



Lena R. Hockabout

November 1, 1971 - June 18, 2020

BATTLE CREEK -- Funeral service for Lena R. Hockabout, 48, of Battle Creek will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, June 26, 2020 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Norfolk with Rev. Paul Hirsch and Rev. Jason Schulz officiating. The funeral service will be streamed live on St. Paul's Lutheran Church's web page at www.stpls.com. Burial will take place at St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery in Norfolk. Visitation will be held from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m., Thursday, also at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Visitation will also begin one hour prior to service time on Friday. Lena passed away on Thursday, June 18, 2020 at the Faith Regional Hospital in Norfolk. Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk is in Charge of the arrangements.

Born Nov. 1, 1971, in Osceola, Lena was the daughter of Martin I. and Zelma I. (Todd) Rathje. She was baptized and confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church in Rising City.

Lena was raised on a farm in rural Butler County and involved in 4-H, multiple school sports, music and speech, attending school from kindergarten through eighth grade in Surprise. She graduated from Rising City High School in 1990. She was her high school homecoming queen, band majorette, cheerleader, valedictorian and a Regents Scholar.

She attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and graduated in 1994 with bachelor of arts and later graduated from the University Of Nebraska College Of Law at Lincoln with juris doctorate in 1997.

After college and law school, Lena went to work at the Jeffrey, Hahn,

Hemmerling, Zimmerman Law Firm in Lincoln until her marriage to Tom Hockabout on Sept. 28, 2002, at Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church in Rising City.

The couple made their home in Battle Creek.

Lena then worked with the Johnson, Morland, Easland Law Office in Norfolk. In 2006, she received her teacher's certificate in elementary education from Wayne State College.

For the past 13 years, Lena worked at Elkhorn Valley Bank & Trust in Norfolk as a vice president and trust officer.

Committed to her walk with Christ, Lena lived her faith through service to her church family, work with Shepherd's Servants and support of St. Paul's Lutheran School. She was a devoted mother who enjoyed spending time with her family cooking, gardening, crocheting, playing board games, attending art classes and watching her girls dance.

Lena was an avid Husker volleyball fan and dedicated Army wife.

She was a member of Shepherd of Peace Lutheran Church in Norfolk, Nebraska State Bar Association, Madison County Bar Association and Norfolk Library Foundation Board.

Survivors include her spouse, Tom Hockabout of Battle Creek; three daughters, Anna Hockabout, Emma Hockabout and Nora Hockabout; her stepmother, Avis Rathje of Shelby; her siblings, Roger (Jolene) Rathje of Shelby, Virginia (Douglas) Nelson of Spencer and Nancy Rathje of Boise, Idaho. She was preceded in death by her parents, Martin and Zelma.

Casket bearers will be Ty Nelson, Chase Nelson, Shay Nelson, Shane Rathje, Dannie Steager, Kevin Siffring and Carl Clymer.

Memorials may be directed to: St. Paul's Lutheran School, 1010 Georgia Ave., Norfolk, NE 68701 or the Faith Regional Foundation Hope Fund, 2700 W. Norfolk Ave., Norfolk, NE 68701.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **25**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Pauls Lutheran Church - Norfolk
1100 Georgia Ave
Norfolk, NE 68701
(402) 371-1654
<http://www.stpls.com/>

Visitation

JUN **26**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Pauls Lutheran Church - Norfolk
1100 Georgia Ave
Norfolk, NE 68701
(402) 371-1654
<http://www.stpls.com/>

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Stonacek Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Lena R. Hockabout*



Stonacek Funeral Chapel - June 24, 2020 at 03:45 PM

LB

Special tribute to a beautiful soul. Our thoughts and prayers are with you... Linda (Clymer) Buller

Linda Buller - June 26, 2020 at 10:56 AM



“ *Lena R. Hockabout*

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM

JS

“ *Blessed to know this Rathje family as a friend of Nancy's! Lena was a joy to be around from my experiences helping answer a school project question for the girls to attending the NCAA volleyball tournament in Omaha many years ago. Her love for her family, the Huskers, and Christ were evident! And oh the stories Nancy has of the fun and mischief they raised growing up together.*

Thanks to St. Paul's Lutheran Church for the beautiful live streamed service.

