



## Linda J. Carroll Zuerlein

February 21, 1961 - July 6, 2023

A Memorial Service for Linda will be held on Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. at the Fairmont Community Church in Fairmont, Nebraska with Pastor Monica Magoola & Lay Pastor Michelle Lessard presiding.

A Book Signing will be held on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 from 1:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. with the family present from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Farmer & Son Funeral Home in Geneva, Nebraska.

Burial of Ashes will be held following the Memorial Service in the Fairmont Public Cemetery in Fairmont, Nebraska.

Memorials are to be directed to the family to be designated at a later date.

To view the Livestream Video of Linda's Memorial Service you can go to Farmer & Son Funeral Home's Facebook Page or in your search engine type @friendlyfuneraldirectors and click the link to Farmer & Son Facebook or click this link <https://www.facebook.com/friendlyfuneraldirectors> and it should direct you to our Facebook Page.

Linda Jean Priefert was born to Neil & Jean (Bernasek) Priefert on February 21, 1961 in York, Nebraska. She passed away on July 6, 2023 in Lincoln, Nebraska at the age of 62 years, 4 months and 15 days surrounded by Lindsey, Danielle and Leslie. Linda gave her cancer one hell of a ride; however, tricked the beast and slipped quietly to meet her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Linda was raised in rural Fairmont, Nebraska with her three sisters, Mary, Carol & Susan. She graduated from Fairmont High School with the class of 1979. A proud Fairmont Tiger, Linda loved her time as a cheerleader and baton twirler, a skill she would carry into her professional life as she later became named as Ms. Fairmont at a clerk convention. As she continued through her adult life, she held her Fairmont alums as dear friends and was always proud to be a FHS Tiger.

On a hot day on July 11, 1981, Linda was united in marriage to Dave Carroll in Fairmont, NE. To this union three daughters were born: Lindsey, Danielle and Leslie. Motherhood quickly became Linda's greatest achievement. She was "Mama Linda" to many kids in surrounding communities and loved them like her own.

She was a fearless leader of Girl Scouts, active softball coach, Fillmore Central Teammates supporter, dedicated FFA booster & 4-H mom. She thoroughly enjoyed supporting her daughters in activities, especially show choir and marching band. The friendships that Linda formed with other mothers during this time were friendships she carried throughout her entire life. Linda's antics at the National FFA convention won't soon be forgotten.

The majority of Linda's career was spent as Village Clerk of Fairmont for 28 years. She found great joy in serving her fellow community members. Throughout her tenure she attended many conferences, welcomed new clerks with open arms and gained life-long friends. While employed full time, Linda earned her Bachelor's Degree in Organizational Management in 2014 from Concordia University, something she took great pride in accomplishing. The capstone of her career was when she was named the USDA Rural Development Clerk of Nebraska in 2017. All those that ever called the Fairmont Village Office can still hear her chirpy voice greet you with, "Fairmont Village Hall, this is Linda".

As life continued, Linda and Dave parted ways, knowing they had given the best of themselves to their daughters. Linda married Kirby Zuerlein on June 16, 2018 in Kearney, NE. Attending worship services in Guide Rock, NE and enjoying meals with friends were important throughout their union.

Linda was an active member of the Fairmont community including the Legion Auxiliary, Community Club and Women's Club. A meeting in Fairmont, NE wasn't a meeting without Linda's voice. She was an active member of the Fairmont Community Church, teaching Sunday school and proudly singing in the church choir. She especially enjoyed her time with the United Methodist Women and her Kid's Rock kids.

Linda will be remembered for being a friend to all, having a bigger than life personality and being just enough EXTRA to make each day with her an adventure.

Linda is preceded in death by her grandparents Elmer & Margaret Priefert and James & Alba Bernasek; parents Neil & Jean Priefert; great aunt Mollie Pope; aunt Vivian Loge; uncle Bob Baker; father-in-law & mother-in-law Bob & Carol Carroll; brother-in-law Kevin

Carroll; Kansas parents Leon & Donna Riffel.

She is survived by her daughters Lindsey Carroll of Lincoln, NE, Danielle (Dakota) Cooper of York, NE, Leslie Carroll of Fairmont, NE; husband Kirby Zuerlein of Red Cloud, NE; grandsons Dominic, Derek & Dusty of York, NE; beloved grandpup Charles of Fairmont, NE; sisters Mary (Dana) Scott of York, NE, Carol (David) Priefert of Centennial, WY, Susan (Brandon) Priefert of Sisters, OR; aunt Wilma Baker of Norfolk, NE; Scott boys & families, Carroll kids & families, Baker cousins, Riffel cousins and many family friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Fairmont Public Cemetery

Fairmont, NE

# Previous Events

## Book Signing

JUL 11. 1:00 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

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## Farmer & Son Funeral Home Facebook Livestream

