



## Elnida A. Chandler

July 9, 1948 - November 13, 2015

Elnida Ann (Schinkel) Chandler was welcomed into her Heavenly home November 13, 2015 after a brief illness with Lupus.

Funeral services will be 10:30 am Wednesday, November 18th at Grace Lutheran Church in Pleasanton. The Rev. Dean Hanson will officiate. Interment will be in the Pleasanton Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5-7 pm Tuesday at the church and continue one hour prior to service time. Memorials are suggested to the Help Care Clinic in Kearney, Pleasanton Volunteer Fire Dept., Mission Central, or Kingdom Workers "Little Talks With God" Project.

O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home is serving the family. Condolences may be shared online at [www.osrfh.com](http://www.osrfh.com).

Elnida was born July 9, 1948 to Edwin and Martha (Luebbe) Schinkel. She was the first of 5 children. She had brothers Eldon & Paul, and sisters Karen and Janis.

Elnida attended elementary school in Rockville and graduated High School from Ravenna in 1966. She attended Kearney State College and graduated with honors in 1970 with a degree in Home Economics. Elnida taught for 1 year in Elm Creek and substitute taught until 1980.

Elnida was baptized on August 1, 1948 and confirmed on June 3, 1962 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Ravenna. The verse she chose for her confirmation was Revelation 2:10; "Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor's crown." She was a member at Grace Lutheran Church in Pleasanton at the time of her death, serving as Treasurer of the Kingdom Workers.

She married Dale Chandler on June 22, 1968, and to this union, they were blessed with 3 sons and 1 daughter – Chris, Neal, Todd and Julie. Elnida left the work force to raise her children. Throughout the years of raising her children, she volunteered with whatever they were involved in including teaching Sunday School and many years of Cub Scouts. She and Dale owned and operated Chandler Well Service for many years, before their son, Neal, took over the business in 2005.

Throughout the years Elnida had many jobs that she poured her heart and soul in. This included working at WIC in Kearney for many years and then was the health service director at Central District Health Department in Grand Island. She was also instrumental in getting Crossroads Homeless Shelter opened and running in Kearney. She enjoyed working as a Para in Pleasanton Schools, and she was on the Board of Directors with Buffalo County Community Health Partners and volunteered her time in setting up the Help Care Clinic in Kearney most recently.

Elnida will be remembered by many as being kind, optimistic and adventurous. She was passionate about her garden and yard, and any free time she found she spent with her beloved grandchildren. She had a servant heart and was always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone in need, and do it with great compassion. She modeled her life around Colossians 3:12

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Elnida is survived by her husband Dale, sons Chris of Kearney; Neal and his wife Lauri of Pleasanton, Todd and his wife Martyna of Florida, daughter Julie and her husband Caleb Strate of Lincoln; sisters Karen and husband Gil (Shorty) Krajnik of Malcom, Janis Keller of Martinsburg, and brother Paul Schinkel of Kearney. Grandchildren Grady, Carly and Lily Chandler of Pleasanton; Wyatt, Nolan, Ellie and Laura Strate of Lincoln, along with many nieces, nephews and great nieces and great nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, stepfather Clarence Kuster, brother Eldon and brother-in-law Scott Keller.

# Cemetery Details

## Pleasanton Cemetery

Pleasanton, NE

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Grace Lutheran  
Pleasanton, NE

## Funeral Service

NOV 18. 10:30 AM (CT)

Grace Lutheran  
Pleasanton, NE

# Tribute Wall



“ *Elnida A. Chandler*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Elnida was a special friend to me and a coworker at Mid Nebraska Community Service. I will miss her greatly. I remember Elnida always had time for everyone no matter what was going on. My husband and myself got to spend time with one of her sons which was a blessing just before he went off to the service (Todd). My she rest in peace.*

**Lisa Seyler** - November 19, 2015 at 06:11 PM



“ *Sue Monaghan called with the sad news of Elnida's passing. A bright light has went dark with her. Thank you for sharing your time last July with me. I so enjoyed spending time and sharing memories and more so now.*  
*Rene Radil*



**RENE RADIL** - November 18, 2015 at 11:18 AM



“ *Elnida was more than a boss to me, she was a best friend, always smiling and ready to help, she gave each one of us a special one on one moment to listen to our personal problems. She was never bossy or preponderant and never made me feel less than the others. For that she will always have a special place in my heart.*

**Dora S. Munoz** - November 18, 2015 at 10:07 AM

MB

“ We're so so sorry to hear about a dear person that had a love for people! May the memories of her be in our lives forever!



