



Kelli Ann Sanders

August 20, 1960 - May 16, 2024

Kelli Ann Sanders, age 63, of Alta, Iowa died Thursday, May 16, 2024 at Sanford Health in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Celebration of Life services will take place Saturday, May 25, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. at Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Alta. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, Kelli's family requests that you share your favorite memory of Kelli in a card. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Alta is in charge of the arrangements.

On August 20, 1960, Kelli Ann McDanel was born to Richard and Charlin (Miller) McDanel in Alta, Iowa. She grew up attending school in Alta, graduating in 1978. Most recently, Kelli was a member of the Eastern Star and worked at the Alta Country Store for nine years until 2023 when she retired due to her health.

While at the Storm Lake roller skating rink, Kelli met the love of her life, David Sanders. On April 20, 1979, Kelli and Dave were united in marriage at the United Methodist Church in Storm Lake, Iowa. They were blessed with two children: Amanda and Dustin.

Everyone that knew Kelli loved her. She had a giving heart and babysat many children over the years. In her free time, Kelli enjoyed camping. She also

loved collecting purses and stuffed moose. Horses were a large part of Kelli's life. She started riding at the age of three and grew up training horses with her parents. More than anything, Kelli loved her family. She was a caregiver to Dave and was his rock. Kelli could be found in the stands, supporting her grandchildren at all of their activities. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Left to cherish the memory of Kelli include her beloved husband, David Sanders of Alta, Iowa; children: Amanda (Troy) Gaes of Alta, Iowa; Dustin (Angie) Sanders of Sac City, Iowa; brothers: Mike (Carol) McDanel; Joe (Gail) McDanel; sister: Kandi Schooley; grandchildren: Tyler Sanders; Nicholas Gaes; Melanie Gaes; Sunshine Baraibar; Dylan Sanders; Quinten Sanders; father-in-law: Jim Sanders; sister-in-law: Lori Flurey; extended family and many friends.

Kelli was preceded in death by her parents, Richard and Char McDanel.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **25**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Celebration of Life Service

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Tribute Wall

FH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - May 24, 2024 at 05:16 PM

NM

“ Dave & family:
So sorry for your loss.
-Nancy Miller-
José Marin



Nancy Miller - May 22, 2024 at 09:07 PM

ES

“ Ellen & William Sylenko purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Kelli Ann Sanders.



Ellen & William Sylenko - May 20, 2024 at 07:57 PM

ES

“ Ellen & William Sylenko planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kelli Ann Sanders.

Ellen & William Sylenko - May 20, 2024 at 07:57 PM

DF

“ It's been 1 week. My heart hurts still. I love you Kells 💜

Dawn Linette Finch - May 19, 2024 at 01:43 PM

JP

Kelly was a good friend. joanne parada

joanne parada - May 19, 2024 at 09:09 PM

LP

Kelly was one of my first friends the summer I was 12 and started racing horses with Gramp. She was the coolest. She knew about make up, could drive a car, harness a horse and had a boyfriend. Even though I was a younger tag along that summer. Kelly and Joel always treated me like I was one of the gang and made me feel welcome. Kelly had it all going. My favorite memories of Kelly were the summer of 1975. We all raced the Missouri fairs . Driving out to a state park and swimming at Kirksville and hitting the midway at Sedalia. The best times were sitting around the barns at night. She will be watching over Dave and the rest of the family. She will have a great view. Love to the family.

Lesa Peters - May 22, 2024 at 08:04 AM

NH

“ So sorry for your loss.



Nicki J Harrington - May 19, 2024 at 11:14 AM



“ Ghirardelli Galore Gift Tin was purchased for the family of Kelli Ann Sanders.



May 19, 2024 at 06:03 AM



“ I am so very, very sorry for the loss of this amazing women and friend! I have missed her so much at the Alta Country Store and she was always in my prayers to return to work one day. She was a blessed to me as long as I have know her. Rest In Peace dear Kelli!

Pam Henderson - May 18, 2024 at 01:03 PM



*I remember meeting Kelli when Lynn and I used to ride at the Alta Fairgrounds. She was so little and cute as a button! She used to walk under the big horses, fearless. She and her family made us so welcome.
Then I was invited to her wedding to Dave. It was so special.
The loss to her family is devastating. We are so sorry for your loss and will keep you in my prayers, forever.
Rest in peace sweet little girl. Gone too soon.*

Ellen Sylenko - May 20, 2024 at 08:10 PM



“ Pam Henderson lit a candle in memory of Kelli Sanders



Pam Henderson - May 18, 2024 at 01:00 PM

DZ

“ *Deborah Zerfoss lit a candle in memory of Kelli Sanders*



Deborah Zerfoss - May 18, 2024 at 08:09 AM

AP

“ *Annette Petersen lit a candle in memory of Kelli Sanders*



Annette Petersen - May 17, 2024 at 06:20 PM

MK

“ *So sorry to hear this Dave and family! Praying for all of you at this difficult time.*

Mike & Connie Kahnke - May 17, 2024 at 04:18 PM