



Shari Renee Stonacek

January 13, 1965 - September 15, 2022

LINCOLN – Funeral service for Shari Renee Stonacek, 57, of Lincoln will be held at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, September 22, 2022 at the Christ Lutheran Church, 4325 Sumner St., Lincoln. Pastor Luke Schnake will be officiating the service. Luncheon will be held following the service. Graveside service immediately following the luncheon will be held at the Yankee Hill Cemetery in Lincoln. The service will be live streamed at <https://boxcast.tv/view/shari-stonacek-funeral-t0raomy0wisyz4olc81d> and also on the Stonacek Funeral Chapel Facebook page. Visitation will be held from 3:00-7:00 p.m., Wednesday, also at the Christ Lutheran Church in Lincoln. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be made to the family for a later designation. She went to be with the Lord on Thursday, September 15, 2022 with her family by her side at The Monarch by Eastmont in Lincoln after a 3½ year battle with kidney cancer. Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk is in charge of the arrangements with services being held in Lincoln.

Shari, known to family and friends as “Sarge” and “Honey Badger”, was born on January 13, 1965 in Lincoln to Harry Sr. and Mary (Sackschewsky) Watson. Shari grew up with four brothers. Growing up, she and her siblings rarely fought, but instead they supported each other as best as they could. She would tell the story about going to church when she was young and how her dad would always make them sit near the front pew. The kids would get the giggles because they usually would sit near “the lady who always sang

loud and off key.” Her brothers would make the funniest faces as this happened and she could not stop laughing. This didn’t always go over well, yet it would keep repeating each Sunday.

Shari attended Lincoln Southeast High School where she played volleyball. Many great friendships resulted from those high school years. After graduating from high school, Shari attended Kearney State College, where she met Troy Stonacek. She was immediately turned off. He was way too loud and boisterous for her. Shari and her roommate and good high school friend, Lynette were merely going for supper at the cafeteria, when they met Troy and his friend, Kirk (who's also loud). The guys just wanted to “dine with them”. In an attempt to avoid them, they agreed to looking for a two-seater table. With only a four-seater available, they were forced to dine together. Many great friendships resulted from those college years. Troy would like everyone to know that Shari asked him on their first date to the Alpha Phi Function. She was a cheerleader for Kearney State. She graduated from Kearney State, receiving her Bachelor’s Degree in Nursing, later receiving her Master’s Degree.

Troy and Shari were married on June 21, 1986 in Lincoln. Troy would like to remind everyone that he carried Shari out of the church that day. Shari would like everyone to know that he actually carried her throughout their marriage, not just on their wedding day. She loved him during the good times and the challenging times.

Shari was an RN for over 35 years, working at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Bryan Health in Lincoln, and for pharmaceutical companies. Her passion to help others was very evident. God was her source of strength. Shari worked night shift for 20+ years. The conversion to day shift was brutal for the entire family, but eventually they all adjusted. It was at work that she developed more friendships that lasted her lifetime.

Shari's greatest gift is each child that God gave to them. Shari is so proud of all of their children. She loves them, their spouses, and her grandchildren. The Lord has certainly blessed each of them. Their children developed friendships and their parents also became friends. Shari discovered casinos and loved going to the boats or Las Vegas several times a year. This was an "escape" from the daily grind.

She is survived by her loving husband Troy Stonacek of 36 years, their seven beloved children Justin (Rachel) Stonacek and their children Landon and Maria of Omaha, Joslin (Eli) Cecava and their daughters Vivian, Mabel, and Reba of Lincoln, Jasmin (Jordan) Kunz and their daughter Scottlyn Kunz of Grand Island, Jaidin Stonacek, Jedmin Stonacek, Jaclin Stonacek, and Joycin Stonacek all of Lincoln, parents Harry Sr. and Mary Watson of Lincoln, parent-in-laws Bill (Sharon) Stonacek of Pierce, brothers Larry (Diane) Watson of Elkhorn, Gary Watson of Lincoln, Harry Jr. (Morgan) Watson of Lincoln, Barry (Abby) Watson of Salt Lake City, UT, brother-in-law Todd (Linda) Stonacek of Pierce, sister-in-law Shannon (Byron) Wragge of Pierce, Aunts Loretta Dollen, Ramona (Jeff) Watson, Merna (Greg) Driewer, Linda Watson, numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Paul and Esther Sackshewsky, David and Mercedes Watson, aunts and uncles Judy and Ken Hewitt, Joan Blum, and Daryl Watson.

