



Kelly S. Dowdy

March 1, 1960 - March 28, 2017

Kelly Sue Dowdy passed away on March 28, 2017 after a courageous battle with brain cancer. She was born in Hastings, NE on March 1, 1960 to Larry and Janis Hinrichs. She was the second of four children. She grew up on a farm near Glenvil where she learned to enjoy the outdoors. Kelly was a member of the 1977 Sandy Creek State Volleyball Championship team. She graduated from Sandy Creek High School in 1978. It was during high school that Kelly met her soul-mate and her true love, Doug Dowdy.

Doug and Kelly were married on August 25, 1979. They moved to a farm near Carleton, NE and were blessed with three wonderful children, Jordan, Justin, and Jessica. Kelly adored both her husband and her children. She always put the needs of Doug and her children ahead of her own. Kelly was a wonderful stay-at-home mom and farm wife. She was actively involved in her children's activities and interests and attended nearly every event in which her children participated. She took care of all the little things in life that usually go unnoticed. She also was active with her church, Bethel Church of the Brethren, and her children's schools, Carleton Public School and Shickley Public School.

Kelly was always busy whether it was spending time with her family and friends, working outside in her yard and garden, cleaning houses, and making homemade bread or runzas for her family and friends. Her life was guided by

her faith in Jesus Christ. She faithfully served the Lord through her good works of caring for others.

Kelly also refereed volleyball for almost thirty years and was a member of the Shickley Community Foundation. Doug and Kelly enjoyed watching and attending many high school and college sporting events including many Husker volleyball games. She loved the times with her close friends visiting about kids, grandkids and life.

Kelly loved her five grandchildren, Madelynne (6), Jackson (5), Samuel (4), Jamie (2), and Garrett (1) and they all adored her. She enjoyed visiting, playing, and spoiling them. She was a very big part of their lives, and touched each one deeply.

Kelly will be deeply missed by her family and friends. She was always outgoing, hard-working, caring, and loving. She had a smile and laugh that was always contagious.

Kelly was preceded in death by her father, Larry Hinrichs.

Kelly is survived by her husband of 37 years, Doug; her children, Jordan Dowdy and his wife April and their children, Madelynne and Samuel, of Lincoln, NE, Justin Dowdy and his wife Jillian and their children Jackson and Jamie, of Gothenburg, NE, and Jessica Schoenholz and her husband Alex and their child Garrett of Bruning, NE. Kelly is also survived by her mother, Janis Hinrichs, of Glenvil, NE; her sister Kathy Murman and her husband Dave of Glenvil, NE; brothers Kurt Hinrichs and his wife Jolene of Hastings, NE, and Kipp Hinrichs and his wife Tonya of Glenvil, NE; father-in-law and mother-in-law Max and Marj Dowdy of Shickley, Nebraska; and brother-in-law and sister-in-law Stan and Andrea Dowdy of Denver, Colorado.

A funeral service for Kelly was held on Saturday, April 1, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. at

the Bethel Church of the Brethren, rural Carleton, Nebraska. Pastor Mike Row officiated the service. Sara Ahrens played the prelude and postlude and accompanied the congregation in the singing of "Amazing Grace." The recorded selections "There Will Be A Day" and "Save A Place For Me" were also played during the service.

Pallbearers for the service included Dean Zauha, Marlin Slingsby, Doug Schardt, Steve Kamler, Reg Sissel, Steve Dornbierer, and Jerry Wiedel. Interment was held in the Bethel Cemetery following the funeral service. Farmer & Son Funeral Home conducted the services. Online condolences may be left at www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com. Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation.

