



## Erin M. Bertinetti

March 2, 1978 - March 12, 2021

Erin Marie Bertinetti, 43, of Omaha, Nebraska, went home to be with the Lord, Friday, March 12, 2021.

Erin was born March 2, 1978, in Omaha, to Joseph and M. Colleen (nee Burds) Bertinetti. She graduated from Elkhorn Senior High School in 1996. Erin attended the Creative Center College of Arts and Design, Omaha, from 1998 to 2002; she earned an Associate of Occupational Studies and an Associate of Occupational Studies in advanced graphic design. In addition, she won two prestigious design awards: an AIGI (American Institute of Graphic Artists) for an illustration in 1999, and an ADDY (American Advertising Federation) for a corporate logo in 2000.

Erin resided in Omaha until 2003, when she moved to Gilbert, Arizona. Although her educational background was in graphic design, she discovered a passion for working with special needs children while in Arizona. Erin returned to her beloved Omaha in 2012, where she continued to serve children with special needs. On April 1, 2013, her employment at Region V Services, Gretna, Nebraska, commenced. Ultimately, it marked the day she became a member of a very special family. Erin was committed to the mission of helping people with developmental disabilities live, work, play, and learn in the community, but more importantly, she strived to help individuals overcome social stigmas, achieve facets of autonomy, and live happy, fulfilling lives. Erin cherished time with family and friends. Summer weekends were often spent camping along the banks of the Elkhorn River with dear friends. Equally

important in her life, were Erin's canine companions, whom she loved and adored.

It would be an understatement to describe Erin simply as a "crafter". She continuously embarked upon new projects and immersed herself into each one until she perfected her skills. There were no limits to the plethora of crafts Erin enjoyed creating and gifting. Friends and family could count on her distinctive Christmas cards each December.

Erin's most admirable attributes were undoubtedly her strength, endurance and resilience. She overcame childhood leukemia twice, and defied the odds when she survived 21 years subsequent to a diagnosis of stage IV ovarian cancer. Erin's tenacity inspired people she encountered at medical facilities, cancer walks, and support groups. She was genuinely a trail blazer for present and future warriors.

Erin is survived by mother, M. Colleen Bertinetti of Omaha; father, Joseph Bertinetti (Jane) of Omaha; brother, Scott Bertinetti (Diane) and nieces, Sydney and Samantha, of Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania; sister, Michelle Bertinetti (Greg) of Gilbert, Arizona; brother, Christopher Bertinetti; and loving aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

She is preceded in death by her maternal and paternal grandparents.

An Erin Bertinetti Memorial Fund has been established. Memorial contributions may be forwarded to Reichmuth Funeral Home, P.O. Box 67, Elkhorn, Nebraska 68022.

# Cemetery Details

## Prospect Hill Cemetery

21907 West Maple Road  
Elkhorn, NE 68022

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

JUN 7. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Patrick's Catholic Church  
20400 W. Maple Rd.  
Elkhorn, NE 68022

# Tribute Wall



“ *Erin M. Bertinetti*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *Just today learned of Erin's passing. Although I didn't know her my heart goes out to you, Colleen, and your family .*

**Carole Bertinetti- distant cousin** - November 07, 2021 at 11:07 AM



“ *I will always remember her smile. She was a special woman. Sincere sympathy to the family. Patsy Schmidt*

**Patsy Schmidt** - June 07, 2021 at 09:47 AM



“ *Erin was definitely a trail blazin women. Putting herself before others in spite of what she was going through for all these years. Always a smile on her face and happy, never complaining. I loved her cards every year, the necklace she made me and the text messages we would share along with the emojis. We shared a Birthday and a middle name. I am so lucky to have you as a friend, I will miss you and you are loved so much.*

*Colleen, Michelle, Scott and Chris, I am so sorry for your loss of your wonderful daughter and sister. Love and prayers.*

*Tracy Johnson*

**Tracy Johnson** - June 06, 2021 at 10:20 PM

SJ

“ Erin was so very special as always had a smile on her face. Her Christmas cards we so special as they were one of a kind, along with the tomato cage Christmas trees she made. You are loved and will be missed.

*Sandy Jamber*

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**Sandy Jamber** - June 06, 2021 at 09:39 PM

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“ Thank you Erin for all the care and good times you gave Danielle. She enjoyed being with you and I know you had a special place in your heart for her. God bless you and may you now rest in peace.

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**CRYSTAL NOAH** - June 04, 2021 at 03:50 PM

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“ Erin cared for my special needs son Brandon at Region V and Brandon was always so happy to see her. She always had a smile on her face and and was so caring. Heaven is a little brighter with her and her smile! So sorry for your loss. Sincerely Barb Herting

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**Barb Herting** - June 03, 2021 at 01:21 PM



“ Adoring Heart was purchased for the family of Erin M. Bertinetti.



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June 01, 2021 at 06:07 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Erin M. Bertinetti.*



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June 01, 2021 at 05:16 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Erin M. Bertinetti.*



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May 27, 2021 at 12:02 AM



“ *Erin had a beautiful heart. Deepest sympathy.*  
*Sherry Paden*

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**Sherry Paden** - May 24, 2021 at 06:22 PM



“ *My condolences to Erin's family at this time of her passing. I am shocked to hear her passing. I enjoyed her laughs and friendship we had! Love her personality and spirit. May she rest in peace.*

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**Angie Duysen** - May 24, 2021 at 12:35 PM