



Renee Lynn Kersting

October 20, 1985 - August 1, 2019

Renee L. Kersting, 33, of Sumner, NE died Thursday, August 1, 2019 as a result of an automobile accident 4 miles west of Wood River on I-80.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, August 7, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Amherst. Rev. Richard Kothe will officiate and burial will be at a later date at Stanley Cemetery near Amherst. Visitation is planned Tuesday from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney and prior to services at the church on Wednesday. Memorials are suggested to the family, to be designated later. Please visit www.hlmkfuneral.com to leave a tribute or message on condolence. Horner Lieske McBride and Kuhl Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

She was born October 20, 1985 in Kearney to Jim and LeaAnn (Hansen) Vavra. She lived in Kearney until the age of 7 then moved to Amherst until the age of 16. While in school in Amherst she was active in track, cross country, basketball and volleyball then she moved to Grand Island and graduated from Grand Island High School.

She married Bernard “Butch” Kersting September 10, 2011 in Kearney. She worked at Dairy Queen in Kearney and was currently a stay at home mom.

She was confirmed and is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Amherst.

Renee enjoyed baking, arts and crafts, photography, music and BINGO. She loved taking her kids and nieces and nephews to Harmon Park and other splashpads and above all loved being a wife and a mom.

Surviving relatives include her husband Butch of Sumner; daughters, Emma Vavra of Amherst, Khloe and Kira Kersting both of Sumner; sons, Kyson Kersting of Sumner and Isaac Vavra-O'Brien of Ansley; step daughter, Kaeley Kersting of Kearney; father and step-mother, Jim and Susan Vavra of Amherst; mother, LeaAnn Hansen of Grand Island; brother, Derek Vavra and wife Kelsey of Amherst, sisters, Jennifer Vavra of Grand Island, Chelsie Bonzagni and husband Derek of Knoxville, TN, Brianna Vavra of Grand Island; grandmothers, Jane Vavra-Schmid and Marilyn Schnuerle both of Kearney and grandfather, ,Lonnie Hansen of Grand Island.

She was preceded in death by; grandmother, Betty Lucas and grandfathers, James Vavra and Bill Schnuerle.

Cemetery Details

Stanley Cemetery

145th & Odessa Road
Amherst, NE 68812

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl
2421 Avenue A
Kearney, NE 68847
(308) 237-2259
<https://www.hlmkfuneral.com>

Funeral Service

AUG 7. 10:30 AM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church
Amherst, NE

Tribute Wall



“ *Renee Lynn Kersting*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *Renee your missed so much. I will never let your memory fade sister you were such an amazing, smart, loving, caring, beautiful person. I would like to say thank you to the ones that stayed right there with Renee and also everyone that helped my nieces and nephew. It gives me a little piece of mind knowing someone was there with her. Thank you.*



Jennifer Vavra - January 23, 2020 at 06:03 PM



“ *My name is JT Cross. I was traveling westbound on 80 and saw the accident happen. I stopped to help and met Jason who was the first on the scene. Together we were able to get the children out of the SUV and into the caring hands of many others who stopped to help. The outpouring of support and kindness from these people is something I will never forget. The police officers, EMT's, paramedics and firefighters did their absolute best to help Renee. Sadly, all of our efforts did not prevail. My heart is heavy for the loss of Renee and the family she leaves behind. Please know that Jason and I reassured her that her children were safe. We stayed with her the entire time and she was not alone.*

JT - August 08, 2019 at 12:49 AM

JD

It, I don't remember you, as there were alot of people around that day. But I will say on both of our behalf that it is a wonderful feeling to help out on such a way. We did our best and I feel what we were able to do made a difference. God bless those 3 children, they are very tough and brave.

Jason Drinovsky - August 09, 2019 at 04:37 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Sheila Taylor Wilson - August 06, 2019 at 11:24 PM

AC

“ To Butch and Jennifer and all the rest of Renee's family, my thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Renee was truly an amazing person who will be missed by so many.

Amanda Carman-Cervantes - August 06, 2019 at 06:28 PM

AC

“ Amanda Carman-Cervantes lit a candle in memory of Renee Lynn Kersting



Amanda Carman-Cervantes - August 06, 2019 at 06:21 PM

JR

“ *Jim and family.
Sorry to read about the death of your daughter,
May she rest in piece. My prayers are with you
at this time.*

*Jane Rumbleck Ripp
2418 Northwestern Ave
Ames, Iowa 50010*

Jane Ripp - August 06, 2019 at 06:00 PM

SN

“ *Renee always seemed to have a smile on her face as a little girl
from my memories of her and she liked to care for her siblings and
children, especially doing little girls hair. As an adult my memories
are of her holding her children. Praying she is in the arms of Jesus
and for peace for her children and all of her family. Also, for healing
for her children.*

Sonya New - August 06, 2019 at 04:43 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of
Renee Lynn Kersting.*



August 06, 2019 at 04:36 PM

KB

“ *To the Renee Kersting famliy, we are so sorry for your lost. Our
thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Sherry & Ken
Bramer*

Ken & Sherry Bramer - August 06, 2019 at 04:16 PM

IF

“ Ideus Family lit a candle in memory of Renee Lynn Kersting



Ideus family - August 06, 2019 at 01:16 PM

CK

“ Candy Kreutzer lit a candle in memory of Renee Lynn Kersting



Candy Kreutzer - August 06, 2019 at 12:38 PM

RI

“ REINKE'S HTG A/C & ELEC, INC purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Renee Lynn Kersting.

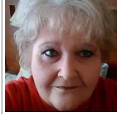


REINKE'S HTG A/C & ELEC, INC - August 06, 2019 at 12:35 PM

JD

“ My name is Jason Drinovsky of Traer Iowa. I am an over the road truck driver and was first at the scene of the accident August 1st. I would like to Express my sorrow and give my condolences to the family of Renee in this time of grief. I hope the 3 little ones are doing well who were involved in the accident. I'm so very sorry for your loss.

Jason Drinovsky - August 06, 2019 at 10:27 AM



Although I didn't know her, it's extremely wonderful that you commented on this tragedy. I hope it brings comfort to the family knowing they weren't alone until rescue help arrived. I'm sure that this is extremely unsettling for you too. I can't imagine how this has affected you but I'm sure it was very traumatic.

Sue Johnston Treffer - August 06, 2019 at 06:56 PM



Jason Thank You so much for helping our babies. They are having a tough time losing mommy. The funeral is tomorrow which will be very hard. Again Jason Thank You and God Bless You!

Susan Schnuerle Vavra - August 06, 2019 at 08:56 PM

BJ

“ *Brenda & Bernie Judd lit a candle in memory of Renee Lynn Kersting*



Brenda & Bernie Judd - August 04, 2019 at 09:09 PM