



## Joan L. Sila

March 26, 1936 - February 20, 2024

NORFOLK -- Funeral service for Joan L. Sila, 87, of Norfolk will be held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, February 26, 2024 at the Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk. Rev. Mike Moreno will be officiating the service. Interment will be held at the New Lutheran Cemetery, Norfolk. Visitation will be 2:00-4:00 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 25, also at Stonacek Funeral Chapel. Joan passed away on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at the Faith Regional Hospital in Norfolk. Stonacek Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Joan was born on March 26, 1936 in Norfolk, NE to Wilber and Ella (Suher) Ludwig. She grew up on the family farm, rural Beemer and graduated from Wisner High School. Joan married Russ Sila Sr. on August 5, 1956 in West Point. After marriage, Joan and Russ lived in West Point, Beemer, and moved to Pierce in the 1960's. In 1968 they moved to Wahoo and worked for the Gas Company. In 1972 they moved back to Norfolk Russ worked for Minnegasco in Norfolk. Joan worked at the Norfolk Daily News in Accounting and Advertising until she retired in 1995. She was a member of Christ Lutheran Church in Norfolk and also Altar Guild. Joan enjoyed camping, traveling the United States with her husband on their motorcycles to the East and West Coast, Canada, and Mexico. They wintered in Arizona. Joan collected plates and spoons of the United States.

Survivors include her spouse Russ Sila Sr. of Norfolk, 3 sons Russ (Chris)

Sila Jr. of Madison, Jay (Ginny) Sila of Lewiston, Idaho, Cully (Lita) Sila of Madison, 12 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, siblings Terry Ludwig of Washington, Judy (Jerald) Groene of Oakland, Jackie (Marvin) Lindquist of Boise, Idaho, numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents Wilber and Ella.

Organist will be Starla Landkamer. Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at [www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com](http://www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com).

# Cemetery Details

## New Lutheran Cemetery

12th Street Maple Ave  
Norfolk, NE 68701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **25**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Stonacek Funeral Chapel - Norfolk  
1200 N.13th St.  
Norfolk, NE 68701  
(402) 371-7676  
[info@stonacekfuneralchapel.com](mailto:info@stonacekfuneralchapel.com)  
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## Funeral Service

FEB **26**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Stonacek Funeral Chapel - Norfolk  
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# Tribute Wall

DS

“ I remember Joan and Russ as an entity ... that is, at our Wisner High School reunions. I didn't attend every annual reunion but for quite a while the 5 yr reunions...Joan and Russ were always there and they tolerated my chastising Joan for marrying a West Point boy. Both Joan and Russ knew my humorizing and backhanded way of thanking Russ for coming each time with the "love of his life." Russ, when we've lost the person with whom we've spent most of our adult life, it is a deficit that knows no amelioration except the sure promises we have in Jesus Christ our Savior. I always knew Joan as one who would tell you the same thing. She will, according to His promises, rest in peace. We will miss you, Joan. Dennis Schlecht

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**Dennis Schleccht** - February 26, 2024 at 04:08 PM

BL

“ Russ Sr, Russ, Jay, Cully - So sorry for your loss. Lots of fond memories of camping and get togethers. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. God's blessings - Becky (Sellentin) Lerch

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**Becky Lerch** - February 26, 2024 at 10:34 AM

KR

“ So sorry to hear of the loss of our Mom. Yes, I say OUR MOM because she was my second mom growing up in Pierce. So many happy memories of camping and fishing with your family. We grew up as if we were sisters and brothers. I miss those times. All my love to Big Russ and the boys. May good memories live on with you forever.

*Kate or as you knew me then, Kathy Zierke*

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**Kathryn a Reynolds** - February 24, 2024 at 05:59 PM

TT

“ The Black Hills Energy team purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joan L. Sila.



The Black Hills Energy team - February 24, 2024 at 10:17 AM

SC

“ I send my condolences to my uncle Russ and family for the loss of my aunt Joan Sorry I couldn't make it but upper respiratory illness is stopping me. I will always remember her. She will be missed.

Susan. Cockerham - February 24, 2024 at 07:16 AM

KF

“ Ken and Karen Morris family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joan L. Sila.

Ken and Karen Morris family - February 23, 2024 at 09:46 AM

KF

“ Ken and Karen Morris family purchased the Love d One Vertical Blanket for the family of Joan L. Sila.



Ken and Karen Morris family - February 23, 2024 at 09:46 AM

JL

“ Jacki (Ludwig) & Marv Lindquist planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joan L. Sila.

Jacki (Ludwig) & Marv Lindquist - February 22, 2024 at 08:01 PM

JL

“ Jacki (Ludwig) & Marv Lindquist purchased the *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses* for the family of Joan L. Sila.

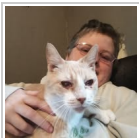


Jacki (Ludwig) & Marv Lindquist - February 22, 2024 at 08:01 PM

BH

“ Sorry for your Loss, Remember you well when you lived in Wisner not far from where we lived. Still live in Home place. Was a Joy having you and Joan in Wisner with always great things to talk about. Rest In Peace Joan. Russ enjoy all the fond memories you shared.  
Barbara Huettmann

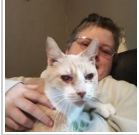
Barbara Huettmann - February 22, 2024 at 07:32 PM



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Jenn Brunni - February 21, 2024 at 02:43 PM



“ to Uncle Russ, Cully and the rest of the family. my heart goes out to you all. i am so sorry the loss of Aunt Joan and i am so sorry i cant make it up there but i am sending hugs to you all virtually. i have uploaded some photos i had found from my grams collection. sending lots of hugs and love Jennifer Sila (Dean's oldest granddaughter)

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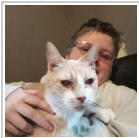
**Jenn Brunni** - February 21, 2024 at 02:36 PM

BS

“ Aunt Joan, I'm sure going to miss you and your laugh.i always enjoyed spending time with you at family get togethers...love your niece Brittney

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**Brittney Sila** - February 21, 2024 at 02:35 PM

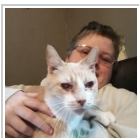


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**Jenn Brunni** - February 21, 2024 at 02:34 PM

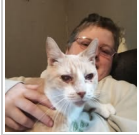


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**Jenn Brunni** - February 21, 2024 at 02:33 PM



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Jenn Brunni - February 21, 2024 at 02:31 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joan L. Sila.



February 21, 2024 at 02:22 PM



“ Steiny's Farm Repair, Kent and Lyn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joan L. Sila.

Steiny's Farm Repair, Kent and Lyn - February 21, 2024 at 02:05 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joan L. Sila.



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