkey) of Grand Island, Robert Schnuelle of Tempe, AZ, and Rebekah Polski of Madison, WI; niece Lindsey (Dan) Gallaway of Hastings, NE; grand-nieces and nephews, Phoebe Manandik, Katelyn Gallaway, Nathan Gallaway and Daniel Gallaway; and great-grand-niece, Liliana Lee Martin.

Linda was preceded in death by her parents, son Jeffrey Charles Smith on May 29, 2011, and nephew James L. Petersen on Dec. 21, 2012. Memorials are suggested to MONA, the Museum of Nebraska Art, or KAAS, the Kearney Area Animal Shelter.

Tribute Wall



“ *Linda Petersen*

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“ *I am so sad to hear this! I was just asking about her the other day. We used to bartend together at the VFW. Then I would of course see and chat with her often at the Palm Garden Lounge! She was such a sweetheart! Heaven gained a real gem 💎!!*

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“ *I am so sad to hear of Linda's passing! She was a great lady and will be dearly missed. I had the opportunity to bartend with her and she always made me smile and laugh! She made this world a brighter place. Rest well dear friend, you brought beauty into the lives of many... I certainly can say you did mine!*
Lisa Romeo

Lisa Romeo - March 04, 2022 at 02:20 PM