



Vickie Lee Petz

September 1, 1947 - February 10, 2023

Vickie Petz passed away on February 10, 2023. She was a beloved mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, mother-in-law and friend. She will be remembered for her life of grace, charity, and always thinking of others before herself.

Vickie was born on September 1, 1947 to Victor and Betty Thomsen. She was raised in Omaha, Nebraska with her brothers and sisters Sharon, Jerry, Kathryn and Frank. After graduating from South High School in 1965, she started working at Northwestern Bell as a punch key operator. One of her co-workers, Dieter Petz, caught her eye and they began dating. There were no cell phones and texting during their courtship, so they would set up meetings by the drinking fountain during their breaks so they could see each other.

They committed their love to one another on August 31, 1968. They raised 2 children, Kaylene and Eric in Elkhorn, Nebraska. Vickie unconditionally and unselfishly loved her children and supported them throughout her life. She never missed a gymnastics meet, dance recital, band concert or school play.

Passionate about arts and crafts, she hosted an annual boutique for almost 30 years that began in her basement. It grew to become a family affair with relatives from all over the country helping her year after year. Wanting to grow her business, she opened a store in Papillon called Your Country Connections

which she later remodeled and re-opened as Mariposa. Vickie was also part of a women's golf league, an active member of Bethany Lutheran Church, and a die hard Husker fan.

Vickie's grandchildren Maile and Kai were her heart and joy. There is no denying her love overflowed being a part of their lives. Her love knew no bounds and her family was always her sole focus. She took care of them until the end, sometimes at the exclusion of her own needs. She worried about them, rooted for them, protected them, forgave them, and always kept on loving them.

Traveling around the world meant creating beautiful, life long memories for Vickie. Whether it was meeting Dieter's German family for the first time, golfing across Scotland, cruising the Caribbean, shopping in Palm Springs, snorkeling in Hawaii or camping with her family, Vickie loved the experiences and the connections it built.

Anyone who knew Vickie loved her wonderful sense of humor. She was always smiling and her laugh was contagious. The dumber the jokes, the harder she would laugh. Her outlook on life was always optimistic, positive and bright. The family would like her celebration of life to reflect her spirit, energy and vibrancy. She will be deeply missed.

Vickie is survived by her husband Dieter Petz, daughter Kaylene (Christian) Brewer; son, Eric Petz; grandchildren Maile and Kai Petz; sisters, Sharon (Carl) Filter, Kathryn (Steve Young) Cardillo; brothers, Jerry (Linda) Thomsen and Frank Thomsen. .

Services are being held for Vickie at 3:00 pm, Saturday, February 18th 2023 at Bethany Lutheran Church, 4200 N 204th St., Elkhorn, NE 68022.

Celebration of Life to follow at 4:30pm, Shadow Ridge Country Club, 1501 S. 188th Plaza, Omaha, NE 68130.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations can be made to the American Heart Association. <https://www.heart.org/>

Or Project Harmony, a charity working to end child abuse and neglect.

<https://projectharmony.com/donate/>

Tribute Wall

RY

“ I am so sorry to hear of Vickie’s passing. She was such a sweet lady and I just loved visiting her shop. I was just a customer, but she was always so nice and very friendly. She always made time to chat and help me find the perfect gifts. I will truly miss her smile. My sincere condolences to her husband and family.

Rhesa Young - March 17, 2023 at 07:28 PM

RN

“ I am shocked and saddened with a heavy heart to hear of Vicki’s passing. I worked with her at Northwestern Bell Telephone Co. and went to Hawaii with her. I would stop in and see her at her shop in Papillion off and on when I was down that way. We would talk about family and the good old days and had a lot of laughs and good times. I was thinking strongly of her and was wondering if her and Dieter were going to the South High class reunion because Dieter graduated with me and I didn’t get down there in time. She was a very special person and I will miss her even though I hadn’t seen her a whole lot lately. I will be sad when I go by her shop. We always enjoyed our visits when I stopped in to see her and have gone to her boutiques that she would have. We did things together when we were in Hawaii and the telephone Co. We had a lot of fun together. I enjoyed working with her, we had a lot of fun and laughs. Always smiling and I never saw anything negative about her. A beautiful person inside and out. I will miss her dearly. Love you Vicki. May God grant eternal rest upon her and may she rest in peace. Amen RIP Vicki.

Rose M Nystrom - February 18, 2023 at 04:27 PM

PS

“ Vickie was such a wonderful person. I worked for many years at the local newspaper in the advertising department. I would call on Vickie for promotions. She was always so friendly and happy to talk. Her business brought value to the downtown Papillion area. She will be missed.

Paul Swanson - February 18, 2023 at 08:23 AM

JM

“ Vickie was always so kind and especially understanding of Eric, Rob and myself growing up as rowdy high school and college boys. I'll never forget how she put up with us but also made sure we had all the snacks we could ever want stocked up. She always showed us love, and maybe a little feedback, early in the mornings after a long night. I spent a lot of time at the Petz household and In many ways she was like a second mom. Love always, Josh

Josh Morris - February 17, 2023 at 11:16 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Vickie Lee Petz.



February 17, 2023 at 01:09 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Vickie Lee Petz.

