



## Chelsey Elizabeth Petersen

February 1, 1990 - May 12, 2026

Chelsey Elizabeth Petersen, age 36, of Council Bluffs, Iowa and formerly of Alta, Iowa died May 12, 2026 at her residence in Council Bluffs.

Memorial Services will take place Wednesday, May 27, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in STORM LAKE. Burial will be at a later date in the St. John Lutheran Church Cemetery in Hanover. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Chelsey was born February 1, 1990 in Storm Lake, Iowa the daughter of Calvin and Sharon (Hansen) Petersen. She was the beloved baby girl to three older brothers.

She was baptized in 1994 at St. John Lutheran Church in Hanover, Iowa, and later confirmed there in 2004.

As a child, she enjoyed competing in gymnastics. Growing up in Alta, she attended Alta High School, graduating in 2008. During high school, she was active in cheerleading, speech, dance team, FCA and FFA. She was also known for always working two or three jobs and for her talent as a party planner.

Following graduation, she attended Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska, where she earned a degree in Health Care Management in 2012 and was a

member of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

After college, she spent a year serving with the Franciscan Volunteer Ministry in Kensington, Philadelphia. Most recently, Chelsey worked at Bethany Lutheran Health Services.

She wanted to make the world more colorful. Chelsey loved animals, and had a deep passion for art. Art was truly her life, and she embraced every aspect of it. She especially enjoyed the Art Battle at the Culxr House in Omaha and BFF events at the Benson Art Gallery. In 2007, while still in high school, she won Best of Show for her piece, Lips of an Angel.

Above all, Chelsey loved her family and will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Those left to cherish her memory include her parents: Calvin and Sharon Petersen of Alta, Iowa; brother, Kole (Elizabeth) Petersen of Alta, Iowa; half brother, Charles (Wendy) Petersen of Atlantic, Iowa; nephews and niece; grandmother, Adrienne Petersen of Kimballton, Iowa; several other family members and friends.

Chelsey was preceded in death by her brother, Gregory Petersen; and grandparents: Ronald Petersen and Bernard "Bud" and Elizabeth Hansen.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAY 27. 10:00 AM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Chelsey Elizabeth Petersen*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - May 27 at 09:49 AM

AJ

*Such a sweet, colorful and kind spirit. The world needed more people like her. She will forever be missed.*

Amanda Jones - May 28 at 07:49 AM



“ *Kalvin and Sharon ,so so sorry for your loss prayers for your family*

Curt Hoch - May 28 at 11:26 PM

CB

“ *I've never known anyone who loved as unselfishly as Chelsea. I will always love her forever❤️❤️❤️ Claudia*

Claudia Bookout - May 27 at 10:32 AM

CA

“ *Claudia A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Chelsey Elizabeth Petersen.*

Claudia A. - May 27 at 10:25 AM

FH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - May 26 at 05:07 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Chelsey Elizabeth Petersen.



May 26 at 04:34 PM

AK

“ Ashleen, Jessica, and Kourtney purchased the Glorious Grace Bouquet for the family of Chelsey Elizabeth Petersen.



Ashleen, Jessica, and Kourtney - May 26 at 02:27 PM

JS

“ Chelsey was a beautiful light for so many people. Her life was very passionate for art. I think she was a superb artist. As I didn't know her very long I will sure miss her. Now she is making heaven so beautiful.



Jeff Sheffield - May 26 at 10:59 AM

MM

“ For the little time I spent with Chelsey during our Fitzpatrick days, she seemed to have a light inside. I enjoyed talking with her. Her smile was infectious! Very sad to know this world has lost that light. Calvin & Sharon, thinking and praying for you during this time of loss.



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**Michelle Munoz** - May 26 at 10:42 AM

BB

“ Bob Baschke lit a candle in memory of Chelsey Petersen



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**Bob Baschke** - May 26 at 09:07 AM

CD

“ Carolina and Dash purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Chelsey Elizabeth Petersen.



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**Carolina and Dash** - May 25 at 09:07 PM

PH

“ I am so very sorry for the loss of this wonderful young lady! I remember her well in school as I was a custodian through her school years. I am glad I took the time to visit her at the Storm Lake Witter Gallery last fall to see her art display. And I am happy I purchased a print from her that I will cherish forever! Also all Altans and visitors will cherish the wonderful mural she painted on the Alta Lord's Cupboard Building!!! Rest In Peace Dear Chelsey!

*Pam Henderson*

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**Pam Henderson** - May 25 at 08:03 PM

PH

“ Pam Henderson lit a candle in memory of Chelsey Petersen



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**Pam Henderson** - May 25 at 07:55 PM



*I will always remember Chelsey as such a sweet and happy little girl in my Kindergarten class! She was always smiling and was just a ray of sunshine! Her smile was contagious and made others smile right back at her! She was so full of punk and was such a sweetheart. Her love of art and her creativity were just amazing and beautiful! Sending thoughts and prayers to all of you.*

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**Penny Payne** - May 26 at 01:25 PM