



## Barbara Jean Frye

March 6, 1961 - May 20, 2024

Barbara Jean Frye was born in Columbus, Nebraska on March 6, 1961 to John and Dorrene (Kreuger) Kunneman. She grew up in Columbus, graduating from Lakeview High School in 1979 and attended Kearney State where she earned her Bachelor of Business Accounting in 1983. On June 12, 1982, Barb was united in marriage to Lee Frye at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Columbus. They were blessed with two daughters, Lindsey and Jacey. They spent most of their married life residing in both Arizona and Nebraska, and Barb worked as an accountant and a legal assistant.

In her free time, Barb enjoyed hosting parties and loved to have girls' nights. Barb and Lee both had very fond memories of the surprise 35th wedding anniversary party that was thrown for them by their daughters. Seventies rock was her favorite music, she rooted for the Huskers, and enjoyed a glass of wine in the evening. Barb was an active member at Bethany Lutheran and since she loved travel, she helped plan and participated in many mission trips. Spending time with her family was important to her, and the birth of her granddaughter, Oakleigh, was a very special moment in her life.

On May 20, 2024, Barbara passed away after a long illness. Her children wish for her to be remembered as the loving and caring woman she was before she was affected by Alzheimer's Disease.

Barb was preceded in death by her parents, John and Dorrene Kunneman. She is survived by her husband, Lee Frye; children, Lindsey Frye and Jacey (Garrett) O'Dell; granddaughter, Oakleigh O'Dell; brother-in-law, Curt (Dianne) Frye; sister-in-law, Brenda Frye; and her nieces and nephews. Memorials may be directed to the Bethany Lutheran Mission Outreach.

At Barb's request, please wear bright colors for the visitation and funeral.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 27.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn  
21901 W. Maple Rd.  
P.O. Box 711  
Elkhorn, NE 68022  
402-289-2222  
services@reichmuthfuneralhomes.com  
<https://www.reichmuthfuneralhomes.com/>

## Funeral Ceremony

**MAY 28.** 10:30 AM (CT)

Bethany Lutheran Church  
4200 N 204th Street  
Elkhorn, NE 68022

# Tribute Wall



“ *Reichmuth Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Barbara Jean Frye*



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**Reichmuth Funeral Home** - May 27, 2024 at 11:33 PM

MH

“ *My condolences to Lee, Barb’s sister Sandra, and her daughters. I knew Barb from highschool and counted her as a dear friend. She was sweet, funny, caring, generous, and smart. May memories of her bring you comfort.*

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**Monica Holland** - May 28, 2024 at 11:34 AM

AC

“ *My sympathies to you Lee, the girls and Sandra. As you know, Barb and I grew up as children in the same neighborhood and her parents were dear lifelong friends of my parents, Arlyn & Claudia Gehring. I was so happy to see Barb one last time at Jack’s funeral in Columbus. She was a kind and beautiful soul and I will cherish the many wonderful memories we made growing up! May she rest in peace! 🙏*

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**Ann Cattau** - May 28, 2024 at 10:44 AM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Barbara Jean Frye.*



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May 25, 2024 at 05:48 PM



“ *Our deepest condolences to Lee and Barb's entire family. We are grateful for the privilege of knowing Barb. We remember her ready smile and infectious laugh. And she had such a kind, sweet spirit; it was a joy being around her. We loved going to Husker football games with Barb & Lee!  
Love & prayers, Tom & Janelle*

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**Janelle Roth** - May 25, 2024 at 02:44 PM



“ *Life long friends, The Lanham's purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Barbara Jean Frye.*



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**Life long friends, The Lanham's** - May 25, 2024 at 11:26 AM



“ *Sue Kirkpatrick purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Barbara Jean Frye.*



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**Sue Kirkpatrick** - May 24, 2024 at 11:33 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Barbara Jean Frye.



May 24, 2024 at 12:18 PM



“ A group of us, including Barb & Lee, went to Mexico & we have many fond memories of Barb on that trip. May she rest in peace. Our deepest sympathies to Lee & the rest of the family. Kay & Kerry Kasulka



Kay Kasulka - May 23, 2024 at 03:32 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Barbara Jean Frye.



May 22, 2024 at 09:24 PM



“ Magaly Que planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Jean Frye.

Magaly Que - May 21, 2024 at 06:43 PM

MQ

“ *Magaly Que purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Barbara Jean Frye.*



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**Magaly Que** - May 21, 2024 at 06:43 PM

KR

“ *Kim & Ron Riggle purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Barbara Jean Frye.*



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**Kim & Ron Riggle** - May 21, 2024 at 04:29 PM

RS

“ *Dear Frye family,*

*You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

*I had the privilege and have great memories working alongside your Dad in Arizona.*

*We would counsel each other when things in our lives got to be a little heavier load.*

*I took the lead on caring for my Mother when Alzheimer's took her ability to.*

*I know the hardship of this journey too well.*

*Hugs to you all. Please give your Dad an extra big from me ❤️*

*Ruth Smith*

*Eloy, Az.*

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**Ruth Smith** - May 21, 2024 at 02:35 PM

CS

“ Marv and I met Barb by attending a bible study at Bethany led by her and Lee. We learned so much and also had the best time ever. We laughed and loved our way through these studies and became very good friends. Barb was a great cook and I treasure a number of her recipes. Sitting at their dinner table was always an experience in flavor, friendship and definitely fun. We will miss her dearly. □  
Connie & Marv Showalter

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Connie Showalter - May 21, 2024 at 01:39 PM

PK

*My deepest sympathy to you Lee, in the loss of your wife Barb and daughters Lindsey and Jacey and families. My mother too lived at Elkridge so when I went to visit her I was always greeted by the door by Barb. Eventually I took Barb with me weather permitting to walk outside. Several winter Sundays we walked inside and stopped at the Icecream machine. Boy how I wish I would have met her in her earlier days. I too grew up and graduated from Columbus, Ne. May all your fond memories with her bring you peace. Sorry this is so late. I just found out about her passing. Beautiful service to honor her.*

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penny kampschneider - July 22, 2024 at 01:49 PM