



## Barbara J. Benson

February 17, 1963 - February 15, 2024

Barbara J. Benson, 60 of Grand Island formerly of Elm Creek passed away Thursday, February 15, 2024 at Tiffany Square in Grand Island. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday, February 22, 2024 at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney. A rosary will be held at 5:00 pm Wednesday at the funeral home followed by visitation until 7:00 pm.

Memorials are suggested to Kearney Area Animal Shelter or to Tiffany Square in Grand Island. Condolences may be shared at [www.osrfh.com](http://www.osrfh.com). Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Barb was born February 17, 1963 in Kearney, Nebraska to Lloyd and Rose (Clouse) Stauffer. She received her education from Elm Creek High School, graduating with the class of 1981. Barb later attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and Kearney State College. On March 6, 1987, Barb was united in marriage to Matt Benson in Kearney, NE. To this union two sons were blessed.

Barb worked at Elm Creek Veterinary Clinic and most recently at The Buckle until her health forced her to retire. She had a passion for art and loved to draw. She enjoyed being outdoors and gardening. Most of all, she loved spending time with her family.

Left to cherish her memory are her sons, Tyson (Melissa) Benson of Doniphan, NE and AJ Benson of Kearney; grandchildren, Rosalie, Charlotte and Elena Benson; siblings, Vickie Stauffer, Kathy Petersen, Bill Stauffer, Rita Stauffer and Mark Stauffer; longtime companion, Matt Benson; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Barb was preceded in death by her parents; and great niece, Evelyn Langer.

# Previous Events

## Vigil / Prayer Service

FEB 21. 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM (CT)

O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations  
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## Visitation

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## Funeral Service

FEB 22. 10:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Barbara J. Benson



O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations - February 26, 2024 at 11:14 AM

BM

“ I have lots of great memories of Barb and Matt in Arizona. We had a lot of fun with a lot of silly birds. Barb was always upbeat and certainly very much in love with Matt. I'm sure she will be missed by Matt, Tyson and AJ as well as her grandkids. I extend my deepest condolences to all of you and hope your memories of her are many and wonderful!

Bruce McLoughlin - February 25, 2024 at 12:15 PM

SE

“ Matt, regardless if I know you or not, I am so sorry to read this about Barb. She is gone way too soon. She was a beautiful lady. I'm curious if you are Matt Benson from Loomis NE. I went to grade school with you and if this is you, just know I am thinking of you and praying for you and your family.

Sandi (Lind) Ellenberger (sandidave2004@gmail.com)

Sandi (Lind) Ellenberger - February 23, 2024 at 10:51 AM

KC

*I didn't know of Barbs passing. I loved her so much. Wasn't able to see her the last years, but, she was always on my mind. I am so sorry for the loss of this amazing woman.*

**Kara Crowell** - October 27, 2025 at 09:30 PM

RH

“*Rod and Linda Hainke purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Barbara J. Benson.*”



**Rod and Linda Hainke** - February 21, 2024 at 11:51 AM

SC

“*Shirley Clouse purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Barbara J. Benson.*”



**Shirley Clouse** - February 20, 2024 at 11:21 AM

FF

“*From your Vermeer High Plains Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara J. Benson.*”

**From your Vermeer High Plains Family** - February 20, 2024 at 10:21 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Barbara J. Benson.



February 20, 2024 at 10:21 AM



“ I was so sorry to hear about the passing of Barb. I transported her several times for Camelot transportation and she was my favorite passenger. I love talking to her and we had a little bit in common because her aunt Hazel was my mother's best friend. I haven't driven camera for 6 months but I have often thought of her and how she was doing. Hugs and prayers to the family, she was a beautiful woman. Sue Bendfeldt.

Sue Bendfeldt - February 18, 2024 at 09:53 PM



“ Carl and Scotti Fritz planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara J. Benson.

Carl and Scotti Fritz - February 18, 2024 at 08:54 AM



“ Carl and Scotti Fritz purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Barbara J. Benson.



Carl and Scotti Fritz - February 18, 2024 at 08:54 AM