



## Teresa L West

October 7, 1956 - March 15, 2024

Teresa L. West, 67, of Grand Island, passed away on Friday, March 15, 2024 at CHI Health- St. Francis. A Celebration of Life service will be held on Friday, March 29, 2024 at 2pm at All Faiths Funeral Home. Family will greet friends for one hour prior to the service.

Teresa was born on October 7, 1956 in Holdrege, to Robert Anderson and Nyla Potratz. She was then adopted by Dean and Joy Potratz. She always maintained a strong relationship with her birth mother. Teresa grew up in Kennesaw, Hastings, Great Bend, KS, and then Grand Island. She graduated from Grand Island Senior High and earned two Associate's Degrees from CCC in Grand Island in business and technology.

On May 16, 1975, Teresa was married to Jimmy Bell. Two sons were born into this union, Kenny and Timmy. Later on, Teresa was united in marriage to Gerald West on 12/29/2002.

Teresa worked in the drycleaning industry for many years before starting her job in Human Resources at Central Community College in 1993. She has been a member of Trinity Lutheran Church since 1966, and was a member of Trinity's sewing circle as well. She spent her spare time making quilts for the Orphan Grain Train and other ministries.

Those left to cherish her memory include her husband, Gerald; children, Kenny Bell, and Timmy (Crystal) Bell, both of Grand Island; eight grandchildren; six great grandchildren; brothers, John (Debra) Potratz of Grand Island, Jerry Potratz of IA, Aaron Right of TX; and sisters, Sandi

Brummund of Grand Island, and Jodie (Alan) Marshall of AZ.

Teresa was preceded in death by her parents; and brother, Brian Bell.

Online condolences may be left at [www.giallfaiths.com](http://www.giallfaiths.com).

Memorials are suggested to the family for later designation.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 29. 1:00 PM - 2:00 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

MAR 29. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

PA

“ Sorry to hear of the loss of Teresa. We went to school together, and she was a good friend.

Paula(Avery)Ewoldt - March 28, 2024 at 10:28 AM

JW

“ Teresa was a joy to work. She helped me problem solve many troubles with HR paperwork. When my brother in law with Downs Syndrome moved in with me she became a greater friend. Jay was a HUGE fan of wrestling and I was not. Teresa helped me with all the Wrestling lingo making my time with Jay easy. I like to believe Jay met Teresa in heaven and they both went off in a corner to discuss the latest wrestlers. :)  
Judy Weston

Judith A Weston - March 27, 2024 at 04:31 PM

BJ

“ Bobbie and Jeffrey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Teresa L West.

Bobbie and Jeffrey - March 27, 2024 at 09:29 AM

BJ

“ Bobbie and Jeffrey purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Teresa L West.



Bobbie and Jeffrey - March 27, 2024 at 09:29 AM

TW

“ *Tammie Wiliamson lit a candle in memory of Teresa West*



Tammie Wiliamson - March 25, 2024 at 11:35 AM

TN

“ *Teresa and I shared many fun moments together in the HR department at CCC!*

*Condolences 🌸 to family.*

Theresa Nickolaus - March 20, 2024 at 10:35 PM

CB

“ *Teresa and I worked closely even though I worked in Lexington at CCC and she was in Grand Island. I knew I could always ask questions or get advice. I always could count on her and so enjoyed her sense of humor. She will be missed greatly.*

Cheryl Bowers-Richardson - March 20, 2024 at 08:19 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Teresa L West.*



March 20, 2024 at 08:18 PM

TF

“ *Tom and Kay Mason and family purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Teresa L West.*



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**Tom and Kay Mason and family** - March 20, 2024 at 09:59 AM

MG

“ *We greatly appreciate the dedication, care and compassion, Teresa demonstrated every day to her coworkers and students at Central Community College. She is missed. Prayers and strength to the family.*

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**Matt Gotschall** - March 20, 2024 at 09:16 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Teresa L West.*



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March 20, 2024 at 07:39 AM