



Jody Heinrichs

October 18, 1956 - March 22, 2021

Marla Jo Heinrichs aka Jody, Jo, Mom, Grandma, Aunt Jody and Toad blessed this world on October 18, 1956 when the last load of turkeys were shipped out from the Kempf farm. She was born to Rowen & Lila (Hendrickson) Kempf of Shickley, Nebraska and was welcomed home by 2 older, protective brothers, Michael & Mark. She left this world on March 22, 2021 at her home near Shickley, Nebraska, surrounded by her family, at the age of 64 years, 5 months and 4 days.

Jody grew up on a farm outside of Shickley where she was no stranger to working hard alongside her father and brothers. She always lived by the saying 'you work hard and play just as hard or maybe a little more!' She lived this way in her youth and as well in her adulthood. It was her 8th grade year that an implant from Bruning transferred to Shickley and at the Hastings Melody Roundup he put his gloves in the hood of her coat, forgetting them so she would have to come find him to return them. This was the start of Hank and Toad. Jody graduated from Shickley High School in 1975 and went to Lincoln to complete her Medical Assistant Degree.

Jody and Steve were united in marriage on May 28, 1977. They moved to the farm in 1979 and began their journey with farming. It was their teamwork and dream to start building a legacy to be passed on to future generations.

On September 28, 1982, they were blessed with their first child, Haylee Jo. Ornerly middle child, Mallory Loretta came on December 30, 1985. Then at a farm show after Dad fed Mom beer and ice cream and 40 weeks later, Gregory Steven finished the family on November 19, 1987.

In December of 1992, Jody made Steve purchase a cabin at Lovewell Lake. This is where the family spent many long weekends and late nights alongside many family and friends. The Lake Bunch became a 2nd family and it was a tradition every year to hold a reunion on the 1st weekend in August which consisted of Margarita Saturday and Ice Tea Sunday.

Hank & Toad enjoyed the following years farming , raising their 'rugrats' and taking vacations. One spot that will forever hold a special place in their hearts is Key West in Florida.

On August 29, 2006, their first grandchild was born, Ella Jo. Jody found a whole new level of love which just kept growing with each grandchild. Luke Loretta was next to join in 2008, Crosbe Steven in 2009, Graeme Gregory in 2013, Koy Theil in 2014, Lenni Jo in 2015, Kade Theil in 2017, Greta Rose in 2018, Nora Jo in 2021 and Ty Shaw rounded out the pack of grandchildren.

Jody loved her family and family was everything. Family sticks together no matter what, and that's all she ever asked for and wanted.

Jody was preceded in death by her father, Rowen Kempf; brother Michael Kempf; grandparents Jay & Fauna Kempf and Joseph & Edith Hendrickson; and granddaughter Faith Heinrichs.

Jody is survived by her soulmate, Steve Heinrichs of Shickley, Nebraska; daughters Haylee Williams of Hebron, Nebraska, Mallory (Knud) Elting of Carleton, Nebraska; son Gregory (Tami) Heinrichs of Clay Center, Nebraska;

grandchildren: Ella, Crosbe, and Graeme Williams of Hebron, Nebraska, Luke, Koy, and Kade Elting of Carleton, Nebraska, Lenni, Greta, and Nora Heinrichs of Clay Center, Nebraska, and Ty Shaw of Lincoln, Nebraska; mother Lila Kempf of Shickley, Nebraska; father and mother-in-law Lyle and Frances Heinrichs of Shickley, Nebraska; brother Mark (Janet) Kempf of Shickley, Nebraska; nieces and nephews Mikaela Eitzmann of Shickley, Nebraska, Danielle (Doyle) Horwart of Burnsville, Minnesota, Jesse (Tanya) Kempf, Jered (Miranda) Kempf, Cody (Shaylee) Kempf all of Shickley, Nebraska, Wendy (Mark) Vanskiver of Hebron, Nebraska and Libby (Jeremy) Heitmann of Byron, Nebraska; as well as many great nieces and nephews and host of friends and the Lovewell Lake OGs.

A Memorial Service for Jody was held on Saturday, March 27, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. at the Zion Lutheran Church in Carleton, Nebraska. Pastor Beth Roegner officiated the Memorial Service. Ashten Smith played the guitar and sang "Amazing Grace" and "Hallelujah" during the service.

Honorary pallbearers were Jody's grandchildren.

A Private family Graveside Service will take place at the Carleton City Cemetery at a later date.

