



## Lona K. Thagard

June 16, 1951 - August 25, 2014

Lona K. (Jacobsen) Thagard, 63 of Kearney died Monday, August 25, 2014 at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney. Funeral services will be 10:30 AM, Friday at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney. The Rev. Brian Klein will officiate. Interment will be 2:30 PM at the Hillside Cemetery in Wolbach. Visitation will be 5-7 PM, Thursday at the funeral home and continue one prior to service time. Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation. Condolences may be shared at [osrfh.com](http://osrfh.com). O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home of Kearney is in charge of arrangements.

She was born June 16, 1951 in St. Paul, NE to Alvin and Elaine (Johnston) Jacobsen. She attended school in and graduated from Wolbach High School in 1969.

She attended Grand Island Business School.

She was married to James Thagard in December, 1970 in Wolbach.

She worked as a bookkeeper for Ensley Electric and later for Tru -Value in Grand Island. She moved to Kearney in 1979 and worked at Hellman's Ready to Wear and Horizon Designs. In 1981 she went to work for Good Samaritan Hospital in the environmental service department until her death.

She enjoyed her garden and flowers. She was an avid weather watcher. She loved time spent with her family especially with her grandchildren.

Survivors include her daughter, Michelle Sulinski and husband, Edward and their children Alex, Maycee and Lainey all of Aldie, VA, son, Matthew of Omaha, mother of Kearney, brother, Lyle Jacobsen and his wife, Dorothy of

Kearney. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews and many other relatives,

She was preceded in death by her father in 1962 and her daughter-in-law, Denise Shoemaker-Thagard.

# Cemetery Details

## Hillside Cemetery

Wolbach, NE

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lona K. Thagard*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Kurt Mills lit a candle in memory of Lona K. Thagard*



**Kurt Mills** - August 29, 2014 at 04:34 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to Lona's family Lona was a dedicated person that everyone liked and she was a person who always had something funny to say and would make you laugh. I worked with Lona for 20 years at good Samaritan and I always enjoyed working with her. Lona will be truly missed and remembered by lots of coworkers and friends and family may you rest in piece now you have earned a vacation just wish it wasn't this kind it was too soon! Sincerely, Kurt & Donita Mills formly from Kearney,NE now residing in Maricopa AZ Farewell Lona*

**Kurt Mills** - August 29, 2014 at 04:30 AM

KM

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Lona's family. I worked with Lona at good samaritan for 20 years and always enjoyed talking to her, she would always have something to say that would make you laugh and she was a dedicated person who if she could would help anyone in need. Lona will be missed by a lot of people from friends and coworkers to even just someone who might of just met her. May you rest in peace now you've earned it although it is to soon. Sincerely, Kurt & Donita Mills



kurt mills - August 29, 2014 at 04:12 AM

JM

“ Julie Morse lit a candle in memory of Lona K. Thagard



Julie Morse - August 28, 2014 at 09:13 PM

JM

Rip Lona

Julie Morse - August 28, 2014 at 09:15 PM

K(

“ I never met Lona but we know her daughter well, she was one of only 2 at our wedding and her family is like family to us. Lona did an amazing job raising an amazing women who is an incredible mom, wife and military dependent. Michelle is one of the most independent, self sufficient and selfless people I know. I attribute this to her mom and the values she instilled in her while she was growing up. Michelle is now passing on those same values to her kids. Your mom must be very proud of you.

Kara Dool (Mason) - August 28, 2014 at 04:24 PM

RF

“ *ROBERTA, PHILLYS, MARY LOU, DAL, JIM MARCO (ANNE) & FAMILIES purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Lona K. Thagard.*



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**ROBERTA, PHILLYS, MARY LOU, DAL, JIM MARCO (ANNE) & FAMILIES** - August 28, 2014 at 02:39 PM

PP

“ *Thoughts and prayers for your family.*



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**Pamela Palmer** - August 28, 2014 at 06:15 AM

MT

“ *Lona you played a big part in me growing up. You always had such kind words and such a loving personality!!!*



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**Melinda Thagard-Buster** - August 28, 2014 at 04:37 AM

ST

“ *I worked with Lona at the hospital years ago!!!We have stayed in touch and chat and visit on facebook quite often!!!Lona was a very caring and loving woman!!!I just loved her sp much!!!To her family my prayers and sympathy goes out to you! She loved her children and grand children so much!!!!God bless you all!!!*

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**Sharon Talbert** - August 27, 2014 at 04:58 PM

JK

“*Joyce Klintworth lit a candle in memory of Lona K. Thagard*”



Joyce Klintworth - August 27, 2014 at 03:06 PM

KS

“*Karen Shultz lit a candle in memory of Lona K. Thagard*”



Karen Shultz - August 27, 2014 at 10:11 AM

JM

“*Janell Macek lit a candle in memory of Lona K. Thagard*”



Janell Macek - August 26, 2014 at 11:19 PM

JS

“*Judy Smith lit a candle in memory of Lona K. Thagard*”



Judy Smith - August 26, 2014 at 10:21 PM

JR

“ *Jenny Roach lit a candle in memory of Lona K. Thagard*



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**Jenny Roach** - August 26, 2014 at 08:29 PM

JR

*I used to work with Lona on 2N! She was an amazing women with such a kind heart! She will be greatly missed!*

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**Jenny Roach** - August 26, 2014 at 08:30 PM

AS

“ *Michelle, Matt, and family,  
My deepest sympathy for your loss. I always enjoyed working with Lona and visiting with her. She will truly be missed. She talked of you kids and her grandkids often. Thinking of you all at this sad time. RIP Lona.*

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**angie schroer** - August 26, 2014 at 07:18 PM

JH

“ *I will always remember Lona for her smile and the passion that was in her voice when she spoke of her children and grandchildren. She was so kind to our son when he was hospitalized at GSH. She will be missed....*

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**Jera Hinkle** - August 26, 2014 at 06:54 PM

KB

“ *Kim Benorden lit a candle in memory of Lona K. Thagard*



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**Kim Benorden** - August 26, 2014 at 04:08 PM

BL

*There was not a Brighter Candle in the World..Iwould ALWAYS stop and chat with Lona in the Hallways of GSH.... Even in the 15 years After I left Kearney....and we would part with a hug ..LOOK at her SMILE!! Remember her SMILE..*  
*w w lyons III, m.d.*

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**bill lyons** - September 02, 2014 at 02:49 AM