



Carolyn E. Stephens

July 17, 1961 - March 31, 2024

Carolyn Ellen Stephens was born to George LeRoy & Dorothy Lee (Grubaugh) Romshek on July 17, 1961 at David City, Nebraska. She passed away on March 31, 2024 at the family cabin near Bellwood, Nebraska at the age of 62 years, 8 months and 14 days. She was one of 5 children born in the family.

Carolyn attended David City High School and graduated with the class of 1979. She went on to attend the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and Kearney. In 1984, she moved to Littleton, Colorado where she was a nanny for four years. She returned to David City in 1989 when her father became ill and she began working for David City Elementary School while working other part time jobs in the area. In 1992, she moved to Geneva, Nebraska and became a para-educator at Geneva Public School. She then began a 20-year career at the Youth Treatment and Rehabilitation Center (YRTC) as a cottage supervisor. In 2014, she moved over the Department of Motor Vehicles as a driver's license examiner and remained in this role until her death.

Carolyn was married to Brad Stephens of Geneva, Nebraska, on October 17, 1998. Two children were born to this union: Jordan and Jared.

Carolyn was a long-standing member of the United Methodist Church in Geneva. She served on various committees, was active in the choir, and was

currently Chair of the Church Council. The Church was an important part of Carolyn's life, and it brought her many lasting relationships with friends and acquaintances. Carolyn also loved to cook and bake, and she made sure she always brought pies for each niece and nephew anytime a holiday family gathering was held. She also loved her family dearly and especially enjoyed time at Jarecki Lake with everyone. Her endearing nature will be missed by all that knew her.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her parents, George & Dorothy; grandparents, George & Minnie Romshek, Sr. and Richard & Carol Grubaugh; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Merl & Hearldine Stephens; and brother, Dennis Romshek.

She is survived by her husband, Brad Stephens of Geneva, Nebraska; sons, Jordan Stephens and Jared Stephens & his special friend, Haley Korbelik all of Geneva, Nebraska; brother & sister-in-law, Dick & Ann Romshek of Elmwood, Nebraska; sister & brothers-in-law, Carmen & Kurt Johnson of Seward, Nebraska and Cathy & Eric Matulka of Lincoln, Nebraska; sister-in-law, Patti (Romshek) Meysenburg & husband Barry of David City, Nebraska; brothers-in-law Craig Stephens and Kim Stephens both of Crete, Nebraska; sister-in-law & brother in law Peg & Lee Gillen of Wichita, Kansas; nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews and several close friends.

A Funeral Service for Carolyn was held on Friday, April 5, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Geneva, Nebraska. Pastor Doug Griger presided over the Funeral Service. Melissa Houchin accompanied the United Methodist Church Choir in the singing of "Blessed Assurance" and "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)" and she accompanied the congregation in the singing of "In The Garden." The Recorded Selection, "Scars In Heaven" was also played during the Funeral Service.

Pallbearers included Kelsey Romshek, Matt Johnson, Dustin Romshek, Brayden Matulka, Camden Matulka, and Chad Atchison. Honorary Pallbearers included Bob Smith, Kevin Bonin, Jeff Wusk, Rick Griess, and Kurt VanDeWalle.

A Graveside Service was held in the Geneva Public Cemetery following the Funeral Service.

Farmer & Son Funeral Home was in care of the arrangements and online condolences can be left at www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com

Memorials are suggested to the United Methodist Church.

Cemetery Details

Geneva Public Cemetery

Geneva, NE 68361

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 4. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Family Present for Visitation

APR 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

APR 5. 10:30 AM (CT)

United Methodist Church
942 H Street
Geneva, NE 68361
(402) 759-3731
umc@windstream.net

Graveside Service

APR 5 (CT)

Geneva Public Cemetery
Geneva, NE 68361

Tribute Wall

JA

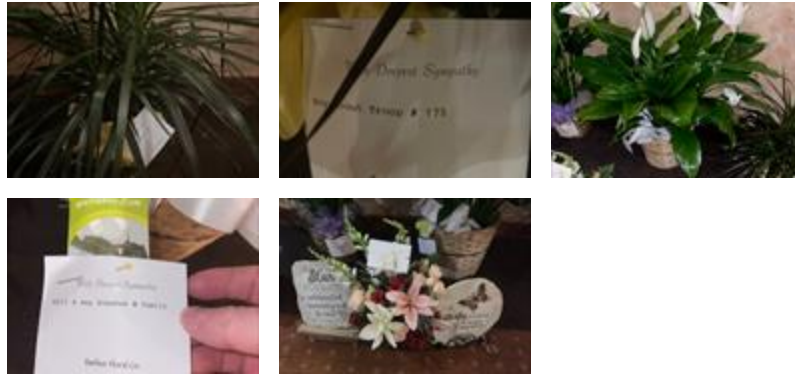
“ I am sorry for the family's loss. I met her when I was 12 and sent to geneva. She taught me so much and was one of the good ones at geneva yrtc. May she rest in peace



