



## Athena Lynn Nielsen

September 22, 1964 - March 31, 2019

Athena Lynn Schoenstein Nielsen was born on September 22, 1964 in Grand Island, Nebraska to Robert and Karen (Norris) Schoenstein. She grew up in Aurora, Nebraska where she graduated from Aurora High School in 1982. Athena attended Beauty School in Grand Island. As a young girl, Athena developed her love of music and played the flute in the high school band.

Athena was blessed with 3 children: Ahlia, Andrew and Kaitlyn and she has raised her family in Grand Island, Omaha, King Lake and Waterloo over the years. She has spent most of her working career as a care giver both in a Nursing Home and with In-Home care. Athena continued her love of music, her children and animals. She loved the music of KISS and relaxing in front of the television watching retro shows. Athena was an avid Patriots fan, loved home cooking and a cold Coke, and dinner out at Outback.

Athena passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, March 31 at Bergan Mercy Hospital in Omaha at the age of 54 years, 6 months and 9 days. She was preceded in death by her father Robert and step-father Gene Bryant. Athena is survived by her children: Ahlia Montague, Andrew Nielsen and Kaitlyn Nielsen all of Elkhorn; grandson Alijah Montague; her mother Karen Bryant of Waterloo, Nebraska; and step-mother Sandy Schoenstein of Gretna, NE.

# Cemetery Details

## Elk City Cemetery

23500 Elk City Dr.  
Valley, NE 68064

# Previous Events

## Graveside

APR 5 (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Athena Lynn Nielsen*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *If there is absolutely anything I can do please call me, stop by the house or message me on Facebook.-Jennifer and K.C. Cuyar 402-289-2865*



**Jennifer & Karen Cuyar** - April 05, 2019 at 06:38 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Athena was a kind person with a fun soul. Brenda Walter*



**Brenda Walter** - April 04, 2019 at 06:18 PM



“ *Monte, Maurine, Thomas and Robert Schoenstein purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Athena Lynn Nielsen.*



**Monte, Maurine, Thomas and Robert Schoenstein** - April 04, 2019 at 09:20 AM

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“ *Im so sorry about Athena! I absolutely cant believe it. I met Athena when I was 5 years old and we lived across the street. I was playing in my front yard and a pretty dark haired girl waved me over. I had a terrible time pronouncing her name, so I called her Teeny. We became best friends. We listened to music on her record player, songs I had never heard before. She introduced me to the Bay City Rollers, and KISS. We both had a crush on Davy Jones. We tried baking cakes in her Easy Bake Oven, but the raw batter was too tempting, so we ate it first! We spent hours together, talking, laughing, being silly. We went camping with her Gramma June in her Winnebago. I remember when I accidently shut her finger in the door, and split the nail on the middle finger of her right hand. She had to wear a brace around the finger for weeks. I felt so bad, but strange thing was, I did the exact same thing to my left hand a week later! Athena thought it was pretty hilarious when I showed her at school, and all she said was 'Karma'! The years passed, and I moved away and we lost touch. But thanks to the magic of Facebook, we reconnected. I wanted so much to get together and catch up, and remember the good times, but it never happened, and now its too late. I have alot of good memories of Aurora, and they all the Athena in them. And even though I havent seen her in a long time, I will miss her. She will live forever in my heart. I love you Teeny!!*

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**Gayle Spidle Ferguson** - April 03, 2019 at 08:37 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Athena Lynn Nielsen.*



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April 03, 2019 at 12:57 PM