



Jody Stenehjem

June 5, 1950 - October 14, 2023

Jody Stenehjem, 73, of Kearney passed away Saturday, October 14, 2023 at her home, surrounded by family. Memorial Services will be 2:00 p.m. Friday, October 20, 2023 at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services. The family will greet friends one hour prior to the services at the funeral home.

Lyndal Jo "Jody" Clark was born June 5, 1950 in Kearney, Nebraska to Richard "Demps" and Donna "Jim" (Beam) Clark. She was a proud graduate of Gibbon High School and went on to attend UNL and Kearney State College. On January 12, 1980, she was united in marriage to Eric John Stenehjem in Shelton, Nebraska and they were later blessed with three daughters. Jody was a longtime employee of First National Bank, working her way from Loan Administrator to Vice President. She later attained her real estate license, assisting Kearney-area agents Steve McCormick and Laurie Reissland for many years.

Jody enjoyed reading, attending book club, laughing over coffee with friends, traveling with Eric, and cheering on the Husker football and volleyball teams. As a young woman she was an avid horse rider. Her love of attending horse races started early, thanks to her family's communal involvement in the sport. She was a lifelong dog lover and had at least one canine companion for the majority of her life. She cherished her roles as "soccer mom," and "theatre

mom,” but most of all, she loved her role as “Grandma,” spending time with her granddaughters and proudly celebrating their many accomplishments.

Jody valued contributing to her community and held several volunteer positions within United Way of the Kearney Area. She was a collegiate member of Gamma Phi Beta - Pi Chapter at UNL and later enjoyed her time as an alumnae advisor to the Gamma Kappa chapter at UNK. She and Eric also spent several years as a dedicated host family to Storm hockey players.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband, Eric Stenehjem of Kearney; daughters, Melissa (Sam) Korth of Omaha, Sonja (Jonathan) Schilling of Axtell, and Ann Stenehjem (Mark McConnell) of Omaha and Kearney; grandchildren, Ella and Mina Schilling of Axtell; sister-in-law, Linda Clark of Kearney; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family and dear friends

Jody was preceded in death by her parents; and her brother, Mike Clark.

Memorials are suggested to the Kearney Public Library Foundation or the Kearney Area Animal Shelter. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT **20**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CF

“ My deepest sympathy to Eric and family. Jody and I were friends in high school and also enjoyed some good times when we both worked at the bank. Thinking of you at this sad time.

Connie K Frazier - November 01, 2023 at 06:57 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jody Stenehjem.



October 19, 2023 at 11:01 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jody Stenehjem.

October 19, 2023 at 11:01 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jody Stenehjem.



October 19, 2023 at 03:24 PM

TB

“ Todd B. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jody Stenehjem.

Todd B. - October 18, 2023 at 06:25 PM

TF

“ The Beam Family purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Jody Stenehjem.



The Beam Family - October 18, 2023 at 06:23 PM

TF

“ The Beam Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jody Stenehjem.

The Beam Family - October 18, 2023 at 06:23 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Jody Stenehjem.



October 18, 2023 at 09:55 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jody Stenehjem.

October 18, 2023 at 09:55 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Jody Stenehjem.*



October 17, 2023 at 05:51 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jody Stenehjem.*



October 17, 2023 at 04:34 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jody Stenehjem.*

October 17, 2023 at 04:34 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Jody Stenehjem.*



October 17, 2023 at 03:57 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jody Stenehjem.*



October 17, 2023 at 01:55 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jody Stenehjem.

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“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Jody Stenehjem.*



October 17, 2023 at 11:43 AM



“ *David and Nytha Glass and Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Jody Stenehjem.*



David and Nytha Glass and Family - October 17, 2023 at 07:37 AM

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“ David and Nytha Glass and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jody Stenehjem.

David and Nytha Glass and Family - October 17, 2023 at 07:37 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jody Stenehjem.



October 16, 2023 at 06:06 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jody Stenehjem.

October 16, 2023 at 06:06 PM

JB

“ Rest well my dear friend! I'll hold our memories close!

Janell Beveridge - October 16, 2023 at 05:41 PM

TF

“ Eric & family,
Know we are thinking of you all. So enjoyed our coffee time and outings. She had a great sense of humor that always made us laugh. Another bright star has appeared at night and that is a star called Jody. Gene & Tamme



Tamme Frick - October 16, 2023 at 02:27 PM

GL

Eric, Melissa, Sonja, and Ann, we were both shocked and saddened to hear of Jody's passing. We fondly remember all the fun our girls had playing soccer. They were the best of times!

We will be making a contribution to the Kearney Animal Shelter in Jody's name. Rest in peace, Jody!

The Liebig Family - Gene, Linda, Lynsey, Lesley, and Lauren

Gene and Linda Liebig - October 24, 2023 at 12:32 AM