



Jennifer L. Petersen

January 17, 1968 - January 9, 2025

Jennifer Leigh (Jacobs) Petersen was born on January 17, 1968 to John and Sharon (Dado) Jacobs at the Fillmore County Hospital in Geneva, NE. She passed away on January 9, 2025 at the St. Elizabeth Hospital in Lincoln, NE at the age of 56 years, 11 months and 8 days.

Jennifer's life began with a severe health issue and at the age of 8 months was taken to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota where she spent 2 1/2 weeks in the hospital. After returning to Lincoln, where the family lived, Jenny started slowly recovering.

In 1970, when her parents moved to Ohioa, NE. Jennifer welcomed her new sister, Julie, and a lifelong friendship began. Life was special for two little girls living in a small town and it wasn't unusual to find the sisters making new friends around town.

Jennifer attended grade school thru the eighth grade at Ohioa Public School and finished her education at Geneva High School in Geneva, NE where she graduated in 1986. During her final years at Geneva High, she started her career in health care thru a high school program working at Heritage Crossings Nursing Home in Geneva.

After graduation she moved to Hebron, NE where she was employed at the

Blue Valley Nursing Home. It was there she met her future husband, Jon Petersen, who also lived in Hebron and worked for his father's company. Resulting from a job transfer with Jon's work, the family moved to their life long home in Friend, NE and Jennifer continued her work in health care at Heritage Crossings Nursing Home in Geneva.

Two children were born to this union, Andrew Michael and Ashleigh Nicole. Jennifer enjoyed attending many of the school functions with both Andrew and Ashleigh and in 1997, the family moved into a new home in Friend.

Seeing that her Grandmother Jacobs needed help and care on the farm near Ohiowa, Jennifer eagerly came to her aid and spent 5 years assisting her until her grandmother needed to enter into a nursing home. While working there she also helped her dad with field work and she especially liked moving hay bales. Jenny finished her career helping others working for an in-home health care company.

Jennifer was an animal lover, that affection may have been instilled in her life by Grandma Jacobs. Jenny's favorite and loyal companion was Odie, her little Jack Russel. He was so special and a true friend and companion!

The greatest joy for Jennifer came when Ashleigh gave birth to her granddaughter, Nova Reign, who was born on September 16, 2019. She loved taking care of Nova whenever she could and the two read "search and find" books or they made pictures to hang on the fridge. Since Jennifer was into scrapbooking and crafting Christmas tree ornaments, Nova was eager to help when there was an opportunity for them to be together. Jenny's interest in crafts evolved further and she attending craft fairs this past year.

Vacationing with her family was always a highlight for Jenny, whether it was skiing in Colorado, traveling to Yellowstone National Park or especially her last

trip to Las Vegas with the whole family where she enjoyed being together with them. Her family was an important part of her life. She enjoyed holiday dinners with family, but her favorite holiday was Christmas. Jenny enjoyed giving gifts and in order to give gifts, one must first go shopping. Without a doubt shopping with her and sister, Julie, was her favorite pastime and those two never left the city of Lincoln without stopping at Hobby Lobby.

Gift giving didn't stop for Jennifer and on January 9, 2025 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Lincoln, NE she gave the gift of life, donating her organs. On January 10, the family received notice that there already had been a lifesaving operation!

She is preceded in death by her grandparents: Leland and LaVerda Dado, of Fairmont, NE ; John C. and Sophia Jacobs of Ohio NE; her parents-in-law, Robert and Virginia "Ginny" Petersen of Seward and brother-in-law, Tom Petersen.

Jennifer is survived by her husband, Jon, of Friend NE; son, Andrew, of Ohio; daughter, Ashleigh, and husband, Miko Ferry, and granddaughter, Nova Reign, of Ohio; grandson, Syllas Ferry, of Norfolk, NE; parents, John and Sharon Jacobs, of Geneva; sister, Julie Bundy, of Seward NE; sister-in-law, Lori and husband, Dave Feulner, of Hebron NE; brother-in-law, Kim and wife, Julie Petersen, of Dallas City Ill; brother-in-law, Sam and wife, Angie, of Hebron, NE.; nephew, Dustin and wife, Casey, and daughter, Lyndsay Bundy, of Seward, NE; 3 aunts, several nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends and of course, Odie and Leia.