Pallbearers will be David Watson, Daniel Watson, Spencer Watson, Parker Watson, Carter Watson, Brock Stonacek, Blake Stonacek, Bronson Stonacek, and Cody Wragge. Honorary pallbearers will be Waklin Watson, Wiles Watson, Otto Watson, Jenny Watson, Willow Watson, Etta Watson, Branigan Walsh, Payton Freeman, and Kierstyn Wragge.

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

With the diagnosis of Kidney Cancer on February 23, 2019 life was suddenly different. God had renewed presence and faith was redesigned. God gave Shari and her family and friends strength, faith, and truth. Shari always knew that Heaven would be her eternal resting place and now God was going to prove it. Every day on earth, surrounded by friends and family, was a gift. Praise to God. God is good.

I believe in this! I am at peace with dying. Not only because of my spiritual beliefs, but possibly because of “being there for others when they pass”.

Watch below:

From life to death, beyond and back – Thomas Fleischmann – TEDx

Thank you to everyone who helped us during our times of need. When our children were younger, we relied on many parents to help with carpooling to/from church and school activities etc. Now we thank you for supporting them during this difficult time. Thank you to all the Healthcare Providers, Spiritual staff, families, and friends who helped Shari, Troy, and our children during our time of need and during this difficult time of illness and loss.

Cemetery Details

Yankee Hill Cemetery - Lincoln

Lincoln, NE 68522

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **21**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Christ Lutheran Church - Lincoln
4325 Sumner St.
Lincoln, NE 68506
<https://www.christlincoln.org/>

Funeral Service

SEP **22**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Stonacek Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Shari Renee Stonacek*



Stonacek Funeral Chapel - September 19, 2022 at 10:02 AM

MB

*Beautiful tribute of a beautiful person; what a great family God has blessed Shari & Troy with 🙏 May He grant you all peace, comfort and continued love as you move through this season of grief.
Love,
Marilyn Borchardt*

Marilyn Borchardt - September 19, 2022 at 10:17 PM



“ *Shari Renee Stonacek*

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM

JP

“ *Troy I am so deeply sorry! Your beautiful wife was taken way too soon! Sending love to you and your entire family!
Janice and Jason Parker*

Janice Parker - September 29, 2022 at 11:08 AM

MG

“ Justin, Rachel, and the entire Stonacek family - My deepest sympathy for your loss of your Mother. Will be keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers through this difficult time.

Mike Gordon - September 22, 2022 at 07:01 PM

SR

“ Troy, we are sending our love to you and your entire family.
With love,
Sherri, Shara and Cash Ryba

Shara Ryba - September 22, 2022 at 11:54 AM

KW

“ Our daughters Joycin and Erin played volleyball together for years. Volleyball parents became family. Shari and Troy were the best of them. They were always fun and easy to talk to and took a lot of pride in the team. We had a lot of parent time and have some wonderful memories. Shari was the kindest, greatest listener and loyal friend you could have. Her love for her family was her priority and she loved her grandbabies the same. She lived the “dash” in the way we can learn from. She had immense courage and unbreakable strength and faith. The world was a better place with her here. She will be missed by many and never forgotten. Her legacy is rich in love.

Kim Williamd - September 22, 2022 at 11:47 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Shari Renee Stonacek.



September 21, 2022 at 11:39 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Shari Renee Stonacek.



September 21, 2022 at 08:11 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Shari Renee Stonacek.



September 21, 2022 at 02:37 PM



“ *Jason and Linda Humpal and family* purchased the *Serene Retreat* for the family of Shari Renee Stonacek.



Jason and Linda Humpal and family - September 21, 2022 at 01:24 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness* was purchased for the family of Shari Renee Stonacek.



September 21, 2022 at 12:50 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Shari Renee Stonacek.



September 21, 2022 at 12:39 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Shari Renee Stonacek.



September 21, 2022 at 12:24 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Shari Renee Stonacek.



September 21, 2022 at 10:16 AM



“ *Coach Novotny, Rachel, and Coach Walker* purchased the *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet* for the family of Shari Renee Stonacek.



