



## April D. Thompson

April 22, 1981 - December 7, 2025

Daughter of Marie (Tom) Ortgies and Edward Michael Soukup Jr.

A Memorial Service for April will be held on Monday, December 15, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Geneva, Nebraska, with Pastor Karissa Miller presiding.

A Book Signing with family present will be held on Sunday, December 14, 2025, from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at Farmer & Son Funeral Home in Geneva, Nebraska.

Private Family Burial of Ashes will be held at a later date at the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery in Bruning, Nebraska.

Memorials are to be directed to the family to be designated at a later date.

April Dawne Thompson was born to Edward Michael Soukup, Jr, and Marie (Meyer) Ortgies on April 22, 1981, in Geneva, Nebraska, and passed away on December 7, 2025, at Essentia Health in Deer River, MN, at the age of 44.

April started kindergarten at the Ohioa Public School, in Ohioa, NE, and transferred to Geneva Public School at mid-term of first grade. She graduated from Geneva Public School and entered a cosmetology school. She worked at

multiple jobs, including retail, nursing homes, meat lockers, grocery stores, and her most recent position as a home healthcare/cleaning service provider. No matter where she worked, she took pride in a job well done, and especially enjoyed working with the elderly because she had a special place in her heart for the grandparent type, and they appreciated the special attention.

April lived with her life partner, Derrick Johns, for 4 years. Many a home improvement or automotive job was completed with the cooperation and hard work of the two of them together.

From a young age, April loved animals of all kinds. She had multiple pets over the years. Because she wasn't able to have children, the pets became her beloved children.

She also took in some over-the-age foster children who often were left with no place to live. Using the hard lessons she learned over time, she would teach them the tools of independent living, such as cooking, making and living within a budget, saving for a car, and obtaining a driver's license.

April liked to draw. Some of her drawings were elaborate and whimsical visions, while others were portraits of people and animals.

She is preceded in death by Grandfather Edward Soukup, Grandmother Helen Soukup, Grandfather Glenn Meyer, Grandmother Mildred Ortgies, Grandfather William Ortgies, Uncle Thomas Gaston, Aunt Glenda Gaston, Uncle Willard Meyer, Aunt Mary Ann Rippe and Uncle John Hanlin.

She is survived by her mother and father, Thomas and Marie Ortgies; father Edward (Mike) Soukup and Rhonda Bartels; Brother Jeffrey (Michele) Ortgies, Grandmother Dorothy Meyer; Aunts and Uncles – Carol Hanlin, Donna Meyer, Ed and Lila Koca, Claine and Cathy Meyer, Verryl and Jodi Meyer; Niece

Andrea Ortgies; Nephew Nolan Ortgies; life partner, Derrick Johns; and a host of beloved first and second cousins.

# Cemetery Details

## Trinity Lutheran Cemetery

Bruning, NE 68322

# Previous Events

## Family Present for Book Signing

DEC **14**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Farmer & Son Funeral Home  
242 N 10th Street  
Geneva, NE 68361  
(402) 759-3617  
<https://farmerandsonfuneralhome.com>

## Memorial Service

DEC **15**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Geneva United Methodist Church  
942 H St  
Geneva, NE 68361  
(402) 759-3034

# Tribute Wall



“ 26 files added to the album *Flower Arrangements*



**Farmer & Son Funeral Home** - December 15, 2025 at 04:43 PM

PR

“ Pam Rose lit a candle in memory of April Thompson



**Pam Rose** - December 15, 2025 at 11:25 AM



“ Deborah Salmon lit a candle in memory of April Thompson



**Deborah Salmon** - December 14, 2025 at 09:39 PM

BB

“ Hello

*My name is Brandt Bass and I had the privilege of knowing April for approximately the past 7 years. Her previous husband was an employee of ours at Prestige Roofing. Then our paths crossed again when she started dating Derrick who is a life long friend.*

*So our history isn't that of childhood memories or even that of deep life long small town friends as most are when you come from small communities as her and I both were basically cut from remarkably the same cloth. I say that because we had a lot of similarities as to our beliefs, values and oddly enough just the way we were in many aspects of our lives.*

*I'm not going to go into a lot of memories or stories because as I said, we didn't have a lifetime of history. What I will say is that April was a very hard working, funny and amazing person that I am proud to have had the opportunity to have known, if only for the short amount of time that I feel fortunate to have had. My heart feels the sorrow and the loss that her family must feel and I can only wish them my best and prayers during this truly sad time. THE WORLD IS LESSER PLACE WITHOUT HER IN IT AND I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER HER INTOXICATING LAUGH AND HER TWISTED SENSE OF HUMOR. MAY SHE KEEP SINGING IN HER BEAUTIFUL VOICE ON THE REST OF JOURNEY. UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN MY FRIEND, REST IN PIECE APRIL.*

*YOUR FOREVER FRIEND*

*BRANDT D. BASS, 12/14/25*

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**Brandt Bass** - December 14, 2025 at 08:29 PM

MM

“ Mike and Michelle Mohr planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of April D. Thompson.

