



## Cindy L. Niemack Brown

January 23, 1961 - December 20, 2025

Cindy Lynn (Niemack) Brown, 64, of Kearney, joined her parents in heaven on Saturday, December 20th, 2025. Funeral service will be 10:30 a.m. Monday, December 29, 2025 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Kearney with Pastor John Rasmussen officiating. A reception will follow at the church.

Cindy Lynn (Niemack) Brown was born on January 23, 1961, to Marvin and Gail (Baker) Niemack in Shelton, NE. She was baptized and confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church in Shelton, NE. Cindy graduated from Shelton Public Schools in 1979. She attended and graduated from UNK in 1983 with a Bachelor's degree and a Masters of Social Work from UNO in 1985.

Cindy met her Husband, Geoffrey Brown, while in college in 1983. They were married on March 1st, 1986. The couple made their home in Grand Island and Kearney, NE where they spent 40 years of their lives raising their family. Cindy spent most of her working career deeply devoted to Veteran Affairs - focused on mental health and women veteran programs. Upon retirement, she devoted her attention to spending time with her beloved grandchildren and making cherished memories with them.

Cindy leaves behind a legacy defined by devotion to family and joyful traditions. Cindy's life was rooted in love—expressed through time, attention, laughter, and the countless ways she made the people around her feel deeply

known and cared for. Family gatherings were Cindy's greatest joy, especially at Christmas. The holiday wasn't just a date on the calendar—it was an event, an experience, and a labor of love. Cindy went all out every year, creating games and traditions that filled her home with excitement and laughter. Cindy also had a special talent that anyone who knew her well will smile remembering: she loved to talk on the phone. Phone conversations were one of her love languages—check-ins that often lasted longer than planned and ended with laughter, reassurance, or a perfectly timed comment that only Cindy could deliver.

Those left to cherish her memory are her spouse: Geoffrey Brown of Kearney, NE; Siblings: Greg (Jan) Niemack of Loveland, CO, William (Becky) Niemack of Omaha, NE, Tricia (Regan) Wilcox of St. Joseph, MO; Children: Alex Brown of Kansas City, MO, Melissa (Zachary) Lundeen of Omaha, NE, Michael (Rachel) Brown of Ft. Collins, CO, Patrick Brown of Los Angeles; Nieces/Nephews: CA, Andrew Niemack of Loveland, CO, Courtney (Ryan) Manning of Loveland, CO, Keira and Carina Niemack of Omaha, NE, Mallorie, Madden, and MacKoy Wilcox of St. Joseph, MO; And above all her cherished grandchildren: Brecken and Wyatt Lundeen of Omaha, NE, and Oliver Brown of Fort Collins, CO; other family members include beloved cousins, colleagues and dear friends. Cindy was preceded in death by her parents; and sister Carol.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs State of Nebraska - Facility NWIHCS - Omaha Division (636). Online condolences may be directed to [www.osrfh.com/](http://www.osrfh.com/). Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

DEC **29**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Holy Cross Lutheran Church  
3315 11th Ave  
Kearney, NE 68845

# Tribute Wall

MY

“ I worked with Cindy in the early nineties at UNK and she was truly loved by her students. She had a big heart and her laughter filled any room. I have not seen her for several years but will never forget her kindness. May beautiful memories comfort her family and may her memory be a blessing to all who knew her!

Maha Younes - December 28, 2025 at 08:32 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Cindy L. Niemack Brown.



December 27, 2025 at 11:18 AM

GS

“ I will always remember how Cindy welcomed me with warmth and kindness when my family first moved to the farm north of Shelton, just as I was beginning second grade. From our many shared rides on the school bus to the guidance she offered throughout my elementary years, Cindy was a true friend, even through the sometimes awkward days of high school. She always had a natural listening ear. At Kearney State College, people were drawn to her because of it.

*My heart aches at her passing, but I am deeply grateful for the memories and the wonderful conversations we shared.*

*My thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends. May you find peace and comfort in the love and memories you shared with Cindy.*

*Gail Sinner*

Gail Sinner - December 26, 2025 at 06:44 PM

CO

“ *My sincere condolences. I was saddened to hear about the passing of Cindy. Having had the privilege to work alongside her, I witnessed firsthand her dedication, kindness, and the positive impact she had on those around her. Her warmth and generosity will be remembered fondly by everyone who knew her. May you find comfort in the memories you had with Cindy.* Colleen Donovan

Colleen - December 26, 2025 at 09:22 AM

JC

“ *Jenna, Trevor, Margaret, Rachel, & Chris purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Cindy L. Niemack Brown.*



Jenna, Trevor, Margaret, Rachel, & Chris - December 25, 2025 at 11:04 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Cindy L. Niemack Brown.*



December 25, 2025 at 03:43 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Cindy L. Niemack Brown.*



December 24, 2025 at 04:16 PM

SZ

“ Svetlana Zimina planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cindy L. Niemack Brown.

Svetlana Zimina - December 24, 2025 at 02:00 PM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Cindy L. Niemack Brown.



December 24, 2025 at 02:00 PM

TF

“ The Ott Family purchased the Simply Elegant Sp athiphyllum for the family of Cindy L. Niemack Brown.



The Ott Family - December 23, 2025 at 07:48 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Cindy L. Niemack Brown.



December 23, 2025 at 05:43 PM

TF

“ The Schneider and O'Renck families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cindy L. Niemack Brown.

The Schneider and O'Renck families - December 23, 2025 at 05:43 PM

BR

“ I met Cindy through the VA. She had a caring and understanding demeanor about her prayers to her family. Cindy will forever be thought of.



Barbara Rios - December 23, 2025 at 03:52 PM



“ Cindy Niemack was my very first friend in Shelton. She made a huge positive impact on my first four years in the US as a refugee from Vietnam. We lost touch after high school, but I have thought about her often over the years. My condolences to her family. I am sure she will be missed by many.

BaoLien Tu - December 23, 2025 at 08:18 AM

DS

“ Cindy was a wonderful, happy, kind person. While she worked at the VA Hospital in Grand Island, Nebraska, while there, I would always go to visit her. She ALWAYS greeted me with a lots of smiles, good laughs, and a big hug. Just part of her wonderful personality. I will miss her a lot. Doran Shields, Gibbon, Nebraska.

Doran Shields - December 22, 2025 at 06:25 PM

GW

“ *Our deepest sympathy for those family and friends who cherish Cindy's memory. I worked with Cindy through the Grand Island VA and she was an important member of our team and I always felt like she added so much experience in her care and concern for the Veterans she served. May God continue to hold you in His loving arms at this time. Gina Woods*

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**Gina Woods** - December 22, 2025 at 04:07 PM