



## Diana M. Merryman

June 17, 1985 - May 3, 2020

Diana Merryman, 34  
Gibbon resident

Diana Merryman, 34 of Gibbon passed away Sunday, May 3, 2020 at CHI Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney. Private family graveside services will be held Monday at Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Sunday at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

The family encourages everyone to please leave a message of condolence through the funeral home website at [www.osrfh.com](http://www.osrfh.com) or send cards/memorials to the family, care of O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home, 4115 Ave N, Kearney, NE 68847.

Diana was born June 17, 1985 in Henrico, Virginia to Del and Susan (DeLesDernier) Lienemann. She received her education in Richmond, VA, graduating from Douglas Southhall Freeman High School. Diana later enlisted in the U.S. Navy. She received a medical discharge during boot camp. She moved to Kearney in December of 2004. On August 5, 2006, Diana was united in marriage to Shawn Merryman in Gibbon, NE. The couple made their home in Gibbon where she enjoyed farming and taking care of her animals. Diana had a passion for horses, but most of all, she loved spending time with her family. Diana worked at Morris Press, Gibbon American Legion, Buffalo County Jail and later, Northeast Elementary School. Most recently, Diana was

the Kitchen Manager at Central Elementary School in Kearney.

She was a member of New Life Church in Kearney and the Central Nebraska Liberty Riders.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband, Shawn Merryman; children, Elaine Merryman and Tanner Merryman; parents, Del and Susan Lienemann all of Gibbon; brothers, Joseph (Leslie) Lienemann, Bradley (Ann) Lienemann and Jeffery (Jessica) Lienemann all of Henrico, VA; brother-in-law, Jason Merryman of Elm Creek; mother-in-law, Susan Merryman of Lincoln; grandmother, Florence Lienemann of Gibbon; grandfather, Elton DeLesDernier of Henrico, VA; as well as many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and extended family and friends.

Diana was preceded in death by her daughter, Lillian Rose Merryman; grandfather, Darlo Lienemann; and grandmother, Shirley DeLesDernier.

Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

# Cemetery Details

## **Kearney Cemetery**

4400 Avenue I  
Kearney, NE 68847  
(308) 233-3244

# Tribute Wall



“ *Diana M. Merryman*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *I didn't know Diana but my cousin Melanie told me about her and how very fast you passed away. My sincere condolences to you and your family Diana. May god bless you and care for you. Always!!!*  
*Dwight Barnell*

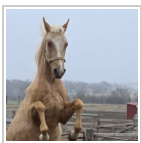
**dwight barnell** - May 29, 2020 at 12:24 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Diana M. Merryman.*



May 10, 2020 at 11:18 PM



“ *Condolences to her family, her close friends and all her kindness touched! Diana was one of the best people out there. Her gentle heart and kind soul will surely be missed. I met Diana because of her amazing care she gave her horses and one day I stopped and simply said thank you. My life is so much richer because I knew her. Fly with the angels my friend.*



**Lin Mosher Guyton** - May 10, 2020 at 08:42 AM

SW

“ I was shocked when I learned that Diana was in the ER and was soon to be put on a respirator. We prayed fervently for her healing and was heartbroken to hear of her passing. I hurt for her parents, I hurt for her husband, I hurt for her children, I hurt for her brothers and I hurt for myself.



I knew Diana to be a very special girl and an extra special woman. She was strong willed and determined and she was loving and passionate. I felt a special bond with Diana that is difficult to put into words but are easily expressed through tears. Through the years of her growing up and during our walks and talks we communicated heart to heart. I came to know Diana as a kindred spirit. I cheered her on as she pursued her dreams and I am comforted to know that she lived a rich and full life filled with the things she loved.

In my heart I know that Diana was a special spirit who was called from her earthly home to our Heavenly Home. She got to graduate early and is in a place far more glorious and beautiful than we could ever imagine. I can not help but be happy for her. We miss you Diana but look forward to the time when we can meet again.

Sandy Willis

A neighbor of the Lienemann's for close to 30 years

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Sandy Willis - May 07, 2020 at 11:35 AM

BH

“ Diana was a beautiful woman. She will be miss by me. I am so sorry for your loss of your daughter.



