



Joette "Jo" S. Schwank

December 23, 1955 - April 2, 2026

PIERCE -- Funeral service for Joette S. "Jo" Schwank, 70, of Pierce, will be held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at the United Church of Christ in Pierce. Rev. Gordon Braun will be officiating the service. Public graveside inurnment will be held at the Prospect View Cemetery, Pierce. Visitation will be 5:00-7:00 p.m., Tuesday, also at the United Church of Christ in Pierce. Jo passed away on Thursday, April 2, 2026 at the Bryan West Medical Center in Lincoln. Stonacek Memorial Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Born on December 23, 1955, in Norfolk to Frederick and Agnes (Silhacek) Schwank, Jo was a lifelong resident of the community she loved. A proud 1974 graduate of Pierce High School, she initially shared her talents as a hairdresser before finding her true calling in healthcare. For 40 years, Jo served with compassion as a CNA and Home Health Aid for Faith Regional Health Services, eventually retiring from St. Joseph's Nursing Home after 25 years. Her career was more than a job; it was a testament to her lifelong desire to lend a helping hand.

Outside of work, Jo was a woman of spirit and adventure. Whether she was casting a line while fishing, playing a game of cards, bowling league, testing her luck at the casino, or hitting the open road for a spontaneous trip, Jo embraced life with a smile for her many friends. Above all, her heart belonged to her family. She cherished every moment spent with her family and was a

fixture in the lives of her three grandchildren.

She is survived by her daughter, Daisha (Kyle) Holland of Lincoln; her beloved grandchildren, Tristan, Aggie, and Kylee Holland; niece, Melanie (Mike) Smyth; nephew, Chad "Butch" Schwank; and great-niece and nephew, Ashley Dunn and Zachary Hogendorn. She was preceded in death by her parents Frederick and Agnes Schwank; her soulmate, Gary Altwine; and her brother, Charles "Chuck" Schwank.

Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com.

Cemetery Details

Prospect View Cemetery - Rural Pierce

Pierce, NE

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

United Church of Christ
303 S Brown St
Pierce, NE 68767-1328
(402) 329-6901

Funeral Service

APR 8. 10:30 AM (CT)

United Church Of Christ- Pierce
303 S. Brown St.,
Pierce, NE

Tribute Wall

RB

“ Rob & Hillary Broekemeier planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of JoEtte "Jo" S. Schwank.

Rob & Hillary Broekemeier - April 07 at 11:14 AM

RB

“ Rob & Hillary Broekemeier purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of JoEtte "Jo" S. Schwank.



Rob & Hillary Broekemeier - April 07 at 11:14 AM

ST

“ Sara and Keigan Tomasek purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of JoEtte "Jo" S. Schwank.



Sara and Keigan Tomasek - April 07 at 08:05 AM

TT

“ The Todds purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of JoEtte "Jo" S. Schwank.



The Todds - April 06 at 11:16 PM

TT

“ The Todds planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of JoEtte "Jo" S. Schwank.

The Todds - April 06 at 11:16 PM

JF

“ Jeff Rigby and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of JoEtte "Jo" S. Schwank.

Jeff Rigby and Family - April 06 at 07:51 PM

JF

“ Jeff Rigby and Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of JoEtte "Jo" S. Schwank.



Jeff Rigby and Family - April 06 at 07:51 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of JoEtte "Jo" S. Schwank.



April 06 at 02:42 PM

DL

“ Always enjoyed when Jo and Gary would come up to Cabela's at Mitchell. We would always go have a few brews at the Depot in Mitchell. She will be missed.

Deb Leisner - April 06 at 01:15 PM

WF

“ With Sympathy, Elliet Frink & Family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of JoEtte "Jo" S. Schwank.



With Sympathy, Elliet Frink & Family - April 06 at 12:18 PM

PB

“ Ohhhh, what a gem she was! I will always remember her laugh, and all those cucumbers she'd eat at work! She was a very loyal employee and great friend who will be missed by so many. My thoughts and prayers are with her family during this difficult time.

Pam Buchholz - April 04 at 11:26 PM

BS

“ Jo Jo escorted new admits to St. Joe's. She always made them feel welcome when she picked them up from FrhS. She did go the extra mile which was not always easy. God bless. Barb Saults, previous social worker.

Barbara Ann Saults - April 04 at 09:07 PM

RW

“ rip joesie

rick walton - April 03 at 11:33 AM