



## Kelly S. Eich

November 17, 1957 - April 15, 2017

Kelly requested cremation. A Memorial Service for her will be 10:00 am Wednesday, April 26, 2017 at the Farmer & Son Funeral Home, in Geneva, Nebraska. Private committal of ashes will be in the Geneva Public Cemetery.

Memorials are directed to the family for later designation.

Kelly Sue Eich was born November 17, 1957 to William Eich and Dorothy Hofferber Eich in Geneva, Nebraska and passed away on April 15, 2017 in Tucson, Arizona. The youngest of three children, Kelly enjoyed her life on the farm working hard, milking cows, riding her horse to school in Strang and being a top FFA and 4-H cattle showman in her teen years.

She graduated from Geneva High School and attended the University of Nebraska and graduated from Lincoln School of Commerce. Kelly was also a graduate of the Nebraska LEAD program.

Kelly took over the family farming and milking operations for a number of years after her father's death and began running a very successful beef business, keeping the hospital and many customers well supplied with beef. Some say Kelly could sell ice to Eskimos, but she was no rank amateur. They wouldn't have left without first buying glasses, straws, an ice chest, a few dozen t-bones and a beach umbrella.

Kelly was unable to continue the physical demands of the farm after an accident. So she accepted an event coordinator position at The Big E in Springfield, Massachusetts working alongside one of her best friends, Jerry. It was in Massachusetts that Kelly met the love of her life, Bob Maloney and they married on August 5, 2011. Kelly loved their home in Springfield and as an avid gardener, she enjoyed her garden and her roses. She was also known as a fabulous cook, recipes were just a “suggestion” to her. They say you can take the girl out of Nebraska but you can’t take the Nebraska out of the girl, which was true for Kelly. She used to joke that she loved to mow her “back 40” as she felt like she was farming again. After retiring, Bob and Kelly moved to sunny Tucson, Arizona and Kelly traded her lawn for a swimming pool and she loved it. She loved Tucson and all the good friends that surrounded them.

Kelly will always be remembered for her amazing singing voice. She won many awards and accolades, sang with the Methodist Church Choir, traveled through Europe with young Nebraskans and sang with the Lincoln Light Opera. It is impossible to list all the weddings and funerals that she sang for.

Kelly is preceded in death by her father and mother and her brother, Bill. She is survived by her husband, Bob Maloney; her sister, Barb Eberhart of Lincoln, niece Chelsea and nephew Matt.

If the measure of a person is their number of friends, then Kelly’s glass overflowed. With her quick wit and infectious smile, fierce loyalty and generosity, mere acquaintances quickly became lifelong friends.

Friends and family will mourn her passing and yet laugh at all the happy memories. Godspeed, Kelly....may angels sing thee to thy rest.

# Tribute Wall

TW

“ Kelly and I made lots of music together in our high school years. I like to think I was her favorite accompanist! Sing on, Kelly, sing on!

Tracy Wilson - June 01, 2017 at 01:24 PM

LY

“ My heart goes out to Kelly's family and friends. I was one of her instructors at Lincoln School of Commerce and she was one of the memorable ones in my 25 years of teaching. I am so glad she had a great life and that she could get back to the farming that she clearly loved. I've thought of her often over the years and she taught me some valuable lessons.

Lora Yardley - April 28, 2017 at 05:27 AM



“ 17 files added to the album Eich Flowers



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - April 27, 2017 at 11:30 AM

KJ

“ Kelly and I sang together alot during our Strang days, the first being at Carleton Milo Days. I still have the photo of Gardie Beavers giving a three dollar prize for placing third! Her voice comforted our family years later singing at my place parents funerals with Curt Prater and Jan Ashby. Rest in peace. Karen Eich Janda

Karen Eich Janda - April 26, 2017 at 12:07 PM

BP

“ How sad to see this in the paper today. I worked with Kelly at the downtown Brandeis store when she came to Lincoln. She worked in the China and Bridal Registry department with Bert and Marie. She rented an apartment in the complex I lived in at 13th and E Street. We had a painting party and she made a huge kettle of macaroni and cheese for us all. What a sense of humor. A truly fun person. I'm sure she will be missed by many. The tributes here show this. Prayers. Bill Porn

Bill Porn - April 25, 2017 at 04:04 PM



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



April 24, 2017 at 11:46 AM

BW

“ I lit a candle in Kelly's memory so that her light may continue to shine throughout Eternity. Rest In Peace, Kelly. You're singing with the angels now. You will be missed.

Brenda Whelan - April 22, 2017 at 12:04 PM

BW

“ *Brenda Whelan lit a candle in memory of Kelly S. Eich*



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**Brenda Whelan** - April 22, 2017 at 11:39 AM

LN

“ *Love, Linda, Moxy & Nikita purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kelly S. Eich.*



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**Love, Linda, Moxy & Nikita** - April 22, 2017 at 11:38 AM

SB

“ *Susan Biba lit a candle in memory of Kelly S. Eich*



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**Susan Biba** - April 22, 2017 at 08:15 AM

SB

*Kelly had such a joyous, infectuous approach to life! I remember many good memories from 4-H and county fair. She will be missed.*

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**Susan Biba** - April 22, 2017 at 08:16 AM

KS

“ I have many great memories of Kelly, most of which center around 4-H events & the fair (County & State)! She was a fabulous person, and will be greatly missed by all who knew her. I will remember her always with sunshine in my heart!