Coach Novotny, Rachel, and Coach Walker - September 20, 2022 at 11:46 PM

MB

“ We remember Shari and the entire Watson family. We were neighbors on South 42nd Street, Lincoln, NE, in the 70's. Such wonderful memories. Shari even babysat for us. Our condolences to all of you.

Denis and Marietta Blank

Marietta Blank - September 20, 2022 at 08:10 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Shari Renee Stonacek.*



September 20, 2022 at 07:46 PM

AC

“ *I'm sad to hear of the passing of, Shari. She was a regular in my cycling and TRX class at the YMCA. What a terrific lady! You could tell she was very proud of all her kids. God bless, Amy Cole*

Amy Cole - September 20, 2022 at 05:35 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Shari Renee Stonacek.*



September 20, 2022 at 04:58 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Shari Renee Stonacek.



September 20, 2022 at 04:29 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray* was purchased for the family of Shari Renee Stonacek.



September 20, 2022 at 01:32 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Shari Renee Stonacek.



September 20, 2022 at 11:48 AM



“ *Troy and Family, your are in our thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time.*
Sincerely,
Kelly and Carey Brunkhorst

Carey Brunkhorst - September 20, 2022 at 10:19 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Shari Renee Stonacek.*



September 20, 2022 at 09:46 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Shari Renee Stonacek.*



September 20, 2022 at 09:34 AM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Shari Renee Stonacek.*



September 20, 2022 at 09:30 AM



“ *Thinking of you, Troy, & wishing you peace of mind. Pat Meierhenry*



Pat Meierhenry - September 19, 2022 at 10:07 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Shari Renee Stonacek.*



September 19, 2022 at 09:20 PM



“ *From Cait, Kam, Lily, & Steph purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Shari Renee Stonacek.*



From Cait, Kam, Lily, & Steph - September 19, 2022 at 06:23 PM



“ *Your friends from Callahan Cancer Center purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Shari Renee Stonacek.*



Your friends from Callahan Cancer Center - September 19, 2022 at 04:17 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Shari Renee Stonacek.*



September 19, 2022 at 04:09 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Shari Renee Stonacek.*



September 19, 2022 at 03:45 PM



“ *Team TUKYSA purchased the Heavenly Grace S pray for the family of Shari Renee Stonacek.*



Team TUKYSA - September 19, 2022 at 03:40 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shari Renee Stonacek.*



September 19, 2022 at 02:03 PM



“ *Shari will be greatly missed. She was a great neighbor and caring soul. We will miss her smile and energy. Thoughts and prayers are with your family.*



Jennifer Sheaff - September 19, 2022 at 01:01 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Shari Renee Stonacek.*



September 19, 2022 at 12:50 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Shari Renee Stonacek.*



September 19, 2022 at 12:01 PM

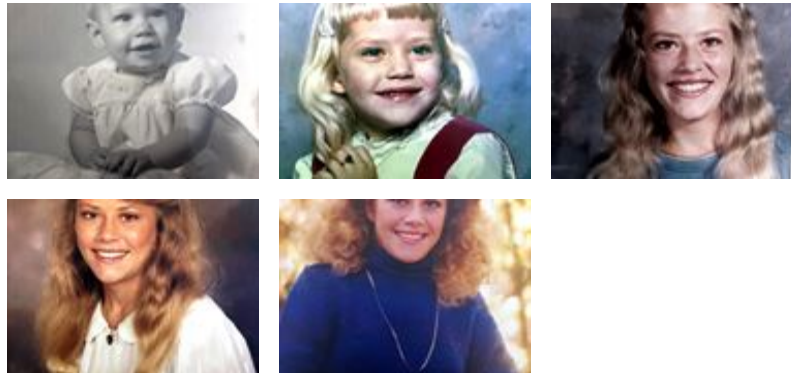


“ *To Troy and your family, please accept our sincere sympathy at the loss of your precious wife and mother. You have such a beautiful family with the blessing of seven children and now their spouses and grandchildren. God is so good and now may God sustain you with His peace and your beautiful memories. Shari always had a beautiful smile and that is the way we will remember her. Kevin and Kathy Deaver and family*

