



Sara J. Pella

June 23, 1991 - June 10, 2025

A Celebration of Life for Sara was held on Monday, June 23, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. at the Exeter Milligan High School Gymnasium. Dr. Billy Lones presided over the service.

The recorded selections "Jealous Of The Angels" and "Warrior" were played for the service. Special music, "Amazing Grace," was sang by Eryn Conyers.

Honorary pallbearers included Desire Grismore-Jones, Eryn Conyers, and Aaron Conyers.

Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation.

Sara Jane Pella, 33, of Exeter, Nebraska, passed peacefully from this life on June 10, 2025 at her home in Exeter. A devoted wife, loving mother, and deeply cherished daughter, Sara's light touched the lives of all who knew her.

She was born on June 23, 1991 in Winslow, Arizona to her father and mother, Ernest (Lynn) and Malynda (Mindy) (Robinson) Lincoln. She grew up in Leon, Iowa and graduated from Central Decatur High School in 2009. Sara began her college journey playing basketball at Southwest Community College but later transferred to York (College) University to be closer to family — a decision that reflected her devotion to the people she loved. For Sara —

family was never just a part of life — it was the heart of it.

At York University is where she met her husband, Jordan Pella. Their love quickly became the foundation of a beautiful life together. They were married on November 2, 2019 and have been blessed with two children, Winslow (4) and Lincoln (2).

Sara and Jordan made their life in Exeter and Sara quickly poured her heart into the close-knit community. As a devoted teacher and girls' high school basketball coach at Exeter-Milligan, she was known for her steady encouragement, fierce belief in her students, and the way she celebrated every victory—on and off the court. Her players looked up to her not only as a coach, but as a role model who led with compassion, strength, and integrity.

Sara's love for her community ran deep. Beyond her roles as teacher and coach, she gave generously of her time and talents to make Exeter a better place for everyone. She managed the town pool during the summers, creating a safe and welcoming space where countless children learned to swim and laugh under her watch. At one point, she also took on the role of librarian, sharing her love of books and learning with readers of all ages. A dedicated member of the Exeter Community Club, Sara was always at the heart of local events—organizing, volunteering, and showing up with that dependable, can-do spirit that made her so beloved. Her presence was a thread woven tightly through the fabric of the town she called home.

Sara found joy in life's simplest and sweetest moments. She loved spending time at the family ranch—working hard, riding horses, and sharing laughter with those she loved most. A devoted 'Friends' fan, she had watched every episode multiple times over, never missing an opportunity to quote her favorite lines. Sara had a creative spirit and a big heart, especially when it came to her children—planning matching Halloween costumes, making every day an

adventure, and creating memories they'll carry forever. Her love for family was woven into everything she did.

Sara's cancer diagnosis was a heartbreaking shock to all who knew her. True to who she was, she faced it with courage, grace, and strength. Her greatest source of that strength was her family. Her husband, Jordan, stood faithfully by her side, steady and selfless through every challenge. Their children remained her greatest joy, and she was constantly lifted by the love and support of her parents, siblings, and in-laws, who never left her side. The community she had poured herself into also rallied without hesitation—offering meals, fundraisers, prayers, and a steady presence. The love Sara had so freely given throughout her life came back to her in full, a beautiful reflection of the life she lived and the hearts she touched.

Sara is survived by her husband, her children, her parents; her sisters, Jenna (Jesus) Perez and Ella Lincoln; a brother, Mike Lincoln; aunt, but more like a sister, Desiré (Philip) Grismore-Jones; grandmothers Margaret (Peggy) Rogers, MaryAnn Lincoln and Barbara Perkins; father and mother-in-law, Rodger and Lynette Pella; sister-in-laws Amber (Alex) Lefferdink and Morgan (Terry) West; countless aunts and uncles, four nephews and nieces and many other family and friends.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN **23**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Exeter Milligan High School
318 South River Avenue
Exeter, NE 68351

Tribute Wall



“ 80 files added to the album Flower Pictures



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - June 23, 2025 at 03:01 PM

BU

“ Brenda Neymeyer & Amanda Uyeda purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Sara J. Pella.