JUL 12. 10:30 AM (CT)

Fairmont Community Church  
705 F Street  
Fairmont, NE 68354

## Memorial Service

JUL 12. 10:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

CO

“ Linda, You will be missed and boy oh boy do we have some great memories while playiing softball together. We did some pretty honery things but I can tell you it was the best time ever. Teach them how to play softball in heaven. They are going to love you. Rest peacefully my dear. Love Carol Oliver

Carol O - July 13, 2023 at 06:10 PM



“ 90 files added to the album Flower Arrangements



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - July 12, 2023 at 02:42 PM

DB

“ So many memories of growing up in West Blue township and neighbors with the Priefert girls....sledding down hills in winter north of Bohemials.... carpooling to summer swim lessons....vacation bible school days and of course all the 4-H memories with Keep Em Growing and later with our own kids in Handy Hands. Linda fought the good fight and showed her courage and strength. God Bless the family at this time. Don & Linda Bristol

Don and Linda Bristol - July 12, 2023 at 10:29 AM

PN

“ She was loved by many, missed by many and left so many crazy memories. Our sympathy and prayers to the family.

Pam & Jim Norquest - July 12, 2023 at 09:34 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Linda J. Carroll Zuerlein.*



July 11, 2023 at 05:27 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Linda J. Carroll Zuerlein.*



July 11, 2023 at 04:12 PM

GF

“ *Gottsch Livestock Feeders purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Linda J. Carroll Zuerlein.*



**Gottsch Livestock Feeders** - July 11, 2023 at 12:40 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Linda J. Carroll Zuerlein.*



July 10, 2023 at 08:11 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Linda J. Carroll Zuerlein.*



July 10, 2023 at 07:29 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Linda J. Carroll Zuerlein.

July 10, 2023 at 07:29 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Linda J. Carroll Zuerlein.



July 10, 2023 at 07:25 PM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Linda J. Carroll Zuerlein.



July 10, 2023 at 05:25 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Linda J. Carroll Zuerlein.

July 10, 2023 at 05:25 PM

JO

“ Many thoughts and prayers to Linda's family and friends. I worked closely with Linda on community grant projects when I worked for the development district. She always gave me great life and career advice! We became great colleagues and friends! Her secret power might have been making you feel like she'd known you all of your life even if you had just met. She will be greatly missed in her community and I will forever remember her strong willed spirit when I think of her. My sincere condolences to the family. - Jennifer Olds

Jennifer Olds - July 10, 2023 at 05:22 PM

LH

“ *Linda Heinisch lit a candle in memory of Linda Carroll Zuerlein*



Linda Heinisch - July 10, 2023 at 03:46 PM

DS

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to Linda's Family. So sorry for the lost. Donna Snodgrass*

Donna Snodgrass - July 10, 2023 at 01:14 PM

ML

“ *I will miss you friend, all of our mani-pedi days, and all of our laughs. I will cherish those memories. You fought a hard battle so strong and now you can Rest In Gods Arms, I love you.*



Michelle Lessard - July 10, 2023 at 12:17 PM

TC

“ *Tricia - Chapman lit a candle in memory of Linda Carroll Zuerlein*



Tricia Galusha - Chapman - July 10, 2023 at 11:44 AM

LP

“ *LaDonna Pendleton lit a candle in memory of Linda Carroll Zuerlein*



LaDonna Pendleton - July 09, 2023 at 01:54 PM

DF

“ Diane and family lit a candle in memory of Linda Carroll Zuerlein



Diane Swerczek and family - July 08, 2023 at 09:47 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Linda J. Carroll Zuerlein.



July 08, 2023 at 02:30 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Linda J. Carroll Zuerlein.



July 08, 2023 at 01:58 PM

VJ

“ Virginia Johnson lit a candle in memory of Linda Carroll Zuerlein



Virginia Johnson - July 08, 2023 at 10:14 AM

MS

“ So sorry to hear about Linda, she was such a great lady who was a friend to everyone, we will miss her ❤️  
Our Deepest Sympathy

Mark & Sarah - July 08, 2023 at 07:39 AM

BM

“ Hugs and prayers to all. Linda was a great lady and someone I can call a true friend. We had a lot of good times together at the Legion,, Fairmont Days and our visits at the city hall. She will be missed. RIP Linda.



Beverly Mohlman - July 07, 2023 at 10:45 PM

KT

“ Kent Theobald lit a candle in memory of Linda Carroll Zuerlein



Kent & Rose Theobald - July 07, 2023 at 07:51 PM

BT

“ Prayers and sympathy for the families!  
Barb and Tom Trapp



Barb Trapp - July 07, 2023 at 05:10 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Linda J. Carroll Zuerlein.



July 07, 2023 at 04:59 PM