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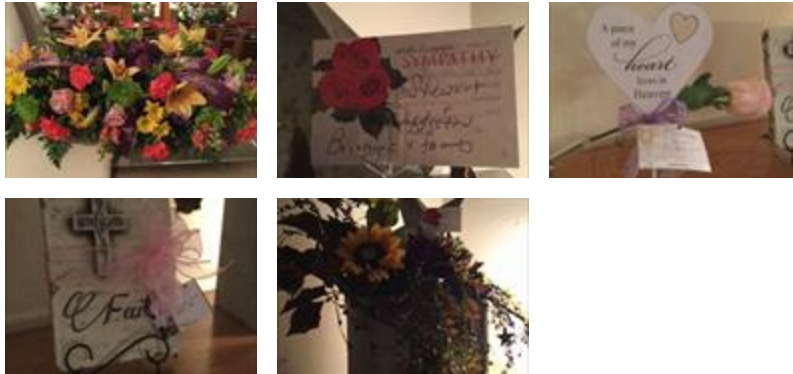
“ *Kim (Sadd) Shaner And Family lit a candle in memory of Kelly S. Dowdy*



Kim (Sadd) Shaner and Family - April 03, 2017 at 02:51 PM



“ 109 files added to the album Kelly Dowdy Flower Pictures



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - April 02, 2017 at 10:40 AM

JD

“ 1 file added to the album Kelly Dowdy Memorial pics and videos



Justin Dowdy - April 01, 2017 at 07:35 PM



“ I will never forget how *HARD* she worked decorating the church for our kids' wedding, or how lovingly interactive she was with Maddy and Sam, or her enthusiasm for Nebraska Volleyball. She will be missed, but only until the resurrection! Hang in there Doug, she was a special lady, and she wants you to live well, and will greet you when we are all gathered together!

Ron VanDeventer

Ron VanDeventer - April 01, 2017 at 01:52 PM

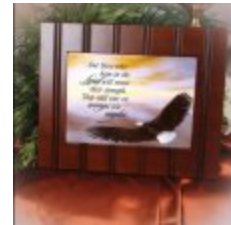


“ Kelly always had a smile on her face and was always willing to lend a helping hand! What a wonderful persons inside and out!
Micki Dondlinger McKibbin

Micki Dondlinger McKibbin - March 31, 2017 at 09:14 PM



“ Ryan, Kelly, Jacob, and Connor Bowman purchased the Eagle Wings Frame for the family of Kelly S. Dowdy.



Ryan, Kelly, Jacob, and Connor Bowman - March 31, 2017 at 06:08 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Kelly S. Dowdy.*



March 31, 2017 at 06:04 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers for Kelly and family! Haven't talk to Kelly for 9 years but every time I seen her she was a very sweet lady! God bless her and family!*

Randy Roth - March 31, 2017 at 11:58 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kelly S. Dowdy.*



March 31, 2017 at 11:17 AM

SW

“ To Kelly's family: We are so very, very sorry to hear this news, especially because we had no idea Kelly was ill. We send our love and sympathy to you all as you travel these difficult days ahead. We have to tell you how very much our mother, Joan Leff Faulkner, loved Kelly and talked about her. She came for many years to our mother's home to help with the cleaning and provided her with such company and laughter. She was a true ray of sunshine. Our mother adored her, and we truly appreciated all Kelly did for her before our mother passed away in 2009. Kelly even came by after our mother's passing to help us as we cleaned out the farmhouse. She was so compassionate and understanding. We know what a tremendous loss this is for not only your family, but also for your community and church family. But we know our mother joyfully greeted her at heaven's gate, and we hope that provides you with a little comfort. Kelly truly was a special person who led a beautiful life and will always be remembered and honored by the many lives she touched.

Susan Wright, Clover, SC

Joyce McCall, Orion, IL

Susan Wright - March 31, 2017 at 09:58 AM

DT

“ Dane, Cheryl & Eli Terhune purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Kelly S. Dowdy.



Dane, Cheryl & Eli Terhune - March 31, 2017 at 09:38 AM

CT

“ We will always remember Kelly's smiling face and friendly demeanor. She will be in our fondest memories. May God be with the Dowdy family during this most difficult time.

Cheryl Terhune - March 31, 2017 at 08:41 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Kelly S. Dowdy.