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 Fillmore County Hospital Foundation or the Buffett Cancer Center at UNMC.

Previous Events

Family Present for Visitation

MAR 26. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Memorial Service

MAR 27. 10:30 AM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church
505 8th st
carelton, NE 68326

Tribute Wall

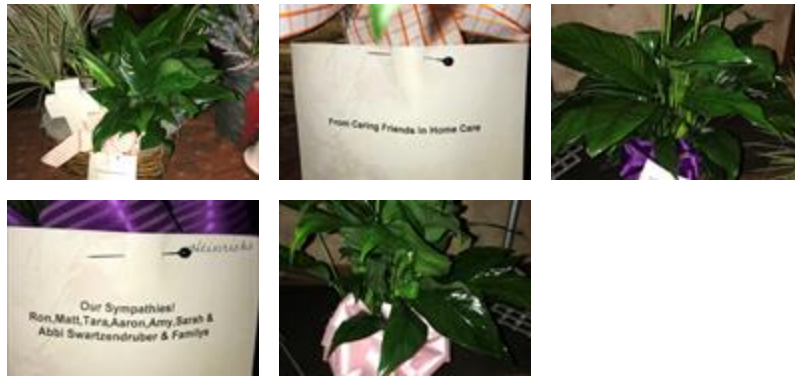
JK

“ Sending our deepest sympathies to you all. Jody always had a smile. We pray for comfort for you all as you mourn her passing. Sending hugs. Jerry & Sue Keim

Jerry & Sue Keim - April 02, 2021 at 11:42 AM



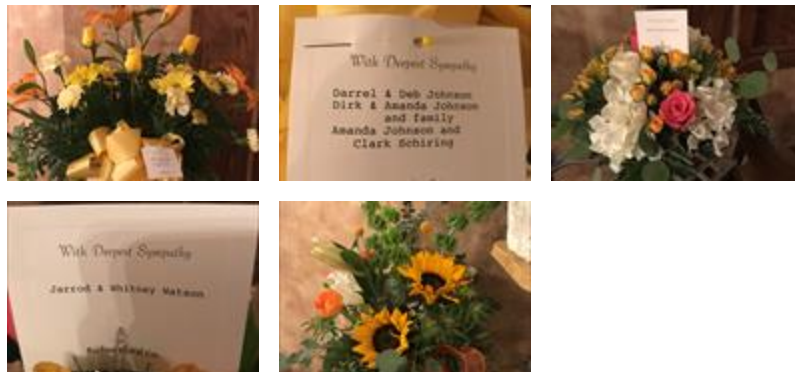
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Farmer & Son Funeral Home - March 29, 2021 at 12:53 PM



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Farmer & Son Funeral Home - March 28, 2021 at 10:14 AM

LJ

“ Love, Aunt Jill purchased the Delightful Dieffenbachia for the family of Jody Heinrichs.



Love, Aunt Jill - March 27, 2021 at 09:58 AM

MA

“ Melodee Andersen lit a candle in memory of Jody Heinrichs



Melodee Andersen - March 26, 2021 at 02:00 PM

LB

“ Love Dearly, The Kenley's (Nate, Mary, Billey) purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Jody Heinrichs.



Love Dearly, The Kenley's (Nate, Mary, Billey) - March 26, 2021 at 11:25 AM

JW

“ Jarrod & Whitney Watson purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Jody Heinrichs.



Jarrod & Whitney Watson - March 26, 2021 at 11:23 AM

JH

“ *Jim&Tori Hergott purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Jody Heinrichs.*



Jim&Tori Hergott - March 26, 2021 at 09:02 AM

SO

“ *Sending lots of love, Bambi Ogren purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Jody Heinrichs.*



Sending lots of love, Bambi Ogren - March 26, 2021 at 08:10 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jody Heinrichs.*



March 25, 2021 at 07:56 PM

KB

“ *Karen Bedlan lit a candle in memory of Jody Heinrichs*



Karen Bedlan - March 25, 2021 at 04:21 PM

KB

“ I'll always remember Jody's beautiful smile and the twinkle in her eyes. She could always bring a smile to my face. My thoughts and prayers are for all Jody's family. Jody will be missed.

Karen Bedlan - March 25, 2021 at 04:07 PM

KB

“ Karen Bedlan lit a candle in memory of Jody Heinrichs



Karen Bedlan - March 25, 2021 at 04:03 PM

MV

“ much love, Germer/Nielsens, Heitmanns, VanSkivers purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Jody Heinrichs.



much love, Germer/Nielsens, Heitmanns, VanSkivers - March 25, 2021 at 02:31 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Jody Heinrichs.



