



Delores "Dee" M. Micheel

October 26, 1940 - December 1, 2025

Delores M. "Dee" Micheel was born October 26, 1940, in Pender, Nebraska to Carl and Marian (Olson) Anderson. The family later moved to Oakland, Nebraska. Dee attended a one-room country school, District 48-Rock School four miles west of Oakland on the highway. She also attended a one-room school for one year three miles west of Craig, and one year at a one-room school, northwest of Oakland. She was confirmed at First Covenant Church in Oakland in July 1956 and graduated from Oakland High School in 1958. She went on to attend Lincoln School of Commerce in Lincoln for 9 months. From there, she moved to Omaha and began her first job at Northern Natural Gas. Dee married Noel Finke on May 9, 1964, and they were blessed with two daughters, Patty and Sherri. In the early '70's, Dee and Noel purchased Bennington Food Mart and Freezer Meats. Noel passed away from cancer 2 years after they purchased the store. Dee continued to run the store with the help of Al Lambiase. She sold it 12 years later. Dee then went to work at Immanuel Hospital for 6 months, then to Douglas County Housing for 2 ½ years, and then to First National Bank for 18 years.

Dee married Bill Micheel in 1981, and their daughter Kari was born.

Dee was active in several organizations, but she dedicated most of her efforts to the Bennington Lions Club. She knew and served Lions locally and statewide, serving as District Governor for one year in 2009-2010. She was also a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and loved going to the Lighthouse coffee house every Tuesday and Thursday morning. She was a

member of the Bennington Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary, Order of the Eastern Star, MoRi Shrine Club, Bennington Historical Society, Bennington Tree Board, Pilot Light ladies' group, and Gold Wing Motorcycle Club.

Dee loved playing cards and putting together jigsaw puzzles. She loved feeding birds and squirrels and growing flowers.

Dee passed away suddenly at CHI Lakeside Hospital on Monday, December 1, 2025, at the age of 85 years, 1 month and 6 days. She was preceded in death by her first husband Noel, parents, brothers, Harold and LeRoy Anderson, sister Janet Higley, and grandson Doug Roth, Jr. Dee is survived by her three daughters: Patty (Larry) Morgan, Sherri (Doug) Roth, and Kari Micheel, 5 granddaughters: Kendra, Kayla, Ashley, Amber and April, and two great grandsons: Leyc and Ollie, her sister Jolene (Dave) Allen and two brothers: Leonard and James Anderson.

A celebration of life service will be held Monday, Dec. 8, 2025, at St. John's Lutheran Church, Bennington with visitation from Noon to 2 PM prior to the service. Private family interment will be at Flower Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Lighthouse Coffee House at St. John's or the Nebraska Lions Foundation.

Cemetery Details

Flower Hill Cemetery-Omaha

144th Street, N. of Fort St.
Omaha, NE 68164

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 8. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

St. John's Lutheran Church
322 N. Molley St.
Bennington, NE 68007

Celebration of Life Service

DEC 8. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Reichmuth Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Delores "Dee" M. Micheel*



Reichmuth Funeral Home - December 03, 2025 at 04:16 PM

LP

“ *Lengemann & Associates PC purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Delores "Dee" M. Micheel.*



Lengemann & Associates PC - December 08, 2025 at 09:10 AM

LD

“ *Leonard, James, Jolene and Dave purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Delores "Dee" M. Micheel.*



Leonard, James, Jolene and Dave - December 04, 2025 at 12:19 PM

AF

“ Anderson and family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Delores "Dee" M. Micheel.



Anderson and family - December 04, 2025 at 11:45 AM

AF

“ Anderson and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Delores "Dee" M. Micheel.

Anderson and family - December 04, 2025 at 11:45 AM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Delores "Dee" M. Micheel.



December 04, 2025 at 10:07 AM

NI

“ Nates Stumble Inn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Delores "Dee" M. Micheel.

Nates Stumble Inn - December 03, 2025 at 10:47 PM



“ *Nates Stumble Inn purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Delores "Dee" M. Micheel.*



Nates Stumble Inn - December 03, 2025 at 10:47 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Delores "Dee" M. Micheel.*



December 03, 2025 at 05:11 PM



“ *Cindy lit a candle in memory of Delores "Dee" M. Micheel*



Cindy - December 03, 2025 at 04:05 PM

BS

“ My condolences to the family of Dee Micheel. I worked with Dee at FNBO. I have lots of memories of her. Most of them include her fun laugh, whether it be when she was sharing her true pride about her daughters or a giggle about a man-friend. I also remember her heartbreak and tears when her grandson was stillborn. After her retirement, I ran into her on occasion in Bennington. She was always a happy person. I last saw her at her 85th birthday party. I am so happy the family held this event to celebrate her. She will be missed.

Becky Sandiland - December 03, 2025 at 10:53 AM

LM

Such a wonderful caring person. Smiles and laughter always. Go rest high you have earned your wings and will be missed but remembered with ❤️

Lana Murphy - December 03, 2025 at 11:37 AM