Kathy Deaver - September 19, 2022 at 11:05 AM



“ 165 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Stonacek Funeral Chapel - September 19, 2022 at 09:56 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Shari Renee Stonacek.*



September 19, 2022 at 07:48 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all Shari's family. My husband Duane and I met Shari and her daughter in DC during the Kidney Cancer advocacy for cancer research funding. We enjoyed our visit and I often checked in on Smart Patients to see how she was doing. When our Lord calls a loved one home he leaves a gift of memories in exchange. May you memories give you comfort at this difficult time.*



Debbie Talcott - September 18, 2022 at 11:51 PM

DT

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Debbie Talcott - September 18, 2022 at 11:48 PM

KI

“ Shari and I chatted often on Smart Patients. She will be missed by all her fellow RCC patients and caregivers. We're so lucky to have 'known' her.

KinOttawa - September 18, 2022 at 06:30 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shari Renee Stonacek.



September 18, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ 1 file added to the album LifeTributes



Stonacek Funeral Chapel - September 18, 2022 at 05:22 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Shari Renee Stonacek.*



September 18, 2022 at 12:18 AM



“ *Brian J. Schlote lit a candle in memory of Shari Renee Stonacek*



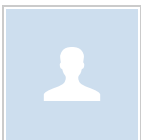
Brian J. Schlote - September 17, 2022 at 01:14 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Shari Renee Stonacek.*



September 17, 2022 at 11:03 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shari Renee Stonacek.*



September 16, 2022 at 06:52 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



Stonacek Funeral Chapel - September 16, 2022 at 05:40 PM

EE

“ *My sincerest condolences... Erika Eisner*

Erika Eisner - September 16, 2022 at 04:43 PM

JS

“ *Troy and family,*

Sending healing prayers and comforting hugs during this very difficult loss. I'm sorry for everything that you've been through, and what you're still going through. I personally did not know Shari but heard Troy talk about her with smile on his face. What an AMAZING life she has lived and children and grandchildren she has loved. From seeing the picture of the halo and the cross, we know she's in heaven looking down and smiling at the legacy she had left behind. What a wonderful wife, mother, sister, daughter and friend she was to everyone. GOD BLESS.

Jennifer Stottle

Jennifer Stottle - September 16, 2022 at 04:18 PM

JE

“ A couple of memories that come to mind when thinking of Shari . . .

A Sackschewsky Christmas traditions was that after the meal, the grandchildren had to put on a program before we could open presents. This tradition was honored even after the 13 cousins became adults. This program could be singing Christmas carols or putting on a play, usually a reenactment of the birth of Jesus. The singing of Christmas carols would take on a whole new level of entertainment with all of us playing a homemade instrument, anywhere from a box and spoon, blowing into a pop bottle, clanging on a cooking pot and maybe an actual instrument that someone found in the toy box. As adults, if the program was a re-creation of the birth of Jesus, Shari and Troy always seemed to provide an actual baby to represent Baby Jesus. . . 7 kids meant we were good for 7 years.

Also, the many games of “spoons” at Grandma Sackschewsky’s kitchen table . . . until it was banned because the table took a beating and Grandma said no more.

Rest in peace, Shari. Your life was short, but filled to the brim with love and laughter.

Julie Euteneuer - September 16, 2022 at 12:35 PM

JW

“ I knew Shari from working at Bryan Medical Center when she did, as a “PICC” nurse. Was always smiling, easy to talk to, and was awesome at what she did❤️ A few years down the road, our good friends Dave & Sheri Remmers got married. Went to the bathroom at the reception and ran into Shari...immediately started catching up and talking, not knowing how long we had been in there, here comes Sheri into the bathroom looking for us because our husbands were wondering where we were for the last hour!! Sheri and I still laugh about it! I am so sorry for your loss, she was a beautiful person inside and out and I feel blessed that our paths crossed for a short while. May God’s peace be with you all.....Jody Wollenburg, Clatonia NE

Jody Wollenburg - September 16, 2022 at 11:46 AM

MR

I worked with Shari for many years in the ICU at Bryan. She always had a smile and she was easy to be around with. She loved her husband and her children. She was a great nurse. Your years on this earth were too short. Rest Shari and may God look out for all of your family!

Mona Reynolds - September 22, 2022 at 11:47 AM