March 25, 2021 at 09:56 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jody Heinrichs.*



March 25, 2021 at 09:54 AM



“ *Doug Fischer & Holly Rippe lit a candle in memory of Jody Heinrichs*



Doug Fischer & Holly Rippe - March 25, 2021 at 09:14 AM



“ *Steve & family...I'm so sorry for the loss of Jody. She was a wonderful, full of fun and laughs, woman. She is going to be greatly missed by all. Praying and thinking of all of you during this difficult time. Shawna Pfingsten Schmidt*

Shawna M Schmidt - March 25, 2021 at 08:31 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jody Heinrichs.*



March 24, 2021 at 11:04 PM

MM

“ Dear Steve and Family, I was fortunate to remember the days of "Hank and Toad". We all worked hard in those days and always had a lot of fun getting together at the Kempf farm. Steve, your young marriage blossomed through the years and dreams of raising a family together. (I think my son used to get calls from one of the girls...so cute and full of life, just like their mama!) I was so saddened to read of Jody's passing. Cherish the memories. My sincere sympathy to Lila. It is so hard to let go of a child, no matter the age. May she rest in peace!

Marla Messman
Fort Collins, CO

Marla Messman - March 24, 2021 at 07:44 PM

VJ

“ Thoughts and prayers!



Virginia Johnson - March 24, 2021 at 04:38 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jody Heinrichs.



March 24, 2021 at 04:32 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Jody Heinrichs.*



March 24, 2021 at 03:20 PM



“ *From the Cargill Carleton Location purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Jody Heinrichs.*



From the Cargill Carleton Location - March 24, 2021 at 01:44 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jody Heinrichs.*



March 24, 2021 at 01:32 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Jody Heinrichs.*



March 24, 2021 at 12:54 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jody Heinrichs.*



March 24, 2021 at 11:19 AM



“ *We were so sorry to hear about your sad news. I always enjoyed visiting with Jody in the office. May she be your diamond in the sky.
May the peace of God be with all of you.
Tom and Barb Trapp*



Barb Trapp - March 24, 2021 at 10:50 AM



“ *Kent & Rose Theobald lit a candle in memory of Jody Heinrichs*



Kent & Rose Theobald - March 24, 2021 at 10:41 AM



“ *Maggie Lahners lit a candle in memory of Jody Heinrichs*



Maggie Lahners - March 24, 2021 at 09:38 AM

MH

“ Steve & family - we are so very sorry for your loss. Please know we are keeping you all in our thoughts & prayers.



Mike & Lynne Houser - March 24, 2021 at 09:25 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jody Heinrichs.



March 24, 2021 at 09:13 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jody Heinrichs.



March 24, 2021 at 12:44 AM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Jody Heinrichs.



March 24, 2021 at 12:17 AM

MB

“ *Marge And Bob Bedlan lit a candle in memory of Jody Heinrichs*



Marge and Bob Bedlan - March 23, 2021 at 10:02 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jody Heinrichs.*



March 23, 2021 at 09:36 PM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Jody Heinrichs.*



March 23, 2021 at 09:22 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jody Heinrichs.*



March 23, 2021 at 08:59 PM

CA

“ *Camella lit a candle in memory of Jody Heinrichs*



Camella - March 23, 2021 at 07:48 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Jody Heinrichs.*



March 23, 2021 at 07:39 PM

DF

“ *Dale Ahrens and family purchased the Serene R etreat for the family of Jody Heinrichs.*



Dale Ahrens and family - March 23, 2021 at 07:26 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Jody Heinrichs.*



March 23, 2021 at 07:11 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Jody Heinrichs.*



March 23, 2021 at 06:59 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jody Heinrichs.*



March 23, 2021 at 06:44 PM



“ *Doug & Patty Johnson lit a candle in memory of Jody Heinrichs*



Doug & Patty Johnson - March 23, 2021 at 06:05 PM



“ *Sincerest and Deepest Sympathy to Jody's family and friends. May she she fly high with Heaven's Angels! Prayers for strength, comfort and peace at this most difficult time....*



TerryAnn Brandt - March 23, 2021 at 06:01 PM

KD

“ *Kim and Dennis purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Jody Heinrichs.*



Kim and Dennis - March 23, 2021 at 05:48 PM