



Johanna Christine "Chriss" (Seaton) Epp, 82

May 30, 1943 - January 31, 2026

Henderson, NE, resident Johanna Christine "Chriss" (Seaton) Epp, 82, passed away Saturday, January 31, 2026, at Bryan Medical Center West Campus in Lincoln, NE.

A private family service will be conducted on Saturday, February 7, 2026, at Sutton Memorial Chapel in Sutton, NE. The family will receive friends from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m., Saturday, February 7, 2026, at Sutton Memorial Chapel in Sutton, NE. In honoring her wish to be cremated, there will not be a visitation or viewing.

In lieu of flowers or memorial contributions, please bring memories to share.

Johanna Christine "Chriss" (Seaton) Epp, was born in St. Joseph, MO, on May 30, 1943. Shortly thereafter, she was lovingly adopted by The Honorable Frederick A. Seaton and his wife, Gladys (Dowd) Seaton.

Chriss spent the first part of her life in Hastings, NE, where she developed a love of all things horses. Chriss and her family then moved to Washington, DC, while her father served in the United States Senate and as a Cabinet Member in President Dwight D. Eisenhower's Administration. While on the East Coast, Chriss continued to develop her equestrian skills and enjoyed competing in various circuits and on her high school teams. She often spoke

of the wonderful experiences she had while showing at the Washington International Horse Show, the Denver Stock Show, and the American Royal Horse Show.

Upon her family's return to Nebraska, Chriss graduated from Hastings Senior High School in 1962. She then obtained her Associate's Degree from Stephens College, where she also competed on their equestrian team.

On July 29, 1964, Chriss married Maynard J. Epp and moved to rural Henderson, NE, where they raised their three children.

Chriss shared her love of horses with her family and cultivated many friendships across the country during her and her daughter's continued involvement showing horses.

After they retired, she and Maynard bought a house in Maui, HI, where they enjoyed nearly 20 winters, escaping from the Nebraska weather.

Chriss was preceded in death by her parents and brothers, Don Seaton and Alfred Seaton.

Left to cherish Chriss' memory are her husband of 61 years, Maynard; son, Bryan Epp; son, Shawn Epp and his wife Heather; daughter, Jodie Williams, her husband, Wayne Trudeau, and children, Aubrey, Chandler, & Makenna Williams; and sister, Monica Seaton.

Previous Events

Family Greeting Friends

FEB 7. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Sutton Memorial Chapel
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Tribute Wall

KB

“ I'm sorry to hear of Chriss's passing. We spent many horse show days with her and Jodi. Prayers for peace for her family.



Kim Bowen - February 07 at 11:13 PM



“ 12 files added to the album Floral Tributes



Sutton Memorial Chapel and McLaughlin Funeral Chapel - February 07 at 01:49 PM

SS

“ I will miss the visits and phone calls from Chriss. I have known her for a very long time. We met via our love of horses and shared many happy dining experiences. My sincere condolences to Maynard, Jodie and family. Sandi Sloan

Sandi Sloan - February 07 at 11:26 AM

JA

“ I didnt get to know you long but it was an honor to meet you and I'm so glad you got to meet my babies. I wish they could've known you.



Jaelyne - February 05 at 11:39 PM

PA

“ 2 files added to the album Chriss-Horses



Pat - February 05 at 02:24 PM

BS

“ I, too, had the extreme pleasure of spending gastronomical times with Chriss. In Maui. We both loved eating at the high end restaurants and gorging ourselves in family conversations , local events, and just plain fun times. Those memories of my dear friend will surround me forever. My sincere condolences to Maynard and family. Thank you Dear Lord for putting Chris's in my life.

Bev Streba - February 05 at 12:23 PM

AS

“ This breaks my heart. I was blessed with the opportunity to meet Chris, Maynard and Jodie in Maui. 23 years ago. Chris became my second mom. She had this ability to make you smile no matter what the situation was. The Epp's have a heart of gold. I still remember playing scrabble with Chris and Jodie and racing up the Volcano with Maynard, not to mention the boating trips we had in some rough seas. I'll never forget you and your great smile.
Abe

Abe Smith - February 04 at 07:31 PM

CG

“ I am so sorry to hear this. I just recently enjoyed a nice visit with Chris n Maynard in Walmart in York. My condolences to her family!
Charlene Goertzen

Charlene Goertzen - February 02 at 11:35 PM