



Judy Ann Hays

November 6, 1947 - February 13, 2026

Judy Ann Hays was born on November 6, 1947 in Omaha, Nebraska to Keith and LaVaugh (Nellen). Colwill. She grew up in Omaha, graduated from North High School in 1966, and studied Home Economics classes at UNO.

On November 11, 1967, she married Timothy R. Hays at Florence Presbyterian Church in Omaha. They were blessed with two children, Candy Marie and Natalie Jean.

Judy worked as a mail carrier for Northwest Postal Service. In her free time, she enjoyed sewing, cross-stitching, and crocheting, and she was very talented with all of them. She liked to listen to Country music, her favorite song was, "I Will Follow Him", and she loved Italian food. Judy also appreciated nature and liked to spend time hunting and camping. Her favorite animals were moose, and she owned many moose themed items. Judy loved her family deeply, and was someone they could count on to be loyal, understanding, and forgiving.

Judy was preceded in death by her father, Keith Colwill; mother, LaVaugh Nellen; stepmother, Margaret Colwill; and sister and brother-in-law, Bonnie and Albert "Slim" Chilvers.

She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Timothy Hays; daughters, Candy

(Terry) Marquiss and Natalie (James) Lavender; grandchildren: Michelle (John) Hughes, Kristine (Eric Housh) Marquiss, Freddie (Megan) Hays-Lavender, and Adora (Dylan Byers) Hays-Lavender; great-grandchildren: Evelyn Hughes, Jocelyn Hughes, Nicia Marquiss, and Jacob Housh; and sister, Teresa (Jerry) Fay.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 1:30pm on Saturday, March 7, 2026 at the Valley American Legion, 111 E. Front Street, Valley, NE 68064. Please reach out to Candy or Natalie with any questions about the Celebration of Life Service.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 7. 1:30 PM (CT)

Valley American Legion
111 East Front Street
Valley, NE 68064

Tribute Wall



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Judy Ann Hays.* ”



March 05 at 02:35 PM