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Brenda Hill - May 07, 2020 at 11:08 AM

AP

“ *Diana had a heart of gold and I was so glad to be able to transfer the cutest black bunny to Lincoln for her. My heart and prayers go out to the rest of the family.*

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**Angie Parson** - May 06, 2020 at 09:23 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Diana M. Merryman.*



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May 06, 2020 at 05:19 PM

MA

“ *My sympathies to your family. I got to know Diana when I was Ellie's second-grade teacher. She and Ellie loved their animals and Diana was always willing to bring them to school to share. We all enjoyed getting to see animals up close. I appreciated conversations with Diana, her creative ideas, and her willingness to help out with classroom projects. I am so sorry for the sadness you must feel and for the absence of Diana in your lives. Please hug Ellie from me. I will keep your family in my prayers.*

*Mike Anderson*

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**Michael Anderson** - May 06, 2020 at 03:26 PM

SR

“ *Our thoughts are with Diana's family during this difficult time.*

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**Steve & Pam Rasmussen** - May 06, 2020 at 12:49 PM

CT

“ Floss, Diana, Rusty and I drove down to Wichita for Sue Thompson's funeral. We had so much fun together in that car!! All of just a tad nutty!!

CAROLYN THOMPSON - May 06, 2020 at 10:34 AM

CT

“ I remember a few years back, Floss and Diana drove to Alma one February to bring me a gigantic cookie for my birthday! It was a wonderful surprise!!

CAROLYN THOMPSON - May 06, 2020 at 10:32 AM

JB

“ My sympathies to your family. Diana made our school cafeteria a friendly, welcoming place. A priceless memory is when she brought the ponies to school for a holiday visit! I will miss Diana.--Janet Brandt, Central Elementary

Janet Brandt - May 06, 2020 at 10:19 AM

TH

Thanking God for putting sweet Diana in our lives. There are so many wonderful cherished memories of time spent doing horse related things. I will never forget the trip when Diana rode shotgun with me to transport a horse to Ohio, her sharp witt and intelligence were far beyond her time and kept me sane, the sculpture she made in the likeness of my mare, Goodnight Kiss, who was quite a handful but putty in Diana's hands, the endless amount of time she spent loving my horses. They loved her so much as did I. Thank you dear Lord for placing her in my life. May we all hold her dearly in our hearts forever.

Tina Hall - May 06, 2020 at 03:17 PM

JS

“ *Diana was a hard worker. And very efficient! She and her team liked to make the lunchroom a fun place to be, especially during holidays. The kids would get so excited to come in and find that elf during Christmas time! She knew them all and could even help them quickly put their lunch number in if the line was getting too long. She was so helpful when I needed something and so approachable! I specifically remember her brewing more coffee than she could drink and offering some to me!!! I loved the country music she had playing in the kitchen! It was a nice break from the classroom when I would refill my water cup!! She and her mom were an amazing team in that kitchen and always greeted us with a smile! She left a huge hole in our hearts for those of at Central! Many prayers to her family!!!! She will be greatly missed!*

Jami Schaffnitt - May 06, 2020 at 10:14 AM



“ *The loss of a good friend so unexpectedly is only a fraction of the loss her Family feels, I can only say that you have my heartfelt condolences and are in my prayers.*



Art Bralick - May 06, 2020 at 10:10 AM

TF

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time. Diana was a hard working woman... I always appreciated her love for animals. A few years ago when she brought the miniature horses to school, my granddaughter was able to come and see them. But Diana insisted that she sit on the horse -- and my granddaughter still talks about that and how nice Diana was to let her sit on her horse. -- Tami Frye, Central Elementary*

Tami Frye - May 06, 2020 at 09:43 AM

CS

“ *Our deepest sympathies to the family of Diana. Our thoughts are with you all at this time. We will miss her at 4H. ~ Carl, Angie, Cole and Tyson Schroer*

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**Carl & Angie Schroer** - May 05, 2020 at 09:35 PM