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**Mike and Michelle Mohr** - December 11, 2025 at 06:48 PM

MM

“ Mike and Michelle Mohr purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of April D. Thompson.



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**Mike and Michelle Mohr** - December 11, 2025 at 06:48 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of April D. Thompson.



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December 11, 2025 at 02:13 PM



“ . planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of April D. Thompson.

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KK

“ Praying for all of you! Kay (Schropfer) Knapp

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**Kay Knapp** - December 10, 2025 at 09:36 PM

RN

“ *She will be truly and dearly missed. Her goofy impression will stay with me forever* 🙏



**Rachelle Neihardt(Miller)** - December 10, 2025 at 11:58 AM

HS

“ *Hillary Steider lit a candle in memory of April Thompson*



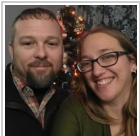
**Hillary Steider** - December 10, 2025 at 10:22 AM

JG

“ *Jason George lit a candle in memory of April D. Thompson*



**Jason george** - December 10, 2025 at 05:18 AM



“ *Christine Rippe Harris lit a candle in memory of April Thompson*



**Christine Rippe Harris** - December 09, 2025 at 05:29 PM



“ *Andrew Roesler lit a candle in memory of April Thompson*



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**Andrew Roesler** - December 09, 2025 at 04:27 PM



“ *Marie, Tom and family. My deepest sympathy to all of during this very difficult time. Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers. Lorri Barbur Burns*

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**Lorri Burns** - December 09, 2025 at 04:24 PM



*April was loved by all she met and her family's she will be missed here on earth. I can hear her telling me how much she missed the uncles picking on her in church as they would tell her to be good. We love you bless you*

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**Cathy Meyer** - December 20, 2025 at 01:59 AM



“ *Holly Rippe & Doug Fischer lit a candle in memory of April Thompson*



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**Holly Rippe & Doug Fischer** - December 09, 2025 at 01:58 PM

LP

“ *Ladonna Pendleton lit a candle in memory of April Thompson*



**Ladonna Pendleton** - December 09, 2025 at 01:53 PM

BP

“ *Ben and Nancy Pekar lit a candle in memory of April Thompson*



**Ben and Nancy Pekar** - December 09, 2025 at 12:22 PM

HM

“ *Thoughts and prayers*

**Helen Mussman Myers** - December 09, 2025 at 10:52 AM

MM

“ *I hope Mom was there to meet you. I know she'll take care of you. You were able to slay many demons in your short life. Gone too soon, but you won't be forgotten. Rest easy, April.*



**Michelle Mohr** - December 09, 2025 at 07:11 AM

LH

“ Linda Heinisch lit a candle in memory of April Thompson



Linda Heinisch - December 09, 2025 at 06:45 AM

CR

“ Caleb Rippe lit a candle in memory of April Thompson



Caleb Rippe - December 09, 2025 at 01:39 AM

JS

“ John & Christy Saum lit a candle in memory of April Thompson



John & Christy Saum - December 08, 2025 at 11:29 PM

DJ

“ April was one of my cheerleaders 📣, very talented. RIP girl!



Deb Jenkins - December 08, 2025 at 06:54 PM

CC

“ I so enjoyed working with April at MC. She was always so upbeat. My sympathies to her family at a most difficult time.

**Cyndy Callenius** - December 08, 2025 at 05:58 PM

VY

“ Prayers to Aprils family....Verlene



**Verlene Yates** - December 08, 2025 at 05:58 PM

BR

“ Bonnie Rippe lit a candle in memory of April Thompson



**Bonnie Rippe** - December 08, 2025 at 05:45 PM

SR

“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of April's families. Sandi



**Sandi Renken** - December 08, 2025 at 05:04 PM

KT

“ *Kent & Rose Theobald lit a candle in memory of April Thompson*



Kent & Rose Theobald - December 08, 2025 at 04:14 PM

RS

“ *Randy & Rhonda Schlick lit a candle in memory of April Thompson*



Randy & Rhonda Schlick - December 08, 2025 at 04:04 PM

VJ

“ *Thoughts and prayers*



Virginia Johnson - December 08, 2025 at 01:55 PM

LU

*Thoughts and Prayers to get the family through this troubled time.*



Larry & Pat Urbauer - December 08, 2025 at 04:01 PM