March 31, 2017 at 12:14 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kelly S. Dowdy.



March 30, 2017 at 09:06 PM



“ My deepest sympathies to the Hinrichs family.
Craig Albrecht

Craig Albrecht - March 30, 2017 at 08:47 PM

EF

“ Justin we are certainly thinking of you and your family. I didn't know your mom but I know she officiated some of our volleyball games in high school. I know she was proud of you. Embrace your wonderful memories. Erin, Greg, Logan and Landon Feather

Erin Feather - March 30, 2017 at 07:44 PM

MW

“ Kelly and I met in junior high school. Her personality and smile made her a friend to everyone. Our paths would cross through the years and I always saw that same special warmth she brought us together as friends. May God's comforting grace be with you.

Martha Wacker - March 30, 2017 at 04:53 PM

 Debra Stromer

“ Dear Kathy, Our hearts and prayers to you and your family. May God comfort you at this time.
Billy, Debbie and Alyssa Stromer

Debra Stromer - March 30, 2017 at 04:24 PM

DW

“ Kelly's family, What can be said that everyone is or has already said? Kelly and I became close friends as we officiated volleyball together for several years. Kelly was always amused when schools would comment that we made a great daughter and father team. We shared laughter and good times while enjoying the sport of volleyball. Thanks Doug and family for sharing her with me. She was a really gem and she will be shining bright in heaven.

Don Wassom - March 30, 2017 at 01:11 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kelly S. Dowdy.*



March 30, 2017 at 11:28 AM



“ *Kelly sincerely cared about those she crossed paths with. Even though my children were much younger than hers when we attended the Carleton Church she was always interested in what they were doing and willing to offer encouragement. I believe that all who knew Kelly were truly blessed and she will be greatly missed. A true woman of God. Prayers for you all as you walk through this valley. May God give you the comfort only He can give and may he use friends to encourage you in the coming days and years.*

Robin & Eric Leichty - March 30, 2017 at 09:48 AM



“ *Mary lit a candle in memory of Kelly S. Dowdy*



Mary - March 30, 2017 at 07:36 AM



“ *I have not seen Kelly for many years since High School, but she was a kind and caring person then and I am sure she was throughout her life. I am saddened when God takes the good ones.....God Bless her family - Joe Brandl*

Joe Brandl - March 29, 2017 at 10:09 PM



“ Kelly you will greatly missed. My heart goes out to her family. May she rest in peace!



Brenda Onken - March 29, 2017 at 08:44 PM



“ My heart and prayers go out to your whole family. I didn't know her very well, but Kelly's love for life was contagious. My memoies of her will be at Swede football games, yelling louder than I was. She was very proud of you, Justin. I always felt we could've been friends. My deepest sympathies go out to her good friends who will miss her outgoing personality and great smile. God bless you all.
LuAnn and Todd Houchin
Gothenburg

LuAnn Houchin - March 29, 2017 at 08:44 PM



You and Mom would have been two peas in a pod. She always had a knack for getting along with others and making friends.

Justin Dowdy - March 30, 2017 at 08:20 PM



“ May God give you all comfort at this very sad time. All our prayers,
Carol Keiser & family

Carol Keiser - March 29, 2017 at 08:24 PM

SS

“ Steve & Barb Sadd lit a candle in memory of Kelly S. Dowdy



Steve & Barb Sadd - March 29, 2017 at 07:45 PM

PL

“ I was lucky to know Kelly as a kid, we lived on opposite hills about 1/4 mile apart, and as adults as we both married and then lived in the Bruning, Carleton, Shickley area. Kelly was a joy to be around and always had a big smile for a friend.

Patt Lentfer

Patt Lentfer - March 29, 2017 at 06:46 PM

LR

“ Kelly's vibrant personality will missed by all who knew her. She left an indelible mark in life and no doubt is sharing this with those in heaven. My Sympathy to Doug and all of the family.

Laurie Reinsch - March 29, 2017 at 04:32 PM