



## Melinda L. Darling

December 20, 1970 - October 21, 2016

Melinda L. Darling, 45, of Grand Island, left this earth for her heavenly home on Friday, October 21, 2016, surrounded by her loving family.

Celebration of life memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Third City Christian Church. Reverend Scott Jones will officiate. A gathering of friends and family will be from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday at All Faiths Funeral Home.

Melinda was born December 20, 1970 in Fremont, Nebraska to Duane and Grace (Bentley) Dowty. She grew up in Fremont and Grand Island, graduating from Grand Island Senior High, Class of 1989.

On October 11, 2008, Melinda married her best friend, Kelvin Darling in Grand Island. Her employment included Baskin Robbins, Hall County Corrections Officer and Falcon Distributing.

She was a member of Third City Christian Church and was baptized on August 30, 2015 along with her husband and daughters. Melinda enjoyed her bible studies and volunteering at her church. She loved her God and her family. Most recently, in spite of her illness, she had made the trip to Niagara Falls...part of her bucket list. Melinda was an avid Husker fan and her other enjoyments included camping, crafting and making her homemade doggie

treats.

Those left to cherish Melinda's memory include her husband, Kelvin; her daughters, Malorie Fye (Derek) and Arianna Darling, all of Grand Island; grandson, Adrian Paxtle; father, Duane Dowty of Grand Island; mother, Grace Tracy of South Dakota; stepchildren, Sabrina, Branden, Amy and Stephanie; sister, Teresa Nelson (David) of Grand Island; and brothers, Michael Dowty, Jeff Dowty (Becca), all of Grand Island, Daniel Dowty of Oregon and Travis Cody (Stacy) of Grand Island.

Other survivors include her mother-in-law, Shirleen Redinger of Fairfield, NE; father-in-law, Rex Darling of Worcester, MA; stepfather, Lee Tracy; stepmother, Nancy Eberle; stepsisters, Vicky, Kris, and Melissa; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Lester and LaJean Dowty and Lucille Bentley; and sister-in-law, Kathy Nielsen.

In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested to a memorial fund in Melinda's name at Home Federal Bank.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **26.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home  
2929 S Locust St  
Grand Island, NE 68801  
(308) 398-2929  
allfaiths@giallfaiths.com  
<https://www.giallfaiths.com/>

## Celebration of Life Service

OCT **27.** 10:30 AM (CT)

Third City Christian Church  
4100 W. 13th St.  
Grand Island, NE 68803

# Tribute Wall



“ *Melinda L. Darling*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *She held her hand high in praises to our Lord Jesus Christ as we sang in church just a few short weeks ago. She lifted up her hand and never lowered it until the singing had ended three songs later. She touched my heart with her faith.*

**Beckie Casillas** - October 26, 2016 at 06:09 PM



“ *I always enjoyed talking to Melinda on my daily stops at Baskin Robbins when she worked there. Always a smile, always remembered my name, always time for a quick chat. I bought doggie treats from her also! Years later I ran into her out and about and she STILL remembered me & we enjoyed catching up a bit. What a special lady! May those good memories hold & comfort her family and friends and may your faith in Jesus Christ sustain you until you meet again. May she rest in peace. My sympathy. Cheri Schmidt*

**Cheri Schmidt** - October 25, 2016 at 11:02 PM



“ *My Sincere Sympathy goes to the family at this difficult time. My memories of Melinda are from her school years in Fremont. May the family find God's comfort in knowing Melinda is at peace now.*

*Verna (LaRocca) Homa*

**Verna Homa** - October 25, 2016 at 10:56 PM

LC

“ *Many fond memories of Melinda. Her and I graduated from high school together. We also worked together for several years. She was a very talented woman. I have a few things she made. My heart goes out to her husband and children during this difficult time. Peace to you all.*

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**Lisa Cheek** - October 25, 2016 at 09:34 PM

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“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



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**Alan Rakosky** - October 25, 2016 at 07:51 PM

OM

“ *I went to school with and graduated with Melinda. She was always so kind and had thoughtful to others. I'm so sorry for your loss and pray the good Lord brings you and yours peace.*

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**Orma Mars** - October 24, 2016 at 07:21 PM

DC

“ *We are so terribly sad for your overwhelming loss..our hearts and prayers go out to you..Dave and Kathy Chase*

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**Dave and Kathy Chase** - October 24, 2016 at 02:11 PM

RJ

“ *Thoughts and Prayers.*

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**Rich Porter Jr.** - October 24, 2016 at 10:13 AM

AK

“ I will always carry your positive attitude, big heart and the smile that would make anyone smile with me. Until we meet again my friend



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**April Karre** - October 24, 2016 at 09:04 AM

MM

“ Mary And Owen Madden lit a candle in memory of Melinda L. Darling



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**Mary and Owen Madden** - October 24, 2016 at 08:50 AM

TD

“ Tim And Joyce Dowty lit a candle in memory of Melinda L. Darling



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**Tim and Joyce Dowty** - October 23, 2016 at 08:41 PM