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**Marilyn Bohn** - November 17, 2015 at 11:59 PM

JW

“ Elnida was my college roommate, Junior year, at Kearney State College. We had such a good time being "roomies", that we've stayed in touch for 48 years, even as my family and I have moved around to 5 different states. She was just the nicest, warmest, most fun and delightful person in a quiet, laid-back way! I loved her sense of humor, and her ever-present willingness to help in any way she could. Elnida will be greatly missed by anyone who knew her. Sincerely, Judy Maul Williams

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**Judy Williams** - November 17, 2015 at 05:57 PM

LC

“ I first met Elnida and her family when her dad purchased a Shetland pony from us that I had trained to ride. Through the years following the loss of her father, the move into Ravenna, and attending high school as her classmate, the relationship grew richer. Her huge heart and helpful ways made this world a kinder safer place. Elnida was a special person whose loss will be felt by many. Remember her with love. So sorry for your loss.



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**Linda Charron Cone** - November 17, 2015 at 02:53 PM

LM

“ *Elnida was such a caring, beautiful person. We cherish the help she gave us in establishing HelpCare Clinic. I considered her a special friend. Linda*

Linda Muhlbach - November 17, 2015 at 11:51 AM

SK

“ *Keeping you in my prayers and cherishing the memories of a wonderful Christian friend.*  
*Sue Klein*

Sue Klein - November 17, 2015 at 06:49 AM

CG

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Elnida was a beautiful person and I am glad to have known her. Prayers for all of her loved ones.*

Chris Wood Gaspari - November 16, 2015 at 11:35 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Elnida A. Chandler.*



November 16, 2015 at 11:08 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Elnida A. Chandler.*



November 16, 2015 at 09:59 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Elnida A. Chandler.*



November 16, 2015 at 03:13 PM



“ *Jon, Amanda, Kinleigh and Jaxon Rood purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Elnida A. Chandler.*



**Jon, Amanda, Kinleigh and Jaxon Rood** - November 16, 2015 at 10:49 AM



“ *Giovanni Nikolic purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Elnida A. Chandler.*



**Giovanni Nikolic** - November 16, 2015 at 10:16 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Elnida A. Chandler.*



November 16, 2015 at 10:06 AM

CC

“ *Elnida was a wonderful cousin. She will be missed. Thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

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**connie church** - November 16, 2015 at 09:06 AM

SD

“ *When I moved to Nebraska, after Dale and I were married, Elnida was one of the first of many wonderful ladies to welcome and befriend me. I have treasured her friendship and the long conversations we had over the years, full of laughter and sometimes tears. After Dale and I moved back to the Pacific Northwest, Elnida volunteered to drive home with me, after I dropped our youngest son, Peter, off at UNL, so that I wouldn't have to make the trip along. We talked and laughed the whole way west, stopping at some interesting sights along the way. I got to show her our beautiful Oregon Coast and the tsunami evacuation zones, which she loved. I will miss you Elnida! Thank you for your warm friendship, intelligence and wit!*  
*Susan Dehm*



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**Susan Dehm** - November 15, 2015 at 08:24 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Elnida A. Chandler.*



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November 15, 2015 at 07:52 PM

BA

“ Words can't express how our hearts hurt to hear your sad news. Elnida was such a delightful person and loved her family so much. We wish you many wonderful memories of this very special lady.



**Barb** - November 15, 2015 at 07:43 PM



Melissa  
Oerman

*Elnida was such a kind soul. She touched so many lives, including mine. She will be greatly missed. Our prayers are with her family.*

**Melissa Oerman** - November 15, 2015 at 10:08 PM

DR

*As I was thinking about my memories of Elnida, I remembered a conversation we had about being missionaries. She said she knew she couldn't be one, but she could be "like Aaron, holding up the prophet's hand".*

*(If you cannot be a watchman,  
Standing high on Zion's wall,  
Pointing out the path to heaven,  
Offering life and peace to all,  
With your prayers and with your bounties  
You can do what God demands;  
You can be like faithful Aaron,  
Holding up the prophet's hands.  
from the hymn, "Hark the Voice of Jesus Crying")*

*Her life exemplified that very thought!!*

*May all of her family members carry out her heart's desire.*

*Doris Russell*

**doris russell** - November 16, 2015 at 04:18 PM



*Elnida was a very special boss--more like a friend than a boss at Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska. She was so much fun and got a good job done too! She shared with fond memories about her trip west with her friend so she wouldn't have to drive alone. Billie Jean Knight*

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**Billie Jean Knight** - November 16, 2015 at 05:09 PM



*Elnida was a great asset to the HelpCare clinic. I volunteered with her working in the resource area. She really cared for people who were going through tough times. I will miss her. Prayers to the family! Denise Waibel-Rycek*

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**Denise Waibel-Rycek** - November 16, 2015 at 07:53 PM



*Dale I am so sorry for your loss. Elnida was such a good person. She really did believe the best in everyone. I am grateful for the time she was my leader! Karen Helms*

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**Karen Helms** - November 17, 2015 at 11:41 AM



*A wonderful lady who helped many people in her life. Her memory will be eternal.*

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**Tiim O'Dea** - November 17, 2015 at 03:10 PM