



Connie Sue Peterson

August 21, 1973 - February 24, 2026

NORFOLK -- Services for Connie S. (Zessin) Peterson, 52, of Des Moines, IA, formerly of Madison and Norfolk, will be at 11:00 am on Saturday, March 7, 2026, at Christ Lutheran Church in Norfolk. Connie always loved dressing comfortably with fun and bright colors. As we celebrate Connie's life, her family asks that you also dress casually and colorfully, just as she would. Her favorite color was yellow. Visitation will be held one hour prior to services at the church. Pastor Jim Carretto will be officiating the services. Private family inurnment will be held at a later date at Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery in Norfolk. Connie Peterson died Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at The Taylor House in Des Moines, IA, following a long battle with breast cancer. Stonacek Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Connie Sue (Zessin) Peterson, daughter of Duane and Carol (Bals) Zessin, was born August 21, 1973, in Norfolk, NE. Connie attended Madison High School. Connie's first marriage was to Brett Powell, from which came two amazing and beautiful children, Justeen and Jacob.

Connie then married Michael Peterson and moved to Des Moines, IA, where she continued working from home for First National Bank. She had a green thumb, liked gardening, and making her yard look pretty with flowers. Connie and Michael spent weekends in the summer in their boat on the water. They would also take rides on the motorcycle, occasionally heading up to Sturgis.

She liked various outdoor activities, whether it was going to the gravel pit for barbecuing and swimming, or camping with family and friends. She was a lover of scary movies. Concerts were a big part of their lives. Her family was very important to her.

She is survived by her husband, Michael Peterson; father, Duane Zessin; daughter, Justeen (Korbyn) Freeman; son, Jacob Powell; siblings, Chris (Randy) Matteo, Brian (Mandy) Zessin, Tonya (Rey) Zessin, and Kathy (Jerome) Ollendick; "bonus" children, Kole (Amber) Peterson, Aspen Peterson, and Evan Peterson, by her many cousins, nieces, nephews, aunts, and uncles, as well as by her animals, Paige, Penny, Harley, Nova, Grey, Calie, and Millie.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Carol Zessin, her grandparents, and her dog Cooper.

Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery - Norfolk

1950 N. 13th St.
Norfolk, NE 68701

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

Christ Lutheran Church - Norfolk
605 S 5th St.
Norfolk, NE 68701
<http://tiger.clnorfolk.org/index.php>

Tribute Wall

TF

“ *The Murphy, Heuer, & Brewer Families purchased the Memorial Trees for the family of Connie Sue Peterson.*



The Murphy, Heuer, & Brewer Families - March 06 at 04:49 PM

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“ *The Murphy, Heuer, & Brewer Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Connie Sue Peterson.*

The Murphy, Heuer, & Brewer Families - March 06 at 04:49 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Connie Sue Peterson.*

March 06 at 01:03 PM

WF

“ *With Deepest Sympathy, The Matteo Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Connie Sue Peterson.*



With Deepest Sympathy, The Matteo Family - March 06 at 12:53 PM

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“ With Deepest Sympathy, The Matteo Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Connie Sue Peterson.

With Deepest Sympathy, The Matteo Family - March 06 at 12:53 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Connie Sue Peterson.



March 06 at 09:18 AM

JA

“ Mike Peterson and Family:
We were sad to hear of Connie's passing. She fought a hard battle against cancer and she is at peaceful rest. Praying for God to hold you close and warm your aching hearts and give you comfort and peace.

Joann and Sharon Arnold - March 05 at 12:13 AM

DC

“ Deana Wallukait/Challenger Cruise Club planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Connie Sue Peterson.

Deana Wallukait/Challenger Cruise Club - March 04 at 11:07 AM

DC

“ Deana Wallukait/Challenger Cruise Club purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Connie Sue Peterson.



Deana Wallukait/Challenger Cruise Club - March 04 at 11:07 AM

DH

“ I worked with Connie at First National Norfolk, she was an amazing lady! So sorry for your loss. Praying for Gods healing spirit.

Dianna Hansen - March 03 at 12:16 PM

GO

“ Greg and Donna Oslund purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Connie Sue Peterson.



Greg and Donna Oslund - March 02 at 09:16 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Connie Sue Peterson.

March 02 at 03:03 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Connie Sue Peterson.*



March 02 at 03:03 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Connie Sue Peterson.

February 28 at 09:56 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Connie Sue Peterson.*



February 28 at 09:56 AM



“ *Saying goodbye to a dear coworker and friend. Her kindness, dedication, and bright spirit left a mark on all of us. We will miss her deeply, and our thoughts are with her family and loved ones.*



Bobby mindrup - February 28 at 08:58 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Connie Sue Peterson.

February 27 at 08:02 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Connie Sue Peterson.



February 27 at 08:02 AM