A Memorial Service for Jennifer was held on Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Geneva, Nebraska with Pastor Karissa Miller and Kim Dunker presiding.

There were 3 special music selections for Jennifer's Memorial Service, "I Can Only Imagine" by Mercy Me, "Here I Am, Lord" by soloist, Pastor Karissa Miller and accompanist, Melissa Houchin, and "Dancing In The Sky" by Dani & Lizzy.

Honorary Urn Bearers included Julie Bundy, Dustin Bundy, Andrew Petersen, Miko Ferry and Ashleigh Ferry.

Private Family Graveside Services will be held at a later date in the Ohioa Public Cemetery in Ohioa, Nebraska.

Memorials were directed to the family to be designated at a later date in Jennifer's name.

Farmer & Son Funeral Home was in charge of funeral arrangements.
Condolences may be left at www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Ohiowa Public Cemetery

Ohiowa
NE, NE 68416

Previous Events

Book Signing

JAN 14. 4:00 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 Book Signing

JAN 14. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Memorial Service

JAN 15. 10:30 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ 42 files added to the album Flower Arrangements



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - January 15, 2025 at 01:00 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Jenny. My thoughts & prayers are with you.

Roberta Chaney - January 15, 2025 at 11:27 AM



“ Cornerstone Caregiving purchased the Beautiful i n Blue for the family of Jennifer L. Petersen.



Cornerstone Caregiving - January 15, 2025 at 09:51 AM



“ Cornerstone Caregiving planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jennifer L. Petersen.

Cornerstone Caregiving - January 15, 2025 at 09:51 AM

FJ

“ From Preston Meints @ Edward Jones purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Jennifer L. Petersen.



From Preston Meints @ Edward Jones - January 14, 2025 at 05:48 PM

KK

“ Kim and Julie Petersen and kids purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Jennifer L. Petersen.



Kim and Julie Petersen and kids - January 14, 2025 at 11:32 AM

KJ

“ So sorry to hear of Jennifer's passing! She was such a kind and friendly person with one of the biggest smiles that would light up any room that she was in! My sincere condolences!



Kobi Johnson - January 13, 2025 at 09:28 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jennifer L. Petersen.



January 13, 2025 at 02:00 PM

HR

“ *Holly Rippe lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Petersen*



Holly Rippe - January 13, 2025 at 08:48 AM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Jennifer L. Petersen.*



January 13, 2025 at 12:42 AM



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

January 13, 2025 at 12:42 AM

AT

“ *Jenny was in my daughter, Leann's, class. I remember her from Job's Daughter's. She was such a friendly girl and very loyal to what ever position she held. God Bless her whole family in this difficult time.*

Alice Tatro - January 12, 2025 at 06:16 PM

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“ *Friend High School Class of 2011 purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Jennifer L. Petersen.*



Friend High School Class of 2011 - January 12, 2025 at 09:06 AM



“ *Clark Schulte lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Petersen*



Clark Schulte - January 11, 2025 at 02:31 PM

LP

“ *LaDonna Pendleton lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Petersen*



LaDonna Pendleton - January 11, 2025 at 11:07 AM

BA

“ *Sending our love and prayers to you all. May God give you comfort and strength during this difficult time. With Sympathy and Love, Becky and Steve Adkisson*



Becky Adkisson - January 10, 2025 at 11:43 PM



“ *Deborah Salmon lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Petersen*



Deborah Salmon - January 10, 2025 at 10:41 PM



“ *Lisa Dondlinger lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Petersen*



Lisa Dondlinger - January 10, 2025 at 10:34 PM



“ *I will forever cherish the many memories of us working the evening shift together the laughs will never be forgotten RIP love JoJo*

Joanna Kuhns - January 10, 2025 at 09:46 PM



“ *John and Amanda Ellison family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Jennifer L. Petersen.*



John and Amanda Ellison family - January 10, 2025 at 09:30 PM

TB

“ *The Bundy purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Jennifer L. Petersen.*



The Bundy - January 10, 2025 at 08:35 PM

TB

“ *The Bundy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jennifer L. Petersen.*

The Bundy - January 10, 2025 at 08:35 PM

BP

“ *Ben&Nancy Pekar lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Petersen*



Ben&Nancy Pekar - January 10, 2025 at 07:42 PM

BR

“ *Bonnie Rippe lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Petersen*



Bonnie Rippe - January 10, 2025 at 06:40 PM