



Linda M. Meads

January 8, 1947 - January 31, 2026

Linda M. Meads, 79 of Elm Creek, passed away Saturday, January 31, 2026 at Mt. Carmel Home in Kearney. Memorial services will be held 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, February 4, 2026 at the O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney. Interment will be held at a later date.

Memorials are suggested to the ARC of Buffalo County or to Kearney Special Olympics. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Linda was born January 8, 1947 in Callaway, NE to Wayne and lone (Litchenberger) Lewis. She was raised near Callaway and received her education from Callaway High School. In 1962, Linda was united in marriage to Clifford Meads in Merna, NE. The couple made their home in Elm Creek where Linda worked for several years as a cook for Elm Creek Public Schools and as the Clerk at the Elm Creek Post Office.

Linda found great joy in the outdoors, tending to her yard, caring for flowers, gardening or simply watching the birds & soaking in the beauty of nature. She and her husband Cliff shared a passion for racehorses, raising them & watching them run. They also enjoyed auctions & trips to the casino. Most of all, she enjoyed being a grandmother, never missing the opportunity to attend her grandchildren's activities.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband, Cliff Meads of Elm Creek; son, Jeff (Michelle) Meads of Elm Creek; daughter, Jenny (Kurt) Reinders of Greeley, CO; grandchildren, Chassity (Tanner) Cavenee, Jade (Trevor) Brown, Justin Reinders, Tatum Meads and Jeremy (Samantha) Reinders; 9 great grandchildren; siblings, Kenny Lewis of Springfield, MO, Bob Lewis of Maine, Dan (Sandi) Lewis of Yankton, SD, Ellen Hanson of Topeka, KS, Joe (Christine) Lewis of Kimball, and Dave (Linda) Lewis of North Platte; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Linda was preceded in death by her parents.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 4 (CT)

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Tribute Wall

HA

“ *H & B Agency-Dan, Vanessa, Bailey, Kole, Ran purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Linda M. Meads.*



H & B Agency-Dan, Vanessa, Bailey, Kole, Ran - February 02 at 05:39 PM

LD

“ *Cliff and family, so sorry for your loss. Linda was such a sweet person. I know she is in a better place now. I always enjoyed visiting with Linda. She loved to have fun and laugh!! May God give you and your family peace and comfort.*

Linda Dodge - February 02 at 04:39 PM

MG

“ *Mary Lynn Griffith purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Linda M. Meads.*



Mary Lynn Griffith - February 02 at 03:11 PM

MG

“ *Mary Lynn Griffith planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Linda M. Meads.*

Mary Lynn Griffith - February 02 at 03:11 PM

MD

“ Cliff, I believe you were some lucky guy to have been married to Linda. She was a sweetheart. Your family will surely miss her. There's a lot of family waiting for her. So glad she doesn't have to suffer anymore.

Marguerite Doucet - February 01 at 05:54 PM

JF

I so enjoyed visiting with her at Special Olympics and Arc activities. She was always so kind.

Judy Fisher - February 02 at 11:31 AM

SW

Cliff and family
Bob and I so enjoyed living next to u in Elm Creek. Linda was always a wonderful friend. Our sympathies to you all

Sharon White - February 02 at 11:50 AM

KD

I thought the world of Linda. We have been best friends for many years. I am
Really going to miss her but she will not be suffering anymore..

Karen Dodge - February 02 at 08:46 PM

PM

Cliff, and Family, I was so blessed to have Linda as a friend and helper with church funeral dinners and Bible studies. She was such a joy to spend time with, caring and always positive! She told me at a Bible study once that her greatest gift was Cliff! You were both lucky to have each other. Rest in Peace, dear Friend! 🙏📖📖

Pat Mitchell - February 03 at 12:04 PM

CD

Linda was a very sweet person. We worked with her at Kearney Post Office. Sorry to learn of her passing. Carroll and Lorene David

Carroll David - February 05 at 03:48 PM