



Lorea Meier

November 9, 1956 - August 6, 2023

It is with heavy hearts that we share the passing of Sondra “Lorea” Meier, 66, of Elm Creek who peacefully passed at her residence with her family around her on August 6th 2023, following her battle with pancreatic cancer. She was a beloved wife, mother, nana and a friend to many. She will be missed by all who knew her.

A Memorial Mass will be held 10:00 a.m. Friday, August 11, 2023 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Elm Creek. An urn visitation will be 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Thursday at the church followed by a 7:00 p.m. Rosary.

Sondra “Lorea” Meier was born on November 9th, 1956 in Kimball NE during a snowstorm to Grover C. Thomas and Fern E. (Hatch) She received her education throughout numerous towns as her father was a pipe fit welder, but graduated from Beatrice High School in 1974. From there she attended Kearney State College for Secretarial, and then went on to flight attendance school in Florida.

She applied her skills to many jobs throughout her life which included: being an office clerk at Agrex of Elm Creek; Kitchen Manger, Head Cook at Elm Creek Public School; Line Cook at the cafeteria of Eaton’s Manufactories; and lastly a Barista at Starbucks on the UNK Campus where she took her retirement.

On July 25th 1980 she was united in marriage to Joseph Emil Meier of Elm Creek where they settled and proudly raised and supported their daughter Crystal Michelle as well as many animals they cherished.

Lorea was an extremely hard working, generous, understanding, strong and loving wife, mother, nana and friend. Her smile could light up a room. She would call herself a jack of all trades and a master of none. But we all know she was quite talented. Her love and compassion for animals started at a young age where she was loved by all of her companions.

Lorea's hobbies included: cooking, baking, gambling, playing cards, garage sales, sewing, swimming, exercising, camping, horseback riding, building Barbie houses and making doll clothes, collecting seashells with Ali, traveling and most importantly spending time with her family and friends.

Left to cherish her memory is her loving husband of 43 years Joe Meier of Elm Creek, one daughter Crystal Werts and her husband Brain, one granddaughter Ali Lorea of St. Edward NE. Her golden doodle Jaxs and her horse Skip. A sister Terie Dingman of Kearney NE, A brother Dan Thomas and wife Karen of Platte Center NE. Brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law Jim Meier and wife Fauneil Meier of Elm Creek, Steve Meier and wife Robin of Elm Creek and Matt Meier and wife Vickie of Elm Creek. As well as numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and great friends.

Lorea was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers James and Ronald Thomas, and a brother in law Donald Dingman.

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

Cemetery Details

Immaculate Conception Cemetery

900 N Mill
Elm Creek, NE 68836

Previous Events

Family receiving friends

AUG 10. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
314 N Church St
Elm Creek, NE 68836
(308) 856-4375

Rosary

AUG 10. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Memorial Service

AUG 11. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ We were good friends in high school. I recall her beautiful smile and great laugh. Lorena was a kind and loving friend. I have vivid memories of Lorena being my beautician, she cut my long hair in a short hair style as if she knew what she was doing. RIP

Cheryl Murphey Schwisow

cheryl Murphey Schwisow - September 05, 2023 at 08:02 PM

DH

“ We were good friends in high school but didn't see each other after, as life took us different ways. I thought of her often and would have loved to reconnect with her, but didn't. Love and prayers to Joe, Crystal and family. She was a beautiful soul...may God bring you peace. Deb (Behrens) Houseman.

Debra Houseman - September 04, 2023 at 10:01 PM

CP

“ I have known the Thomas family since I was 12. Lorea was a sweet person and I have very fond memories of all of us kids swimming, sledding and playing for hours. Big hugs to all of the family. My heart is broken.

Carmen Perkins - August 10, 2023 at 08:26 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of her passing. My thoughts and prayers to you and famy as well.



Charlet Easter Nichols - August 10, 2023 at 05:15 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Lorea Meier.*



August 09, 2023 at 01:46 PM



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

August 09, 2023 at 01:46 PM



“ *Joe, Crystal and family, I am so sorry to hear about Lorea. Her obituary said it perfectly, she was a very loving and caring person and her smile could light up a room. We were neighbors in Elm Creek for about 13 years. May God hold you in His hands at this difficult time. Lori & Jerry Hagan*

Lori Hagan - August 08, 2023 at 05:41 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lorea Meier.*



August 08, 2023 at 02:43 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Lorea Meier.*



August 08, 2023 at 09:49 AM



“ *I do send condolences to Lorea's precious family. I pray God will heal your broken hearts; I pray He will comfort you greatly. What a special person & a wonderful cousin Lorea was. I'm thinking of y'all, Mary Anna*

Mary Anna Snyder - August 07, 2023 at 11:36 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lorea Meier.*



August 07, 2023 at 10:38 PM



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

August 07, 2023 at 08:42 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lorea Meier.* ”



August 07, 2023 at 07:54 PM