



## Lorene Kay Halferty

July 21, 1956 - April 21, 2025

Lorene Halferty was born in Gunnison, Colorado, on July 21, 1956, to Lester Andersen and Marian McDonough (Willmer). When Marian met George Christensen, he adopted Lorene as his own, and they made their home in South Omaha.

The family later moved to Louisville, Nebraska, before Lorene started school—because, as her loved ones fondly remember, she was “too friendly” to attend school in Omaha. She went on to attend school in Arlington, Syracuse, and Plattsmouth, Nebraska, as the family continued to grow with the addition of siblings Kenny, Lee, Linn, Lisa, Donnie, and Michelle.

On April 17, 1973, at the age of 16, Lorene married David Halferty in Nebraska City, Nebraska. Together they lived in Escondido, CA; Glasgow, MT; Plattsmouth, NE; and Fremont, NE. In June of 1978, they welcomed their only child, Tara. The couple divorced later that year in December.

Lorene and Tara lived in Valley and later in Yutan, Nebraska, until after Tara graduated high school. Lorene eventually returned to Valley, settling across the street from the elementary school her granddaughter attended—a perfect location for a proud and involved grandmother. In 2018, she made the move to Missouri to be closer to her grandchildren, never wanting to miss a moment of their lives.

Lorene spent the majority of her professional career in telecommunications, working for Greyhound and Marriott before retiring from TD Ameritrade due to health concerns. She formed deep and meaningful relationships with her coworkers, many of whom became lifelong friends.

She lived her life as a devoted grandmother, mother, sister, daughter, and friend. Her faith was quiet but strong, shown through her kindness, her generosity, and the way she treated others. She believed in the goodness of people, loved fiercely, and forgave easily. Her circle of family and friends only grew with time, as she welcomed everyone with open arms and never let go.

Lorene loved music and was an avid reader, but her greatest joy over the last 22 years came from being a grandmother. She attended every event her health would allow, always cheering on her grandchildren with pride.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Tara and Jim Kotlarz; her granddaughter Katelyn and grandson Matthew; her siblings Kenny (Kris) Christensen, Lee (Yadi) Christensen, Linn (Mike) Moore, Lisa (Jim) Davidson, Donnie (Angie) Willmer, and Michelle Beaver; as well as many beloved nieces, nephews, cousins, and cherished friends.

She was preceded in death by her mother Marian Willmer, her bonus dad James Willmer, and her father George Christensen.

# Previous Events

## Visitation with family

APR 26. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn  
21901 W. Maple Rd.  
P.O. Box 711  
Elkhorn, NE 68022  
402-289-2222  
services@reichmuthfuneralhomes.com  
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## Celebration of Life Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Reichmuth Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Lorene Kay Halferty*



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Reichmuth Funeral Home - April 25, 2025 at 11:43 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lorene Kay Halferty.*



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April 25, 2025 at 04:54 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lorene Kay Halferty.*

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April 25, 2025 at 03:15 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lorene Kay Halferty.*



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April 25, 2025 at 03:15 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Lorene Kay Halferty.*



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April 25, 2025 at 11:08 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lorene Kay Halferty.

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April 25, 2025 at 11:08 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Lorene Kay Halferty.*



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April 25, 2025 at 07:30 AM



“ *Love, Sue purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Lorene Kay Halferty.*



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**Love, Sue** - April 24, 2025 at 07:19 PM

TW

“ *The Willmers, Knowlers, Bakers & Hansons planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lorene Kay Halferty.*

The Willmers, Knowlers, Bakers & Hansons - April 24, 2025 at 12:16 PM

TW

“ *The Willmers, Knowlers, Bakers & Hansons purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Lorene Kay Halferty.*



The Willmers, Knowlers, Bakers & Hansons - April 24, 2025 at 12:16 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lorene Kay Halferty.*

April 24, 2025 at 10:51 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Lorene Kay Halferty.*



April 24, 2025 at 10:51 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Lorene Kay Halferty.



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April 24, 2025 at 09:48 AM



“ Lorene and I were co- workers at TD Ameritrade and the time we spent with each other created a special bond and friendship! She was always ready for an adventure and we had several. I will miss her humor, her smile and her compassion. Most of all, I will just miss her.

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**Anita Oldham** - April 23, 2025 at 07:07 PM



“ Lorene was my co-worker and then my boss at Marriott, but I've always considered her to be my friend first. I learned so much about work and about life from Lorene. I owe her a portion of my successes in work and life, and am better for having know Lorene. While I know the sadness of losing a family member, I hope it will help to know that many friends share in that sadness.

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**Sean Martin** - April 23, 2025 at 06:47 PM



“ Jeff, Connie, Hannah and Donna Becker purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Lorene Kay Halferty.



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**Jeff, Connie, Hannah and Donna Becker** - April 23, 2025 at 05:18 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Lorene Kay Halferty.*



April 23, 2025 at 01:47 PM



“ *Scott and Lisa Sprinkles purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Lorene Kay Halferty.*



**Scott and Lisa Sprinkles** - April 23, 2025 at 01:46 PM



“ *Dianne Gillaspie purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Lorene Kay Halferty.*



**Dianne Gillaspie** - April 23, 2025 at 12:31 PM



“ *Lawrence County Sheriff Office Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Lorene Kay Halferty.*



**Lawrence County Sheriff Office Family** - April 23, 2025 at 11:35 AM

WK

“ With love, Lauryn Kotlarz planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lorene Kay Halferty.

With love, Lauryn Kotlarz - April 22, 2025 at 08:57 PM

WK

“ With love, Lauryn Kotlarz purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Lorene Kay Halferty.



With love, Lauryn Kotlarz - April 22, 2025 at 08:57 PM

PC

“ Phil and Tiffany Costello purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Lorene Kay Halferty.



Phil and Tiffany Costello - April 22, 2025 at 08:14 PM