



## Denise A. Mahoney

June 3, 1951 - January 11, 2014

A Funeral Mass for Denise will be held on Tuesday, January 14, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Stephen's Catholic Church in Exeter. Father Tom Kuffel will officiate the Mass.

Visitation for Denise will be held on Monday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Farmer Funeral Home in Exeter. A Rosary will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday at St. Stephen's Catholic Church.

Burial will follow the Funeral Mass in the Exeter Cemetery. Memorials are directed to the family to be designated at a later date.

Denise Ann Cerv Mahoney was born to Robert Henry Cerv Sr. and Phyllis Sithay Ann Pelton Cerv on June 3, 1951, at Lincoln, NE, and passed away January 11, 2014, at home in Exeter, NE at the age of 62 years, 7 months, and 8 days. She was one of 10 children in the family.

Denise was born in Lincoln, NE and lived there until she was 7 when her family moved Kansas City, MO. When she was 12 years old her father retired from professional baseball and two years later he took a job teaching and coaching at John F. Kennedy College in Wahoo, NE. So when she was 14 she moved to Wahoo with her family and then attended Bishop Neumann Central High School and graduated from there in May of 1969. She then attended John F. Kennedy College where she majored in Elementary Education and met a young man from Williston Park, Long Island, New York. She graduated from John F. Kennedy College in May of 1972 and got married in June of 1972. Then both her and her husband went to Georgia to start their teaching

careers and eventually made their way to Exeter, NE where they have made their home for the last 39 years. Denise spent 29 of those years teaching at St. Joseph's Catholic School in York, NE where she touched many lives and was honored as Educator of the Year in 2012-2013 by the York News Times. Denise was married to Robert J. Mahoney of Williston Park, New York, on June 17, 1972 and to them 2 children were born.

Denise was a member of St. Stephens Catholic Church in Exeter, NE and throughout the years was very active in the Altar Society as well as a CCD teacher and a CYO teacher for many years. Her faith was extremely important to her and she found a way to live it every day of her life through her ability to love, laugh, and forgive. The most important people in her life were her family and friends and she made sure that they knew how much she loved them every day of their lives.

Denise was preceded in death by her mother Phyllis Cerv of Lincoln, NE, her maternal grandparents Chester Pelton and Pearl Pelton, her paternal grandparents Henry Cerv and Henrietta Cerv.

She is survived by her husband Robert J Mahoney Exeter, NE, her daughters Lisa Mahoney, Lincoln, NE, Brie Mahoney, Lincoln, NE, Sisters- Sithay Cerv, Fremont, NE, Sandy Harrington, Lincoln, NE, Karen Chambers, Oceanside, CA, Phyllis Willis, Baeshor, KS, Dawn (Todd) Ericson, Hawarden, IA, and Melissa (Randy) Lock, Blair, NE, Brothers – Robert H. (Mary) Cerv Jr., Alliance, NE, Joseph (Mary) Cerv, Overland Park, KS, and John (Maggie) Cerv, Gladstone, MO. Many nieces and nephews and cherished friends.

# Tribute Wall

SY

“ So sorry for your loss. Denise was very special.

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**Shari Yound** - January 24, 2014 at 02:01 PM

RC

“ We extend our deepest sympathy to the Cerv family on the loss of Denise - your daughter, sister, aunt, sister-in-law, cousin and friend to many. May she be with God our Father in Heaven and be at peace. Her faith carries her to our heavenly Father. Know that our prayers and thoughts are with each of you at this difficult time in your lives. May the angels in Heaven watch over you all. Friends and classmates from JFK College are thinking of all of you at this time.

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**Rich and Debbie Tow Colozza** - January 23, 2014 at 11:51 PM

RM

“ my deepest sympathy goes out to the mahoney and cerv family especially to coach

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**rusty melvin** - January 15, 2014 at 11:12 AM

JD

“ Bob, Lisa, and Brie, You are in our thoughts at this time of your loss. Our most sincere sympathy goes out to you.

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**John and Carol Dumpert** - January 14, 2014 at 12:18 PM

PS

“ *Bob and family,  
You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Your faith will keep you strong.  
Paul and Karla Sheffield and family.*

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**Paul Sheffield** - January 13, 2014 at 10:42 PM

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“ *Robert, Lisa, and Bree,  
I'm sorry to hear about your loss of your wife and mother. I'm sure she will be missed by many. Our thoughts and prayer are with you during this time.  
Denise and Pericles Gabriele*

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**Denise (Franzen)Gabriele** - January 13, 2014 at 08:53 PM

CF

“ *Bob, Lisa, and Brie,  
I will be thinking of all of you and keep you in my prayers. I am so sorry to hear about your loss. I remember coming over to your house a lot when we were younger. Of course I remember spending every Wednesday there for CYO. Your mom was a great teacher, she always knew how to make it fun.  
My sincerest sympathies, Corinne Franzen*

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**Corinne Franzen** - January 13, 2014 at 07:58 PM

AB

“ *I had the privilege of working with Denise at St. Joseph's if York. She was a great person as well as a great teacher. She showed lots of love for her students. Denise was a very caring person to all who crossed her path. She will be missed by many.*

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**Annette Boeche** - January 13, 2014 at 07:31 PM

MM

“ Dear Lisa, Brie, and Mr. Mahoney, Sending love and prayers to you during this difficult time.

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**Maria Medel** - January 13, 2014 at 05:22 PM

LT

“ Bob and family,  
You are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.  
Sincerely,  
Lynnelle, Jameson, Huntington & Alexis Trauger

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**Lynnelle Trauger** - January 13, 2014 at 05:19 PM

KR

“ Lisa & family,  
Please know that Kent and I, along with the Rauert girls, express our sympathy to your family. Your mother was a very kind and caring person. We were so blessed to have her teach three of our girls their 1st grade years. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.  
Kara Rauert

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**Kara Rauert** - January 13, 2014 at 03:08 PM

RH

“ Our thoughts and prayers to the Mahoney and Cerv Families.

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**Robin and June Hand** - January 13, 2014 at 01:08 PM

EM

“ I will so miss her smile and laugh, especially when she was teasing Bob.

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**Edward Mark** - January 13, 2014 at 01:01 PM

KW

“ *Dear Bob and girls,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Kathleen and Tim Wilbeck** - January 12, 2014 at 03:27 PM