



## Joni M. Tschetter

June 17, 1951 - November 22, 2021

Joni Marie Tschetter, 70, of Kearney passed away Monday, November 22, 2021 at her home surrounded by family. Services will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday, December 2, 2021 at First United Methodist Church in Kearney with Pastor Matt Fowler officiating.

Joni was born June 17, 1951 in Huron, SD to John and Alice (Gross) Tschetter. She graduated from Huron High School and received her bachelor's degree in psychology with honors from Huron College. She was united in marriage to Kurt Siedschlaw on June 27, 1971 in Huron, SD. This union was blessed with four children. Joni always loved spending time with her children and adored her grandchildren. Her grandchildren's favorite things were grandma's cookies and homemade bread.

Joni held professional positions but decided to be a stay-at-home mother. She vested her life in her children, grandchildren and advising, coaching and guiding her husband in academic and professional endeavors and her artwork.

Joni was a very talented artist, creating numerous pieces of commissioned artwork. Joni was quoted as saying, "Oil painting is like magic to me. I mix the colors, brush them on the canvas and after a while the painting comes to life." Joni was a founding member of the Dakota Images Art Festival and the first

chairwoman for art shows. She was commissioned to create the portrait of Gladys Pyle, the first female senator for the state of South Dakota, as well as commissioned to reproduce the North Dakota and South Dakota state banners for the State Centennial in 1987. Joni was in many juried art competitions and art shows, completed artwork from portraits to still life and moved into miniature painting using sliced agate and other precious stone as her canvas. Joni's favorite subjects other than portraits were images of Christ, the Madonna and Child, angels and Native American scenes.

She enjoyed baking for her loved ones, sewing and was an avid Husker fan who could often be heard yelling at the tv on game day. Joni was a member of First United Methodist Church; her faith was a central tenant in Joni's life, guiding her every action and fanning her desire to help those in need.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband, Kurt Siedschlaw; Tschetter-Siedschlaw children, Alissa (Edward) of Des Moines, IA, Caleb (Tisha) of Dodge City, KS, Seth (Justine) of Kearney, Maia (Matthew) of Kearney; grandchildren, Breanna, Noah Kurt, Madilyn, Tyler, Samuel, Cadyn, Tegan, Camden, Brigham, Hudson, Henry, Ella, Laila, Maika; step-grandchildren, Noah Oliver, Georgi; brother, Kenneth (Jan) Tschetter of Huron, SD; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Joni was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Dennis Tschetter.

Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation. Condolences may be shared online at [www.osrfh.com](http://www.osrfh.com). Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

DEC 2. 10:30 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church  
4500 Linden Drive  
Kearney, NE 68847

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joni M. Tschetter*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Seth and Justine and family,*

*I am so sorry for your loss after reading in the paper. Praying for you at this time. May God bring you peace and comfort in His time.*

*Kimberly Rebman*

**Kimberly Rebman** - December 02, 2021 at 04:05 PM



“ *As a former student (1991 - 1995) of Dr. Siedschlaw, I had the honor of speaking to Joni over the last few years. She had the kindest soul out of any one I know, and she had the sweetest disposition. What a beautiful person! May you rest peacefully in Heaven.*

*Heidi (Blair) Green*

**Heidi Green** - December 02, 2021 at 02:27 PM



“ *Tommy & Marlene Hansen lit a candle in memory of Joni M. Tschetter*



**Tommy & Marlene Hansen** - December 01, 2021 at 02:52 PM

MK

“ Kurt, please know that you and your whole family are in our thoughts and prayers. Please give our best to Caleb and Maia. I treasure a miniature angel painted by Joni on an agate slice that I purchased years ago. It greets me every morning as I get ready for the day. Take care, Phil and Mary Kommers

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**Mary S Kommers** - December 01, 2021 at 01:58 PM

SC

“ Schrock Medical Clinic purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Joni M. Tschetter.



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**Schrock Medical Clinic** - December 01, 2021 at 10:54 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joni M. Tschetter.



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November 30, 2021 at 09:44 PM

DH

“ I knew Joni and her family when we were very young. We all lived in Auburndale Florida  
And went to primary school together. What a wonderful family. Joni was my first best friend we use to dress alike and always has pretty dresses and hats for Easter. We were together from age 2 till they moved when Joni was 7 or 8. Joni was alway beautiful and sweet.. We kept in touch for awhile but life takes over and many many years later we reconnected. I am so happy I had some time with her and we laughed and exchanged  
Old pictures. Joni is now in Heaven and no more pain. I pray for Kurt and their children and Grandchildren I know it will be hard but we will all be together again. My thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Dianne Hooks Handley 🙏❤️🌹

dianne hooks handley - November 30, 2021 at 06:19 PM

MM

“ There are no words to express the void in my heart and life. Joni was my first friend when we moved to Kearney 21 years ago. Our South Dakota roots bonded us together. She was the most giving person I've ever known. She showed up at my door with cookies and other baked goods or a decoration that she had made for every holiday and many times "just because." Our families shared many birthdays and holidays together. I'll miss you my friend but I'll "see you later!"

Marcie May - November 30, 2021 at 01:09 PM

MM

“ Marcie May lit a candle in memory of Joni M. Tschetter



Marcie May - November 30, 2021 at 12:22 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Joni M. Tschetter.*



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November 29, 2021 at 04:57 PM



“ *Edmona and Bert purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Joni M. Tschetter.*



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**Edmona and Bert** - November 29, 2021 at 12:24 PM



“ *Joni was one of the most spiritual people I knew. She expressed that spirit with every conversation that she had with most people, and believed what she said in a lovely and unique way. She was bright and caring and fiercely loving of her family and she was an admired artist who saw beauty in the world where most of us didnt'.  
God's blessings to her family members and good friends.*

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**Carla Brooke** - November 28, 2021 at 03:02 PM