Sending love, prayers, and comfort to you all!

Jennie Stone

Jennie Stone - June 26, 2020 at 12:50 PM

KC

“ Through her work at Elkhorn Valley Bank, Lena was a blessing. My family and I went through some tough times and Lena was there for my daughter and I. Always the professional, but also with genuine concern and empathy for my daughter. It was a pleasure to know her especially during tumultuous times. She will be missed.



Kirk Christian - June 25, 2020 at 06:21 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lena R. Hockabout.



June 25, 2020 at 12:30 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Lena R. Hockabout.



June 25, 2020 at 11:45 AM

JK

“ I first want to give Lena's family my deepest sympathy. Tom, although we do not know each other, I want to say that I will be praying for you and your daughters during this very difficult time. And I will be praying for the rest of her family and the many, many friends that she left behind.

Lena was a very special person in my life. I have a Trust fund that was set up for me because of my severe disabilities. Lena helped make my life so much better. Her patience and kindness was something that I will always treasure. Her sense of humor also made decision making less stressful. One beautiful thing about Lena was how she would express joy when something went well for someone else.

God bless you, and your daughters, Tom. And just know that I am thinking and praying for you every day. I will not be able to come to the service Friday, but I will be watching and will be there in spirit.

A friend, Jo Ann Koepke

JoAnn Koepke - June 24, 2020 at 10:07 PM

KN

“ Lena was an excellent help with my Estate Plan. My sympathy, a memorial will be sent to St. Paul's school. Blessings, Karen Nuttleman

Karen Nuttleman - June 24, 2020 at 05:52 PM



“ 175 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Stonacek Funeral Chapel - June 24, 2020 at 03:38 PM

MH

“ *Melissa, Jerry & John Henry purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Lena R. Hockabout.*



Melissa, Jerry & John Henry - June 24, 2020 at 01:54 PM

DH

“ *Tom I am so sorry for your loss I am sure she is in good hands Take good care of your girls I am sorry i just can not come as people are coming in from Denver tonight and i have to be here Gone but not forgotten God Bless*

Dennis

Dennis Hockabout - June 24, 2020 at 12:59 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lena R. Hockabout.*



June 24, 2020 at 10:38 AM



“ *From the 8th Legal Operations Detachment purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Lena R. Hockabout.*



From the 8th Legal Operations Detachment - June 23, 2020 at 09:47 PM



“ *Thad and Michelle Micek purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Lena R. Hockabout.*



Thad and Michelle Micek - June 23, 2020 at 09:45 AM



“ *Terry O'Gorman from Dakota Dunes, SD wants to tell the family how much he appreciated the work Lena did during the years for the O'Gorman family.*

Terry O'Gorman - June 22, 2020 at 09:02 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lena R. Hockabout.



June 22, 2020 at 04:08 PM



“ Chardan Acres Families purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Lena R. Hockabout.



Chardan Acres Families - June 21, 2020 at 03:10 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lena R. Hockabout.



June 21, 2020 at 10:35 AM



“ The Emig Family, Roger, Cathy, Christina and Amber purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Lena R. Hockabout.



The Emig Family, Roger, Cathy, Christina and Amber - June 20, 2020 at 09:26 PM

JP

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with you all. May God’s peace and love be with you all. May He give strength and comfort to all of you.
Love Jane and Jerry

Jane & Jerry Patterson - June 20, 2020 at 07:49 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lena R. Hockabout.



June 20, 2020 at 11:52 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Lena R. Hockabout.



June 20, 2020 at 11:40 AM

MN

“ I worked with Lena she was a wonderful person. God Bless her family and prayers to all of them.

MARIE NIELSEN - June 20, 2020 at 09:33 AM

TC

“ Teresa J Carstens lit a candle in memory of
Lena R. Hockabout



Teresa J Carstens - June 20, 2020 at 08:48 AM

CP

“ Candi Palik lit a candle in memory of Lena R.
Hockabout



Candi Palik - June 19, 2020 at 06:22 PM