Jade - May 16, 2024 at 05:21 AM



“ 91 files added to the album Flower Pictures



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - April 05, 2024 at 01:50 PM

CB

“ Chuck Beard lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Stephens



Chuck Beard - April 05, 2024 at 08:46 AM

CB

“ Carolyn was always a very up beat & positive lady. Always had nice things to say about anyone or anything. A lot she would let roll off her back. Always had a smile and if you didn't have a smile she always had an extra one for you. She was a beautiful lady from the inside out. You knew she loved people and life, just by her caring personality. All those who knew Carolyn loved her. You will be missed by many, but live on through our heart's. Heaven just got better.

Always a treat to work with you.

Chuck Beard

Chuck Beard - April 05, 2024 at 08:46 AM

AL

“ Brad, Jordan, and Jared my deepest sympathies for your loss. I was so sorry to hear of Carolyn's passing. Prayers for you and your family.

Aaron Lauby - April 05, 2024 at 08:45 AM

CB

“ We are so sorry to hear of Carolyn's death. She was a classmate of mine at DCHS. My memories of Carolyn was that she was always smiling or laughing and had such a fun, lighthearted spirit, and magnetic personality. What a special person to have graced this earth! Our condolences. God Bless Carolyn and her family.

Christine (Masek) Bartlett - April 04, 2024 at 10:41 AM

DF

“ Dolly and family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Carolyn E. Stephens.



Dolly and family - April 03, 2024 at 10:31 PM

DF

“ Dolly and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carolyn E. Stephens.

Dolly and family - April 03, 2024 at 10:31 PM

SB

“ Sherri Clark DMV Beatrice purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Carolyn E. Stephens.



Sherri Clark DMV Beatrice - April 03, 2024 at 08:04 PM

AF

“ Algene's Family— purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Carolyn E. Stephens.



Algene's Family— - April 03, 2024 at 07:39 PM

RS

“ *What an amazing woman that I feel so fortunate to have met in my life. She was an absolutely beautiful woman with a smile always on her face. She lit a light in my life and everyone else that she met. My prayers to Brad, Jordan, Jared, and everyone else she loved (which appears to be too many to count.)*
Becky Swartzendruber

Rebekah Swartzendruber - April 03, 2024 at 02:23 PM

BD

“ *Bonnie Divis lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Stephens*



Bonnie Kobza Divis - April 03, 2024 at 10:53 AM



“ *Holding you all close in prayer. Carolyn was a very special woman and we were blessed y knowing her.*



Rhonda Schlick - April 02, 2024 at 08:50 PM

JD

“ *Jan, Barb, Jim, Tom, Dan, and Dave purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Carolyn E. Stephens.*



Jan, Barb, Jim, Tom, Dan, and Dave - April 02, 2024 at 08:19 PM

KT

“ *Kent Rose Theobald lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Stephens*



Kent & Rose Theobald - April 02, 2024 at 06:44 PM

RA

Sorry for your loss.

Ruth Schmale Ainsworth - April 03, 2024 at 03:47 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy, and prayers. Rod and Sandi Renken*



RodandSandi Renken - April 02, 2024 at 06:34 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Carolyn E. Stephens.*



April 02, 2024 at 05:31 PM

JW

“ Joy Williams lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Stephens



Joy Williams - April 02, 2024 at 05:25 PM

JK

“ Joe Kreizinger planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carolyn E. Stephens.

Joe Kreizinger - April 02, 2024 at 03:52 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carolyn E. Stephens.



April 02, 2024 at 03:52 PM

AR

“ Ava Roush lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Stephens



Ava Roush - April 02, 2024 at 02:07 PM

SJ

“ Sue Jarecki purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Carolyn E. Stephens.



Sue Jarecki - April 02, 2024 at 12:13 PM

SJ

“ Sue Jarecki planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carolyn E. Stephens.

Sue Jarecki - April 02, 2024 at 12:13 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Carolyn E. Stephens.



April 02, 2024 at 11:42 AM

BF

“ Bill & Amy Romshek and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carolyn E. Stephens.

