



Rhonda Wiebers

December 31, 1967 - December 9, 2018

Rhonda Wiebers, age 50, of Bellevue, NE, formerly Lennox, SD, died surrounded by her family, Sunday, December 9, 2018 at the Sanford Foundation Hospice Cottage, Sioux Falls, SD, following an 11 year battle with metastatic breast cancer.

Rhonda Jean Wiebers was born on December 31, 1967, at Sioux Valley Hospital, Sioux Falls, SD, the daughter of Orville and Corliss (Schoffelman) Wiebers. She grew up in Lennox attending Lennox Public Schools and graduated from Lennox High School in 1986. She went on to graduate from Augustana College with degrees in Elementary and Special Education. Later she earned her masters degree from the University of Nebraska, Omaha. She taught elementary and special education for the past 28 years, for the Bellevue School District, Bellevue NE. In addition to teaching, Rhonda served as the District Science Curriculum Consultant, was selected to participate in the prestigious Nebraska Primary Math Academy in 2012 and was the 2012/2013 recipient of the Bellevue Public Schools "Making A Difference Award".

Rhonda was an active and faithful member of the Thanksgiving Church of Bellevue, NE where she served on the Church Council, Youth Leader, VBS Preschool Director, Summer Daycamp Director (Kids of the King), Worship Coordinator, Life Group Member and other roles. She was raised attending First English Lutheran Church, Lennox, SD. She was a member of the Bellevue Dawn Optimist Club where she served in a host of leadership roles

at the club and district levels including Nebraska District Lieutenant Governor. She was a sports fan whose eclectic taste for sports included baseball, specifically, the College World Series, National Swimming trials, Olympic Gymnastics, Cornhusker and Creighton teams and NASCAR racing, specifically driver, Jimmy Johnson. Rhonda loved hot air balloons and fulfilled her wish for a ride. Most of all she loved her family, the children she taught and her many loyal friends.

Rhonda was preceded in death by her grandparents, John and Leona Schoffelman and grandfather, John Wiebers.

Grateful for having shared her life are her parents, Orville and Corliss Wiebers, Lennox; sisters: Kristi (Robbie) Sweeter and Holly (Jason) Doud all of Lennox; grandmother, Gladys Wiebers, Lennox; nieces/nephews: Drew Sweeter (Catelyn Rud), Grant Sweeter (Kennedy Clark), Corissa Sweeter, Easton Doud, and Justine Doud (Trenton Powell); great-nephew, Macksen Sweeter and great-niece, Molly Doud and a host of other relatives and friends. Services will begin at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, December 15 at First English Lutheran Church, Lennox with burial to follow in the Lennox Cemetery. Visitation with the family present, also at First English Lutheran, will be 6 to 8 p.m. Friday. In lieu of flowers, the family requests backpacks, school supplies and books for donation to underserved school children.

Tribute Wall

TH

“ Orville, Corliss, Kristi, Holly - There were a very few of us who had the distinct pleasure and experience of growing up together from kindergarten through high school, Sunday School, Confirmation, and Youth Group. I struggle for a memory of elementary school or Sunday School that doesn't include Rhonda. Throughout our school years - whether she even realized it - Rhonda raised a bar and set a standard I and others in our class very often found ourselves working to achieve. Grades, band accomplishments, church involvement, and, dang if I wasn't envious every elementary school Field Day that she always kicked my butt in the 50-yard-dash. Her 10-year battle against her disease is a stunning example of the standard she set - it's a true testament to her strength, her courage, and her desire and passion to encourage and inspire as many children and others in her community in as many ways as she could for as long as she could. She was one of LHS Class of 86's best and we all miss her. My sincerest condolences on Rhonda's passing - you are all in my thoughts and prayers. --Tamara

Tamara (Monson) Hughes - December 18, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ So sorry to hear of Rhonda's passing. Many blessings to your family.

Joanne and Michael Genzlinger - December 18, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ My greatest sympathy on the passing of Rhonda. God Bless you all

Brian R Lind - December 16, 2018 at 12:00 AM

YA

“ I'm so very sorry for your loss. I have no doubt that God will remember her and keep her memory safe. He will surely be glad to bring her back to life in a perfect world when suffering will be no more and we will all welcome back our loved ones that are asleep in death. (Revelation 21:4 & John 5:28, 29) May our loving Father bring your family the peace and comfort only He can provide.

Yas - December 15, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JQ

“ It must be wonderful to be on this new adventure. Welcome home Rhonda.

Jerry Quintero - December 14, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ I am so, so sorry!! : (Its obvious she was a very strong woman, to have fought that stupid disease for so long!!! No more fighting for her now, only singing and dancing with God and His angels!!! :) Even tho I hadn't seen or talked to her for years, she always had a sweet soul!!! :) My thoughts and prayers are with the whole family!!! : (

Barb Beck - December 14, 2018 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ I attended Primarily Math with Rhonda. She was such a dynamic personality-and made a huge positive impact on the group of teachers. I remember her bringing a smile and friendly attitude. Although I only knew her in a small way, I know that she was an amazing person, who helped EVERYONE she met. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. I'm thinking of you all during the holidays, and the days to come.

