



## Jessica M. Hinz

February 25, 2002 - May 23, 2017

Jessica Hinz, 15  
Kearney resident

Jessica Hinz, 15, of Kearney, died peacefully in her parent's arms on Tuesday, May 23, 2017, at her home in Kearney, Nebraska. A Celebration of Life Service for Jessica Marie Hinz of Kearney, Nebraska will begin at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, May 30, 2017, at the Evangelical Free Church in Kearney, Nebraska. A private interment for the family will be held prior to the service. The family will receive friends 6:00 to 8:00 pm Monday at the O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney.

Memorials are suggested to Tiny Hands International, P.O. Box 67195 Lincoln, NE 68506 or St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Condolences may be shared online at [www.osrfh.com](http://www.osrfh.com). O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Jessica was born February 25, 2002 in Kearney, NE. She was the youngest of three children born to Rod and Shelly Hinz. Jessica loved school and attended Kearney High School in Kearney, Nebraska.

Jessica had an unquenchable thirst for knowledge, reading avidly and a creative spirit expressed through her art and hobbies. She was much loved by

her family and friends and had a special gift of celebrating life's circumstances with the most tender of heart; never missing an opportunity to encourage whomever she was with, be it a stranger or friend.

Jessica considered herself completely ordinary and unremarkable, but as a little girl, Jessica invited Jesus to live in her heart and He was preparing her for the remarkable life she would lead. God took what she considered ordinary and transformed it into an extraordinary life. With each passing day, we saw Christ's love radiate from her as she grew into the special girl God had placed in our care.

As Jessica grew older and began to develop lasting friendships, it didn't take long to realize that her friends were anything but ordinary. Our daughter was blessed with friendships that made us question how those so young could be so loving and protective of one another; Always laughing together as they shared victories and crying through shared sorrows.

When God's perfect plan turned us down what we considered an unexpected path, Jessica continued to look outward with the light in her heart shining brightly. Jessica lovingly protected and prepared her family for what lay ahead. She put her caregivers at ease with her gentle spirit, continually made heartfelt connections. The doctors and nursing staff viewed Jessica as a joy to care for and looked forward to her return visits. During her hospital stays, Jessica grieved for the children she encountered and time and again considered herself—blessed beyond measure.

We know without doubt that other's will join Jessica in eternity all because as a little girl she opened her heart to Jesus and He used her to draw others to Himself.

What an incredible legacy we are privileged to be a part of now and forever!

Jessica was greeted at heaven's door by her Great-Grandparents, cherished family friends and three siblings taken prior to their birth whom Jessica looked forward to meeting and naming.

Jessica leaves to celebrate of her life, her mother Shelly Hinz; father Rod Hinz and wife Deone; her brother Alec Hinz and his fiancé Emily Kassmeier and her sister Elizabeth Hinz all of Kearney, Nebraska; her grandparents Ronald and Juanita Lyon of Holdrege, Nebraska; John and Gaylene O'Brien of Hastings, Nebraska; Dale and Carol Hinz and Andy and Connie Bowman both of Kearney, Nebraska.

Aunts and Uncles include: Jim and Angie Palmer of Elm Creek Nebraska and their children , Katelyn Patterson and her husband Jordan of Minden, Nebraska, Mitchell and his wife Lindsay, of Elm Creek, Nebraska, Courtney and her fiancé Connor Bliss of Grand Island, Nebraska and Jason Palmer of Elm Creek; Scott and Sandra Hinz of Lenexa, Kansas and their son Matt; Todd Hinz of Kearney, Nebraska; Kent and Stacy Hinz of Smithville, Missouri and their son Colby; Stacy O'Brien of Winter Park, Colorado; Bill and Christie Butz and their children Lauren, Natalynn, Caitlyn and Ellianna of Red Oak, Iowa; Angela Temple and her son Zachary of Holdrege, Nebraska; Andy and Stephanie Sherrerd and their children Drew and Max of St. Wayne, Oklahoma; Rob and Ashlee Hobelman and Brody and Rachel Bowman and their children Brance and Hanah of Lincoln, Nebraska. Honorary family members, Alex Aistrop, Alexis Barth, Alli Chally, McKenzie Deterding, Kaylie Miller, and Jessica's Yorkie puppy Rory.

# Previous Events

## Family receiving friends

MAY **29**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations  
4115 Ave N  
Kearney, NE 68847  
(308) 234-3500  
info@osrfh.com  
<https://www.osrfh.com>

## Celebration of Life

MAY **30**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Kearney E-Free Church  
4010 7th Ave  
Kearney, NE 68845  
<http://www.kearneyefree.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ Jessica M. Hinz

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ I am so sorry and my heart breaks seeing this! Jessica was a beautiful person and will be missed by so many! Praying for you all 🙏



Julie - June 08, 2017 at 11:57 PM



“ We are so sorry for your loss...Praying for you all... 🙏

Joni Duncan - May 29, 2017 at 03:29 PM



“ Jerry And Nancy Renard lit a candle in memory of Jessica M. Hinz



Jerry and Nancy Renard - May 28, 2017 at 04:18 PM



“ Ken Mercer lit a candle in memory of Jessica M. Hinz



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**Ken Mercer** - May 28, 2017 at 02:42 PM



“ Shelly and family, my deepest sympathies for your loss. They are never supposed to go before us but she is now pain free and in the arms of her Lord and savior.  
Shelly, she is the spitting image of you when you were young....beautiful.,Grand uncle Larry

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**Larry W O'Brien** - May 27, 2017 at 04:10 PM



“ Rod and family, prayerful thoughts for you and your family. I am so sorry to hear about your daughter. May God hold you in his arms and give you streng through this loss. I am so very sorry.

*Sincerely, Kerri Schuerman*

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**Kerri Schuerman** - May 26, 2017 at 10:35 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jessica M. Hinz.



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May 26, 2017 at 03:13 PM

KB

“ Jessica was a great classmate. I will cherish all the fun times I had with her at Windy Hills Elementary. Jessica was the kind of person to cheer everyone up. She never failed to put a smile on my face! I will miss her so much. Thoughts and prayers to her family!



Kelsey Borowski - May 26, 2017 at 01:55 PM

MS

“ Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Eidem, Mrs. Kuhn, & Mr. Sanny purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jessica M. Hinz.



Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Eidem, Mrs. Kuhn, & Mr. Sanny - May 26, 2017 at 10:19 AM

CB

“ Connie Bowman lit a candle in memory of Jessica M. Hinz



Connie Bowman - May 26, 2017 at 08:12 AM



“ Sharon Call lit a candle in memory of Jessica M. Hinz



Sharon Call - May 26, 2017 at 08:02 AM

LO

“ We are so very sorry for your loss! Life on earth is but a moment compared to eternity in Heaven, where you will see Jessica again. All of your family are in our thoughts and prayers!

Lori - May 25, 2017 at 11:09 PM

MP

“ Monty and Brenda Pieper purchased the Beautiful I Heart Bouquet for the family of Jessica M. Hinz.



Monty and Brenda Pieper - May 25, 2017 at 10:22 PM

 Brenda Pieper

“ Brenda Pieper lit a candle in memory of Jessica M. Hinz



Brenda Pieper - May 25, 2017 at 09:24 PM

FF

“ Foth Family lit a candle in memory of Jessica M. Hinz



Foth family - May 25, 2017 at 07:03 PM

JB

“ I'm so very sorry for your lose. For the gift of resurrection God for this we give you thanks.  
The Beatty's

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Janelle Beatty - May 25, 2017 at 04:29 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jessica M. Hinz.



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May 25, 2017 at 11:09 AM