Brenda Neymeyer & Amanda Uyeda - June 22, 2025 at 09:55 PM

BU

“ Brenda Neymeyer & Amanda Uyeda planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sara J. Pella.

Brenda Neymeyer & Amanda Uyeda - June 22, 2025 at 09:55 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Sara J. Pella.*



June 21, 2025 at 02:39 PM



“ *Terry, Michele, Rachel, Grant and Emily purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Sara J. Pella.*



Terry, Michele, Rachel, Grant and Emily - June 20, 2025 at 02:58 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Sara J. Pella.*



June 19, 2025 at 09:57 PM



“ *The Rogers' family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Sara J. Pella.*



The Rogers' family - June 18, 2025 at 10:37 PM

TF

“ The Rogers' family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sara J. Pella.

The Rogers' family - June 18, 2025 at 10:37 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Sara J. Pella.



June 17, 2025 at 03:04 PM



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

June 17, 2025 at 03:04 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sara J. Pella.



June 16, 2025 at 12:09 PM

T2

“ The Moravia Class of 2009 purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Sara J. Pella.



The Moravia Class of 2009 - June 15, 2025 at 03:22 PM

CT

“ Cross County Girls Basketball Team purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Sara J. Pella.



Cross County Girls Basketball Team - June 15, 2025 at 12:26 AM

CT

“ Cross County Girls Basketball Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sara J. Pella.

Cross County Girls Basketball Team - June 15, 2025 at 12:26 AM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sara J. Pella.



June 14, 2025 at 08:32 PM

Jl

“ Sending our heartfelt sympathies, prayers & hugs to Sara's loved ones... Prayers continue... Cherish your memories!



Jeff & Cindy Stewart - Corydon Iowa - June 14, 2025 at 04:33 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sara J. Pella.*



June 14, 2025 at 04:24 PM



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

June 14, 2025 at 12:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Sara J. Pella.*



June 14, 2025 at 12:26 PM



“ *Although I didn't know Sara personally or her beautiful family but I do know her father and mother-in-law and grandparents. Your story and your life touched my heart and now breaks it after learning that you left this worldly life. But if I know of only one thing, it's that you are in the arms of our loving God and with him you will forever be in a place more beautiful than we could ever imagine.
My thoughts and prayers are with you, your loving family and friends. Your light will forever shine bright in the lives you touched and the legacy you left behind.*

Susan B Goracke - June 14, 2025 at 02:04 AM

YW

“ York University WBB purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Sara J. Pella.



York University WBB - June 13, 2025 at 09:09 PM

TS

“ Taylor Clark, Tiara Fopma & Kathy Smith planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sara J. Pella.

Taylor Clark, Tiara Fopma & Kathy Smith - June 13, 2025 at 04:54 PM

TS

“ Taylor Clark, Tiara Fopma & Kathy Smith purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Sara J. Pella.



Taylor Clark, Tiara Fopma & Kathy Smith - June 13, 2025 at 04:54 PM

JT

“ Joe and Nancy Thramer lit a candle in memory of Sara Pella



Joe and Nancy Thramer - June 13, 2025 at 02:55 PM

GS

“ Gary and Teresa Smith lit a candle in memory of Sara Pella



Gary and Teresa Smith - June 12, 2025 at 09:23 PM

LF

“ Love, D. , Linda , Jordan and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sara J. Pella.

Love, D. , Linda , Jordan and Family - June 12, 2025 at 02:58 PM

LF

“ Love, D. , Linda , Jordan and Family purchased the "Arms of an Angel" Picture Perfect 27" Chime for the family of Sara J. Pella.



Love, D. , Linda , Jordan and Family - June 12, 2025 at 02:58 PM

TC

“ The Clantons purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Sara J. Pella.



The Clantons - June 12, 2025 at 02:40 PM

TC

“ The Clantons planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sara J. Pella.

