



Sondra Elise Giese

February 25, 1951 - May 31, 2023

Sondra Elise Giese, 72, of Grand Island, NE., passed away May 31, 2023 at Grand Island Regional Medical Center. She passed peacefully from kidney failure, surrounded by her family. All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements. There will be no services and a private family burial will take place.

Sondra was born on February 25, 1951, in Grand Island, to George and Leonor (Becker) Giese. She was a proud, lifetime resident of Grand Island, graduating from Senior High in 1969. She absolutely loved her classmates and always enjoyed their mini class reunion luncheons. It was from this, she was able to reconnect with her soul mate, Dennis Linke.

Sondra spent 30 years as the smiling face behind the counter at Ideal Cleaners, opened by the Giese family in 1940. Sondra also owned and operated Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory in the Conestoga Mall from 2003-2006. She was very proud of that venture. After that, but before retiring, you'd see her smile working retail at both JC Penny's and Dillards.

Sondra enjoyed so many things in life. She was a proud member of the GI Corvette Club from 1977-1997, where she once held the position of President. She loved to travel, especially to Taos and Santa Fe, New Mexico (which makes sense, since she was a huge fan and collector of all things southwestern). Sondra loved the colors, pottery, and jewelry (especially turquoise), and had a beautiful collection of Native American artwork. She was an avid bowler, loved the horse races, and enjoyed drawing,

painting, and sewing. However, the one thing “Soni” loved more than anything was her family and friends. In her words, “The amount of friends is overwhelming, it takes a village.” The girls in her neighborhood were always there for her, and she for them.

Those left to cherish her memory are her two loving brothers, Gary Giese of Tucson, AZ and Dan Giese of Omaha, NE; two nieces, Sara (Giese) Moody of Grand Island and Sutton Giese of Austin, TX; one nephew, George William Giese III of Omaha, NE; and four great nephews. As well as numerous cousins, whom she was so thankful for and loved so much.

Sondra was preceded in death by her parents; grandparents; and many aunts and uncles.

The family would also like to give a heartfelt thank you to the staff, Doctors, and especially her “new bff” nurse DeeDee at Grand Island Regional Medical Center.

If you are so inclined, memorials can be made to the Central Nebraska Humane Society. She loved and adored all her dogs over the years. O.D., Sam, and Abzu were all her babies.

Tribute Wall



“ *Sondra Elise Giese*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *So sorry to hear this about my West Lawn schoolmate, my thoughts and prayers go out. I will miss seeing her at her 69 luncheons.*

Martin Scherzberg

Martin Scherzberg - June 07, 2023 at 08:15 AM



“ *I was so sad to see Sondra had passed. While we were not close friends, as adults we kept running into each other in our beloved GI, have a short catch up and usually a laugh at how the years were treating us. I recently lost one of her (former) neighbors and hadn't seen her lately except thru Facebook. But I always enjoyed her vibrant personality and independence, and feel really sad that will be gone. I always considered her a friend and I will miss her. God bless and comfort you.*

Sincerely, Kathy(Nunnenkamp) Pieper

Kathy Pieper - June 04, 2023 at 09:04 AM



“ *I always enjoyed seeing her at IVD. She will be missed by so many
You all are in my thoughts and prayers 🙏💜🙏*

Myers Teresa - June 04, 2023 at 08:16 AM

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“ *Soni and I first met in kindergarten at West Lawn, but then they changed the school district dividing lines and I had to attend Howard School. But as luck would have it we both attended Walnut and Senior High and we shared many of the same friends. What I'll always remember about Soni is her love for life, fun times, true friends, and that wonderful laugh! After graduation we all seemed to scatter in different directions for awhile, but our class reunions paired us again on committees, and it was like we simply picked up where we left off in 1969. We were friends on FB and I kept her in my thoughts and prays as her health failed. Such a beautiful person inside and out. She is a dear friend who will truly be missed. God bless.*

Shauna Lukesh Rock - June 02, 2023 at 09:41 PM

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My thoughts and prayers go out to the Giese family 🙏 I was a Facebook friend with Sondra and know what a kind and loving person she was ❤️ Sheila Wilson

Sheila Wilson - June 04, 2023 at 02:15 PM