Bill & Amy Romshek and family - April 02, 2024 at 11:42 AM

CJ

“ *Camella J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carolyn E. Stephens.*

Camella J. - April 02, 2024 at 10:09 AM

SS

“ *Steve&Barb Sadd lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Stephens*



Steve&Barb Sadd - April 02, 2024 at 09:58 AM

TJ

“ *Terry and Patty Jones purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Carolyn E. Stephens.*



Terry and Patty Jones - April 02, 2024 at 09:45 AM

Jl

“ *Carolyn was an inspiration to me and I learned so much from her in our may years together in church circle and Sunday School. I am sad that her light and love won't be in our community any more. So sorry.*

Jill - April 02, 2024 at 09:43 AM

CG

“ *Connie G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carolyn E. Stephens.*

Connie G. - April 02, 2024 at 09:32 AM


Amanda
Schropfer

“ *What an amazing lady! A giving heart and infectious smile. You will be forever missed.*

Amanda Schropfer - April 02, 2024 at 09:27 AM

VJ

“ *Virginia Johnson lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Stephens*



Virginia Johnson - April 02, 2024 at 09:24 AM

FD

“ *Friends at West O DMV planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carolyn E. Stephens.*

Friends at West O DMV - April 02, 2024 at 09:18 AM

FD

“ *Friends at West O DMV purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Carolyn E. Stephens.*



Friends at West O DMV - April 02, 2024 at 09:18 AM

LC

“ *Larry Cindy Chapman lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Stephens*



Larry and Cindy Chapman - April 02, 2024 at 09:16 AM

DA

“ *Carolyn's passing brought back wonderful memories of the family picnic get-togethers our parents would have each summer with some of their high school friends. Carolyn's beautiful smile will never be forgotten. Prayers to all her family. Diane Klein Arps*

Diane Arps - April 02, 2024 at 08:34 AM

LH

“ *Linda Heinisch lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Stephens*



Linda Heinisch - April 02, 2024 at 06:45 AM

TP

“ *Tyler & Erin Pulec, Sam & Julie Pulec purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Carolyn E. Stephens.*



Tyler & Erin Pulec, Sam & Julie Pulec - April 01, 2024 at 10:00 PM

JF

“ *What a great lady! We would always laugh about everything under the sun. So sorry for your loss. Just remember all the good times.*

JR Fox - April 01, 2024 at 09:20 PM

BR

“ *Bonnie Rippe lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Stephens*



Bonnie Rippe - April 01, 2024 at 07:38 PM

MD

“ *Matt Coatney/Nebraska DMV purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Carolyn E. Stephens.*



Matt Coatney/Nebraska DMV - April 01, 2024 at 06:09 PM

MC

“ *On behalf of the entire Driver Licensing Division, my sincere condolences, thoughts and prayers to Carolyn's family. It was an extreme pleasure having her on staff. She had woven herself into the fabric of the five counties she covered for us. Carolyn was a great customer service representative who mixed professionalism with unlimited common sense. County officials throughout her area were very complimentary of her work. I will personally miss our interactions. I can't believe she is gone. Matt Coatney/Administrator Nebraska DMV Driver Licensing Services Division.*

Matt Coatney - April 01, 2024 at 06:00 PM

DD

“ Carolyn was a sweet lady. Sending prayers to Brad and sons.
Debbie Durgan

Debbie Durgan - April 01, 2024 at 05:54 PM

SW

“ What a beautiful example of what life should be lived like. She was kind, sweet and genuine! May her family find comfort in the love shown to them during this journey. My deepest sympathy to her family and friends! Hugs, prayers and love sent to each of you.

Sue 'Petersen' Topil Wahlgren - April 01, 2024 at 05:36 PM

GH

“ Carolyn always had her beautiful smile 😊. I pray that her families can hold her memories close to their hearts 🕊️❤️.

Gayle Henry - April 01, 2024 at 05:19 PM

SL

Carolyn. Beautiful. Sincere. Loving. Such light. Amazing!

Sharon Lauber - April 02, 2024 at 09:43 PM

GB

Our family grew up with the Romshek family. We always enjoyed getting together with them. Such kind people. My prayers are with Carolyn's family.

Gail Janicek Bomar - April 03, 2024 at 12:59 PM

BB

Carolyn was a wonderful gal and loved by all. My thoughts and prayers all her family. Bev Heins Bennett

Beverly Bennett - April 14, 2024 at 12:00 AM