The Clantons - June 12, 2025 at 02:40 PM

KE

“ Kathryn Ekeler lit a candle in memory of Sara Pella



Kathryn Ekeler - June 12, 2025 at 12:19 PM

PM

“ Pat Mathiesen lit a candle in memory of Sara Pella



Pat Mathiesen - June 12, 2025 at 05:09 AM

JL

“ Jordan Larson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sara J. Pella.

Jordan Larson - June 11, 2025 at 10:55 PM

JL

“ Jordan Larson purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Sara J. Pella.



Jordan Larson - June 11, 2025 at 10:55 PM

CF

“ Curtis and Kessa Hoepker and family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sara J. Pella.

Curtis and Kessa Hoepker and family. - June 11, 2025 at 09:44 PM

CF

“ Curtis and Kessa Hoepker and family. purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of Sara J. Pella.



Curtis and Kessa Hoepker and family. - June 11, 2025 at 09:44 PM

CL

“ “redhead sara” as we called her, was such a light to me growing up. i wanted nothing more than to be exactly like her. she was beautiful, kind, loving, an incredible athlete, and still made the time to come to dinners at our house. so much love. ❤️❤️



Calleigh Lones - June 11, 2025 at 08:48 PM

CF

“ Chris and Evelyn Petty, Brittini Fisher planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sara J. Pella.

Chris and Evelyn Petty, Brittini Fisher - June 11, 2025 at 06:35 PM

CF

“ Chris and Evelyn Petty, Brittini Fisher purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Sara J. Pella.



Chris and Evelyn Petty, Brittini Fisher - June 11, 2025 at 06:35 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Sara J. Pella.



June 11, 2025 at 05:50 PM

JG

“ Jason george lit a candle in memory of Sara Pella



Jason george - June 11, 2025 at 05:00 PM

TW

“ Terry, Morgan, Gavin & Aden West planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sara J. Pella.

Terry, Morgan, Gavin & Aden West - June 11, 2025 at 02:39 PM

TW

“ Terry, Morgan, Gavin & Aden West purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Sara J. Pella.



Terry, Morgan, Gavin & Aden West - June 11, 2025 at 02:39 PM

RC

“ Ryon, Kayla, Max, Georgie & Kaia Carr purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Sara J. Pella.



Ryon, Kayla, Max, Georgie & Kaia Carr - June 11, 2025 at 02:37 PM



“ *The most beautiful angel watches over her loved ones..from heaven up above. The most hardest days lay ahead of you..but I promise there will be brighter days ahead.*

Love, The Hendersons ❤️🙏



Venessa Henderson - June 11, 2025 at 02:31 PM

DJ

So very sorry for the families loss. Prayers for comfort and strength.

Doreen and Dennis Johnson - June 11, 2025 at 07:00 PM



Venessa Henderson - June 11, 2025 at 08:43 PM

JJ

Beautiful memories

J J - June 11, 2025 at 10:09 PM

RM

*My deepest sympathy to family
Been praying for this precious lady and her family for sometime. My heart aches*

Renea Morrissey - June 13, 2025 at 06:42 PM

PA

My deepest sympathy to Jordan, Winslow, Lincoln and Sara's family. Sara never seemed to have a bad day and flashed that beautiful smile. I always looked forward to her idea for family Halloween costumes and trick or treating at my door. Such a beautiful soul.

Paula Asmus - June 13, 2025 at 07:52 PM

RJ

“ *With Deepest Sympathy*

*Our hearts are heavy with sorrow as we
remember such a beautiful life—
one that touched others with kindness, grace,
and quiet strength.*

*In every shared smile, every gentle word, every act of love,
Sara's light remains.*

*May you find comfort in precious memories,
peace in the love that surrounds you,
and hope in knowing Sara's spirit lives on
in every heart she touched.*

With love and deepest sympathy. 💔

Richard and Yvonne Johnson



Richard and Yvonne Johnson - June 11, 2025 at 01:42 PM