



## Linda Ann Hester

June 17, 1968 - August 29, 2024

Linda Ann Hester passed away peacefully in Elkhorn, NE on 08/29/2024 surrounded by loved ones after a courageous battle with cancer.

Linda was a devoted wife, mother, sister and friend, her generous and kind spirit will be missed by many.

Linda was born to Thomas and Joyce Esser on 06/17/1968 in Sibley, Iowa. She went to elementary school in Ute, Iowa and graduated from Charter-Oak Ute High School in 1986. She went to college for computer programming and moved to Omaha, NE to work at First Data Resources, where she would work for 29 years, and later for Mutual of Omaha from 2017 until she was disabled by cancer in August 2022. In 1989, she married Troy Hopp. They had three children and were married for 20 years. Linda worked part-time for many years to spend more time with her children. She loved volunteering at school, teaching Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, and serving as a volunteer in various ways at Lord of Life Lutheran Church. She also helped with Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts. Linda also served as a board member for the Christian Outreach Program-Elkhorn and volunteered at other local organizations.

Linda married the love of her life, her best friend, William "Bill" Hester on June 30, 2012. She loved spending time with her family and friends. She was looking forward to retirement, where she planned to spend time with Bill, her family and friends, being a Grandma, and volunteering.

Linda is survived by her loving spouse, William Hester, children Tyler Hopp,

Amber (Sam) Caswell, Kayla (Seth) Hanson, stepson Andrew Hester, mother Joyce Esser, siblings Richard (Paula) Esser, Susan (Brent) Kelm, Roger Esser, and a large extended family of nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and in-laws, especially her beloved sister-in-law, Lynn. She was preceded in death by her father Tom Esser, infant nephew Jared Michael Kelm, her Aunt Jan Raymond, and her grandparents.

A celebration of life service will be held at 11 AM Wednesday at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Elkhorn. Private interment. Visitation Tuesday from 4 to 7 PM with family receiving friends from 5-7 PM at Lord of Life Lutheran Church. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to COPE, PO Box 177, Elkhorn, NE 68022

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 3. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Lord of Life Lutheran Church  
20844 Bonanza Blvd  
Elkhorn, NE 68022  
(402) 289-3437

## Family will receive friends

SEP 3. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Elkhorn, NE 68022  
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## Celebration of Life

SEP 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

Lord of Life Lutheran Church  
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Elkhorn, NE 68022  
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*A lunch reception with the family will immediately follow the service*

# Tribute Wall

AH

“ Amy H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Linda Ann Hester.

Amy H. - September 03, 2024 at 01:15 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Linda Ann Hester.



September 03, 2024 at 09:08 AM

LD

“ I was so saddened to read Linda's obituary this morning. Paul and I so enjoyed getting to know Linda and Bill as we served on the Board together at COPE. Linda worked tirelessly to ensure that those who needed help in our community received it. She always had a smile on her face and was a friend to all. My prayers for her family as I know how very hard this time is. May you find comfort in knowing that Linda is now with her Lord and King and that cancer no longer runs through her body.

LuAnn Dritley

LuAnn Dritley - September 03, 2024 at 07:28 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Linda Ann Hester.



September 02, 2024 at 04:45 PM



“ Frank Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Linda Ann Hester.

Frank Family - September 02, 2024 at 04:45 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Linda Ann Hester.



September 02, 2024 at 03:29 PM



“ Uncle Mike purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Linda Ann Hester.



Uncle Mike - September 02, 2024 at 03:17 PM



“ Uncle Mike planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Linda Ann Hester.

Uncle Mike - September 02, 2024 at 03:17 PM



“ *Courageous and inspiring are two words that so aptly describe Linda. Her smile lit up a room when she entered. Even battling the demon cancer and carrying around her pack, she smiled through it with her faith in our Lord being her strength -- along with the endless support and love of her family. I am a changed person for having served alongside Linda in many projects, receiving her gentle guidance, never-ending support, and humble encouragements. I rejoice now that she walks with Jesus; and pray for all who experience this painful loss.*



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**Julie Koenemann** - September 02, 2024 at 12:55 PM

WG

“ *With love; Cheryl Dellamano, and girls. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Linda Ann Hester.*



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**With love; Cheryl Dellamano, and girls.** - September 02, 2024 at 08:26 AM

LB

“ *Linda was a super student back in the day of Charter Oak-Ute High School. So sweet. Now, we thank God for eternal life.*



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**Lucia and Bill** - September 02, 2024 at 06:44 AM

JA

“ Linda was my coworker but more importantly my friend for 25 + years. We shared the stages of our lives through young kids through adult kids. She was always there for me even through my own breast cancer diagnosis. The hole her death left in my heart will never be filled again. But knowing Linda, she would say carry on , I am good. That was always my friend!

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**jacquie avey** - September 02, 2024 at 12:02 AM

JG

“ Linda was one of the people I am most honored to have worked alongside at COPE. She volunteered and led there for over a decade, providing countless hours to ensure hundreds of our neighbors had a Merry Christmas every year. Her warmth, calm, organization, logic, and general good sense, made everything go smoothly and blessed so many lives. Even after she got sick she ensured she passed on her knowledge and we had everything we needed to move forward. She was a good and thoughtful friend to me, a delight to be around, and a privilege to know. She was a person who reminded me that there is good all around us, calmly and happily making the world a little nicer for everyone to live in. My condolences to all her beautiful family and friends, and especially to Bill. May you be comforted while you grieve and your memories be filled with joy.

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**Jane Gordon** - September 01, 2024 at 12:44 PM

HA

“ Hannah A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Linda Ann Hester.

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**Hannah A.** - August 31, 2024 at 09:18 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Linda Ann Hester.



August 31, 2024 at 05:02 PM



“ Love, Brooke, Mark, & Boone Slusser planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Linda Ann Hester.

**Love, Brooke, Mark, & Boone Slusser** - August 31, 2024 at 05:02 PM



“ From her first diagnosis Linda shared her deep faith in her Savior and in His work in her life. Her trust in her Lord was an inspiration to me and I'm sure to all who knew her. I first got to know Linda through Bible studies years ago at Tammy's house. Her hunger for the Word fed my hunger and I've often thought of how she blessed me with her comments and observations. My heart hurts for Bill, Tyler, Amber and Kayla and the whole family, but my heart also rejoices that her soul is safe with her Savior. Thank you, Lord!

**Ann Wachsmann** - August 31, 2024 at 02:39 PM