



## Jennifer Gardine

September 14, 1959 - May 21, 2023

Jennifer Ann Waits Schmeits Gardine, 63, of Bertrand, passed away on May 21, 2023, after a brief battle with cancer. Her family was close to her in her last days of life. At Jennifer's wish, the funeral service will be reserved for immediate family only. Cards and notes may be sent to 906 16th Ave., Kearney, Nebraska, 68845. Memorials are suggested to the family, for designation later. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney are in charge of arrangements.

Jennifer was born on September 14, 1959, to Ted and Bette Waits in Colorado Springs, Colorado. After attending high school in Alma Nebraska, she met Terry Schmeits, and they wed on September 23, 1978, going on to have three children together, Amber Ann, Joshua Cooper, and Ashley Renee.

When Jennifer had Amber, she decided to dedicate her life to being a fantastic and wonderful mother, staying at home and being a full-time home maker in Oxford, Nebraska. On November 1, 1990, the unthinkable happened and Jennifer's youngest daughter, Ashley, died in a tragic accident. Jennifer and Terry went on to divorce on October 31, 1997. Jennifer later met Steve Gardine, of Bertrand, Nebraska and they were married. Together, they cared for Steve's two daughters, Dallas, and Cheyenne, making their home in Bertrand.

Jennifer deeply loved her husband, children, stepdaughters, grandchildren, and her dog. She loved caring for her mother and was very close to her brothers. We will miss her greatly.

Jennifer was predeceased by her daughter, Ashley Schmeits, her father, Ted Waits and her mother, Bette Waits, and many other aunts, uncles, and family members and friends.

She is survived by her husband, Steve Gardine, her daughter, Amber Schmeits of Wimberley, Texas, and her daughters Ashlyn and Aubrey Brown of Lincoln, Nebraska, her son, Joshua Schmeits and his wife, Jamie, and daughters, Lainey and Lauren Schmeits, all of Kearney, Nebraska, stepdaughters, Dallas and Cheyenne and their children of Kearney and Bertrand, Nebraska, her brother, Ted and wife, Lori Waits, and Paul Waits, all of Montana.

# Tribute Wall

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“ 🙏 Sorry Steve - Tougher Than Gettin Bucked Off A Bull In The Rodeo 😞 T. E. Kelly, The Cocklebur Nebraska America 🇺🇸 ❤️ 🙏  
Thursday, May 25th, 2023.

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**T. E. Kelly.** - May 26, 2023 at 12:56 AM