



## Cherlyn E. Hillrichs

October 17, 1945 - October 18, 2023

NORFOLK -- Funeral service for Cherlyn E. Hillrichs, 78, of Pierce formerly of Plainview, will be held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at Christ The Servant Lutheran Church in Norfolk. Officiating the service will be Rev. Cindy Cone. Burial will take place at Pleasant View Cemetery, rural Plainview. Visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m., until service time on Wednesday. Cherlyn passed away on Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at the St. Joseph's Rehabilitation and Care Center in Norfolk surrounded by her family. Stonacek Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Cherlyn was born on October 17, 1945 in Plainview to Walter and Naoma (Waterman) Krause. Cheryln was baptized and confirmed at Bethany Lutheran Church, in rural Plainview. She graduated from Plainview High School in 1963 as salutatorian. Cherlyn then went to college at Nettelton Business College and graduated with honors. She met Richard at a family wedding where Cherlyn was the organist and Richard was the soloist. They were married on September 18, 1966 at Bethany Lutheran Church in rural Plainview. After married, they lived in Akron for three years. The family moved to Plainview to a farm in February 1969. They lived there for ten years and then moved into Plainview. Cherlyn went back to work when the girls started school. She worked as a legal secretary for Curtis Law office in Plainview and later on for two different attorney offices in Norfolk.

Cherlyn was a gifted pianist, and music was her life. When she was 8 years old she played the piano piece "Summer" on the television show Talent Sprouts. She played as a church organist since the 8th grade. Cherlyn taught piano lessons for many years as well as playing for weddings, funerals, cantatas, musicals and choirs. She enjoyed crocheting doilies and angels, but the angels were her labor of love and an angel ministry was born. She always enjoyed her puzzles, sewing, baking, gardening, canning and watching sunrises and sunsets. But above all her faith was the most important part of her life. Cherlyn was a member of Christ The Servant Lutheran Church, Norfolk, NE.

Survivors include her husband Richard Hillrichs of Pierce, children Emilie (Rick) Prince of rural Pierce, Stephanie (Roger) Eichberger of rural Plainview, Patty (Tim) Knaak of Plainview, 10 grandchildren, Austin (Kellie) Harrison, Hunter (Amber) Harrison, Kaleb Eichberger, Karissa (Tanner) Pettitt, Keaton Eichberger, Kaiden Eichberger, Cooper Knaak, Tucker Knaak, Spencer Knaak, Gunnar Knaak, her siblings Susie Spoonhour of Eagle, CO, Jim (Jan) Krause of Plainview, Cindy (Jeff) Sawyer of Fremont, NE. Cherlyn was preceded in death by her parents Walter and Naoma Krause.

Casket bearers will be her grandchildren. The organist will be Marsha Burke. Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at [www.stonacekfuneralc Chapel.com](http://www.stonacekfuneralc Chapel.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Pleasant View Cemetery - Plainview

Plainview, NE

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **25**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Christ The Servant Lutheran Church - Norfolk  
1100 East Benjamin Ave.  
Norfolk, NE 68701  
<http://www.christtheservantnorfolk.com/>

## Funeral Service

OCT **25**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Stonacek Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Cherlyn E. Hillrichs*



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**Stonacek Funeral Chapel** - October 23, 2023 at 03:50 PM

CS

“ *Emilie and family - I am so sorry to here about Mrs. Hillrichs' passing. Richard and Cherlyn always opened their home to many of the girls' friends and I, myself, stayed overnights many times at their home. Both were always so kind and thoughtful. Prayers of comfort to you all.*

*Candy (Sullivan) Schott*

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**Candy K Schott** - November 27, 2023 at 02:06 PM

JL

“ *Janelle L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cherlyn E. Hillrichs.*

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**Janelle L.** - October 24, 2023 at 03:51 PM

PU

“ *Richard and family I am so sorry to hear about your wife and your mother. I pray God's peace for you during these days and I'm thankful for the life you guys had with her.*

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**Pastor Trish Underberg** - October 23, 2023 at 10:57 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Cherlyn E. Hillrichs.*



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October 23, 2023 at 05:11 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cherlyn E. Hillrichs.*



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October 23, 2023 at 04:39 PM



“ 83 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Stonacek Funeral Chapel** - October 23, 2023 at 03:55 PM

BS

“ *My deepest condolences to the entire extended family! What a dear sweet lady!*



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**Brian J. Schlote** - October 23, 2023 at 01:46 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Cherlyn E. Hillrichs.*



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October 22, 2023 at 04:07 PM

ML

“ *My sympathy to all of Cherlyn’s family. A lovely lady with so much talent. May your beautiful memories fill the empty places in your hearts. God Bless and comfort. Mary Lou Lueders*

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**Mary Lou Lueders** - October 21, 2023 at 02:55 PM

JS

“ *Julie daughter of Larry Smalley lit a candle in memory of Cherlyn Hilrichs*



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**Julie Smalley, daughter of Larry Smalley** - October 19, 2023 at 10:33 PM

JK

“ *Jill Gordon Kassen lit a candle in memory of Cherlyn Hilrichs*



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**Jill & Gordon Kassen** - October 19, 2023 at 09:53 PM