Kay Hafer Shenefelt - April 21, 2017 at 12:19 PM

LF

“ Kelly and my friendship, fun and vacations will be cherished as the good memories they have been. My heart is broken from losing such a good friend but know she is at peace in heaven, singing with the angels...cheering for the HUSKERS!

Linda Frerichs - April 19, 2017 at 04:19 PM

LF

“ Linda Frerichs lit a candle in memory of Kelly S. Eich



Linda Frerichs - April 19, 2017 at 04:12 PM

JC

“ Janene Collins lit a candle in memory of Kelly S. Eich



Janene Collins - April 19, 2017 at 10:21 AM

JN

“ *Jan And Marlyn Noel lit a candle in memory of Kelly S. Eich*



Jan and Marlyn Noel - April 19, 2017 at 09:53 AM

VY

“ *Verlene And Lynn Yates lit a candle in memory of Kelly S. Eich*



Verlene and Lynn Yates - April 19, 2017 at 09:37 AM

CP

“ *Charlotte Lentder Peck lit a candle in memory of Kelly S. Eich*



Charlotte Lentder Peck - April 19, 2017 at 07:02 AM

TW

“ *Tammy Ward lit a candle in memory of Kelly S. Eich*



Tammy Ward - April 18, 2017 at 09:55 PM

GG

“ Gary & Liz Gerberding lit a candle in memory of Kelly S. Eich



Gary & Liz Gerberding - April 18, 2017 at 09:30 PM

MN

“ Ray and I are sorry we will be out of the country on April 26. You will all be in our thoughts and prayers. Kelly had a wonderful musical gift, and we are happy to have shared it with her over the years. The Messiah, directed by MaryLou was so enjoyable. She will be greatly missed

Margaret and Ray Nichols - April 18, 2017 at 08:46 PM

RF

“ I met Kelly 10 years ago when she worked at Liberty Mutual. We became instant friends and I have enjoyed hearing her funny stories and the recipes she has shared on Facebook over the years. We have lost a great person, heaven has gained an amazing angel.

Rena Fox - April 18, 2017 at 04:42 PM

MT

“ Mary Lentfer Taylor lit a candle in memory of Kelly S. Eich



Mary Lentfer Taylor - April 18, 2017 at 04:02 PM

MM

“ Kelly would ride home from volleyball practice with me. Two Strang girls having fun whether it was softball, volleyball or her trying to teach me to sing on tune! Marcella [Hintz] Meyer

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**Marcy Meyer** - April 18, 2017 at 12:37 PM

BI

“ Was sorry to hear the news always enjoyed talking with her



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**Bobbie Bock Itzen** - April 18, 2017 at 10:40 AM

CW

“ Carlene Whitehead lit a candle in memory of Kelly S. Eich



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**Carlene Whitehead** - April 18, 2017 at 10:32 AM

JE

“ Janet Burt Eggers lit a candle in memory of Kelly S. Eich



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**Janet Burt Eggers** - April 18, 2017 at 08:53 AM

JL

“ *Many Memories of working on the Eich Dairy Farm with Kelly many years ago. Feeding and caring for the new born calves, irrigating, chopping thistles, fixing fence, etc, etc. Kelly and her family always had a joke and a story to tell and made the work go by fast. Kelly will be missed. She was a nice lady and loved life. Jerry Lentfer*



**Jerry Lentfer** - April 18, 2017 at 08:45 AM

VJ

“ *Virginia Johnson lit a candle in memory of Kelly S. Eich*



**Virginia Johnson** - April 18, 2017 at 07:32 AM

JW

“ *Jeff And Barb Whitley lit a candle in memory of Kelly S. Eich*



**Jeff and Barb Whitley** - April 18, 2017 at 06:47 AM

DO

“ *Our thought are with your family at this difficult time. Kelly was a absolute beautiful person. She inspired many!*

*Dori Olena*

*Harold Olena*

**Dori Olena** - April 18, 2017 at 06:04 AM

KT

“ *Kent & Rose Theobald lit a candle in memory of Kelly S. Eich*



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**Kent & Rose Theobald** - April 17, 2017 at 08:30 PM

DJ

“ *Deb Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Kelly S. Eich*



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**Deb Jenkins** - April 17, 2017 at 07:34 PM

VA

“ *Vicki Allgood lit a candle in memory of Kelly S. Eich*



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**Vicki Allgood** - April 17, 2017 at 01:49 PM

MJ

“ My dear Kelly was my student in vocal music for five wonderful years! She was an absolute joy to work with as she was such a funny, happy and very talented young lady! I can still hear her infectious laugh and her glorious voice. My heart is heavy because of her passing. Heaven is gaining someone with the voice of an angel. More than likely she will be leading the choir! Love and sympathy to Kelly's family. Mary Lou Olson Jackson



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**Mary Lou Olson Jackson** - April 17, 2017 at 01:23 PM

BB

“ Bart & Mary Brinkman lit a candle in memory of Kelly S. Eich



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**Bart & Mary Brinkman** - April 17, 2017 at 12:58 PM

SB

“ I can still hear her singing O Holy Night at our Christmas programs in Strang when I was her teacher.

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**Shirley Brunkow** - April 17, 2017 at 12:49 PM