Elizabeth Cook - December 13, 2018 at 12:00 AM

WC

“ It was a great honor to meet Rhonda. She was, indeed, a special person and will be greatly missed by many. She touched so many lives, always for the better.

Wendy Buchholz OTR/L, CLT-LANA - December 13, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ It was with sadness to read of Rhonda's passing. She fought a long hard battle with cancer but remained a contributing person to her community. You have my sincere condolences and prayers for strength during this journey of grief and adjustment.

Dr Janell Christiansen - December 13, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ We were so saddened to hear of Rhonda's passing. She was such an exceptional young woman and touched so many lives in her time on earth. She truly exemplified a "life well lived", though her loved ones would wish for more time with her. God's peace to your whole family.

Don and Donna Kniffen - December 13, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ So many prayers to the Wiebers family! I have fond memories of Rhonda in high school. Peace to you. Mary Stack

Mary Stack - December 13, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Rhonda is a very special part of the Frey and Townsend families. We thank God for bringing her into our lives 28 years ago. Until we all meet again in God's left field bleachers...Much love....Chrys, Dirk, Nathan, Hannah, Aaron and Christina Frey

The Frey Family - December 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ My daughter, Emily, was in Ms. Wiebers's class last year. She came home yesterday and said that something sad had happened this weekend and informed me of Ms. Wiebers's passing. She went on to tell me how she was one of her favorite teachers and that she always made her feel so smart. I wanted to pass along our condolences and to recognize the impact that she had on my child's life.

Melissa Johnson - December 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ our deepest sympathies to all of you, she will be deeply missed by all her family, friends and most of all the students whose lives she touched.

Jim and Patricia Koerner - December 11, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ Our deepest sympathy to all the family.

Arlo& Vonnie Larson - December 11, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ I fondly remember Rhonda who was in my first kindergarten class in Lennox. She was a great student and always eager to learn. I'm sure she became a great teacher! My heart goes out to all of you as you grieve your loss. It hurts more to lose a child, but we can rejoice that she is no longer suffering. Prayers and hugs to you!

Diane Rahn - December 11, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ *Psalm 116:15 Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful servants.*

Arthur Jelsma - December 11, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ *So sorry for your loss, prayers to the family*

Kristy Albers - December 11, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ *Wiebers family, the Eppard family always knew how fortunate we were to be your neighbors for so many years on Elm Street in Lennox. We have great memories of Rhonda and the entire family. While it is hard to say goodbye take comfort in how she made so many lives better. Bless you all.*

Rick and Joanne Eppard - December 10, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *So very sorry for your loss.*

Lisa Rens Crumpton - December 10, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ *I had the privilege of being Rhonda’s teaching colleague at Fort Crook Elementary School. Her love for children was so evident, as was her strong faith. Though we are missing a very special person, we celebrate Rhonda’s new life in the heavenly kingdom. Prayers for all who are grieving.*

Sandy Nielsen - December 10, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ I worked with Rhonda on the Science committee in Bellevue. She was a wonderful person with a great heart for her students as well as the entire BPS population of kids. She will be sorely missed!

Sally J Kruse - December 10, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ I feel so blessed to have known Rhonda and what an impact she made on so many of us! I will miss her beautiful smile that I looked forward to seeing at church~ Sending her family and friends prayers and love!

Julie Grancer - December 10, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ May the saints welcome you to Heaven and God continue to hold you safely in His arms. Our hearts go with you sweet, wonderful, smiling Lady. We rejoice in your celebration and mourn our loss. A friend in Optimism, Judith Conway Kluge

Judith Conway Kluge - December 10, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this difficult time.
Larry and Joyce Bendt

Joyce Bendt - December 10, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this difficult time.

DAVID and Nancy Scott - December 10, 2018 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ Our deepest sympathy to all of you. She is at peace now with her Heavenly Father. Praying for you at this difficult time. Paul and Judy Rud.

Paul and Judy Rud - December 10, 2018 at 12:00 AM

EL

“ My deepest condolences to the family, may you find comfort in prayer and the beautiful words of Revelation 21:3-5 where God promises us that He will soon eliminate all death and suffering.

Elda - December 10, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ My friend Rhonda was one of the strongest people I have ever encountered. Rhonda took adversity and turned it out, she would not stop living her life for one minute and she would expect everyone she knows to do the same. Rhonda was the example for all to foster she would never, ever give in to the very thing that eventually took her from us all. Let it be known Rhonda was loved and i believe she also loved those around her. Rhonda, so loved each of the students in her school and so it was returned. Rhonda we will never forget of you, and you, will continued to be loved always and forever.

kenneth kohout - December 10, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ God bless the Wiebers family. Rhonda was a wonderful person from a wonderful family. I have so many great memories of her, Orv, Corliss, Kristi, and Holly.

John Mogen - December 10, 2018 at 12:00 AM