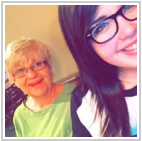


February 16, 2023 at 08:43 PM

SE

“ To Vicki's family. So sorry to hear of her passing. I just saw her at her store last month after Christmas. She was so kind and nice to talk to. My sister and I frequented her shop and went to a few craft fairs. It's a terrible loss to your family. It's not an easy thing to lose your mother grandmother spouse. Sincerest sympathy to you all.
Sue Erickson

Sue Erickson - February 16, 2023 at 06:21 PM



“ Vickie had a heart of gold. There is not enough space here to share my thoughts and feelings through my tears. Best sister-in-law ever.

Astrid Peralis - February 16, 2023 at 11:21 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Vickie Lee Petz.



February 15, 2023 at 08:38 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Vickie Lee Petz.



February 15, 2023 at 03:07 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Vickie Lee Petz.*



February 15, 2023 at 10:34 AM



“ *As the mother of her two grandchildren, It has been an honor to see the love she had for them! The best decision Eric and I ever made was to move back to Nebraska so that we could be closer to family. The bond between them has been nothing short of beautiful. Cards for every single holiday, she never missed a baseball game or dance recital, her little helpers at the shop and of course, allowing them(and all their friends) to use her gorgeous house for picture opportunities for high school homecoming and proms. She will be greatly missed. We love you Vickie* □
-Jenny Petz

Jenny petz - February 14, 2023 at 09:42 PM



“ *Vickie was a wonderful person inside and out. We will remember her beautiful smile, her laughter, and how incredibly kind she was. She was a faithful servant to the Lord and showed God's love each day by giving so much of herself to others. She will be missed. Prayers for peace and comfort to everyone who loved her.*

Joe and Sally Peralis - February 14, 2023 at 08:52 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Vickie Lee Petz.*



February 14, 2023 at 06:12 PM



“ *I was just heartsick to learn about Vickie. I had a gift shop and tea room in Papillion several years ago. We worked together on many projects and shared shop stories all the time. She was such a sweetheart and we send our love and sympathy to Dieter and family. Phil and Cindy Wright*

Cindy Wright - February 14, 2023 at 04:19 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Vickie Lee Petz.*



February 14, 2023 at 03:30 PM



“ *Jeff Ahlers purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Vickie Lee Petz.*



Jeff Ahlers - February 14, 2023 at 02:18 PM

LD

“ My life has been so richly blessed because of my wonderful first cousins. Vickie was one of them, and I will always treasure the memories from our youth. I fondly remember all of those "Red Light, Green Light" games in Grandma and Grandpa's yard far into the hot summer nights. I remember playing softball at the park with the cousins. Vickie could hit that ball better than anyone. She never missed. I remember heading to a lake to swim and stopping at A&W for ice cream on the way home. When Vickie's family came to Colorado, we went to the Cave of the Winds and Seven Falls. Vickie and Sharon spent a couple weeks with us one summer, and we went horseback riding. I could go on and on. The people we love have a huge influence in our life and help shape us to be the people we grow up to be. Thank you, Vickie, for helping to shape me into the person I am today. I will never forget you, your kindness, your smile, and your love. My heart goes out to the entire Thomsen and Petz families.

With Love,
Lynda Thomsen Dodge

Lynda Dodge - February 13, 2023 at 04:45 PM

RH

Vickie and I were in the same grade in high school. We had several business classes together. Each of us had a sister one year older, and they were friends. We reconnected after graduation years later when she was having her home boutiques and I was a fellow crafter. Then, when she opened her shop in Papillion, it was nice to be a customer and reconnect with her again to visit. We reminisced about our high school days. At our 50 year class reunion we convinced each other to drag our husbands along to go to the festivities from South High. Great memories!! She did truly have the infectious smile and joked about herself as stated above. She was a cheerleader in high school and relayed to me just recently how so shy she really was. She always thought the best of everyone and truly loved her entire family. I am truly blessed to have known her for so long, and especially to spend a few hours with her the week of her surgery. My prayer for the family is that they will remember all the good memories which are many. My heart is heavy for all of you. My sympathy, Ruth Nowaczyk Henderson

Ruth Henderson - February 14, 2023 at 11:07 AM

RH

Vickie always had a smile and touched the hearts of everyone she met. She was truly a beautiful person inside and out. Thank you, Vickie for all the love you gave and for the memories I will cherish forever. My heart is aching that you are gone from our sight but you will never be gone from our hearts.

"Goodbyes are not forever, goodbyes are not the end. They simply mean I'll miss you, until we meet again". We love you so much. Rena Thomsen Hankins

Rena Hankins - February 14, 2023 at 11:38 PM

DK

Vicki was such a wonderful and kind person. Every time I went to Mariposa, I always left at least 30 minutes later after a delightful conversation. I am heartsick over your loss and the loss to Downtown Papillion. She was one of our bright stars.

Deborah Kippley, President, Papillion Downtown Business Association.

Deborah Kippley - February 15, 2023 at 11:07 AM

JK

Vickie was a sweetheart!! She will be dearly missed by her customers and the Papillion community. She always greeted me with a smile and I enjoyed her shop so much. My heart goes out to her family at this difficult time.

Julie Kasun, Papillion Area Historical Society

Julie Kasun - February 15, 2023 at 05:20 PM