



Lisa Joy Dubas

December 25, 1954 - December 20, 2016

Clay Center, NE resident, Lisa Joy Dubas, 61, passed away, Tuesday, December 20, 2016, at Mary Lanning Healthcare in Hastings, NE.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, December 23, 2016, at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sutton, NE with Rev. Kris Schroeder officiating. Interment will follow at the Clay Center Cemetery in Clay Center, NE. Visitation will be Thursday, from 1 p.m. until 8 p.m., with the family present from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m., at Sutton Memorial Chapel in Sutton, NE. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the Clay Center Fire and Rescue Departments or the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sutton, NE.

Lisa was born in Hastings, NE to James and Barb (Watson) Thaut on Christmas Day, 1954. She graduated from Hastings High School in 1973, where she proudly wore a Tigerette Uniform. Lisa married Bruce Vap in 1973, and from this union she had two sons, Travis and Matthew. After Bruce and Lisa divorced, she raised her sons as a single mother until she met the love of her life, Ted Dubas in October 1993. Soon after on June 3, 1994, Lisa and Ted married where she gained a step-daughter, Gina Dubas and moved to Clay Center to create their life together.

Lisa went through some tough times in her life - a divorce from her first

husband, losing her first-born son, Travis to a car accident and later fighting medical conditions, eventually having a lung transplant. One of her proudest moments was being able to dance with her son, Matthew at his wedding just three weeks after her transplant. Through everything she stayed strong, positive and joyful. She was truly an inspiration to many.

After her transplant, Lisa focused on "smelling the flowers." She took the time to appreciate life, spreading her positive outlook to all she knew. Lisa loved her family and especially her grandsons, Cayden and Beckett. She was also looking so forward to meeting her granddaughter who is on the way.

She is survived by her husband, Ted of Clay Center, NE; son, Matthew (Kelly) Vap of Omaha, NE; step-daughter, Gina (Christian) Bessmer of Omaha, NE; grandsons, Caden and Beckett of Omaha, NE; mother and step-father, Barb and Gordy Sinner of Hastings, NE; brothers, Tony Thaut of Cheyenne, WY; Dave (Karen) Thaut of Lincoln, NE; brothers-in-law, Charles (Colleen) Dubas of Palmer, NE; Mike (Cindi) Dubas of York, NE; Bill (Jean) Dubas of Palmer, NE; sisters-in-law, Rita Dubas of Fullerton, NE; Janice (Rocky) Bridger of Fullerton, NE; Marianne (Troy) Hellbusch of Belgrade, NE; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and friends who were very dear to her.

Lisa was preceded in death by her father, James; son, Travis; and in-laws, Edwin and JoAnn Dubas.

Tribute Wall

DF

“ I am so sad to learn of Lisa's passing. She was always so bubbly and cheerful as I remember her in high school. Thanks to Facebook, I came to know her as one of the most inspirational and courageous women I have ever known. Her words, and her reflections on life were so deep and pure, born of a soul who truly understood all the joys and trials that life offers. She made this world a better place, and I believe that she is niq joyfully reunited with her beloved son in heaven. She truly was one of God's special angels on earth.

Dawn Booe Foote - May 25, 2017 at 09:23 AM

LS

“ Ted and family...sincere condolences; very sorry for your loss. Read of your wife's passing in *The Journal*. It was really nice to have met her and catch up with you and others at our 40th reunion at Chris Gleason's in 2014. Again, so sorry for your loss.


Larry Syslo - January 06, 2017 at 12:53 PM

AK

“ Lisa truly was a kind, loving, hard working, and sacrificial woman. She would open her home to everyone. She loved her sons greatly, always encouraging them to do their very best. Her sons cherished her so. She had a smile and laugh that warmed the hearts of many, including mine. I also know how much she loved her husband Ted. My deepest condolences and prayers to you Ted, Matthew, and family. What a blessing your wife and mom was to so many people. She will be missed.

Amber (Ratzlaff) Kuphal - December 22, 2016 at 07:20 PM

SS

“ Lisa we never met, but I knew your son Travis since he and my daughter Jill were such good friends. I remember when Travis passed it devastated Jill...yet in your grief, you were a comfort to Jill. Enjoy your heavenly home, your family and friends that are already there. And as Christians, it's not good-bye...it's "see ya later!" 

Sonny Salmon - December 22, 2016 at 12:43 PM

AC

“ My dear friend -I only knew you through FB but we connected in grief for our sons. I will miss your uplifting posts and sweet smile seeing you here. I hated to hear how you suffered each admission to the hospital but rallied with you when you overcame your complications of your transplant. My prayers are with your family for their great loss of a wonderful woman

Ava Carolina - December 22, 2016 at 11:25 AM

FM

“ Our thoughts and prayers to all.

Francis & Lureen morgan - December 22, 2016 at 10:24 AM

JH

“ Lisa was one of the sweetest women I have known and loved. She and I met through Travis in high school and we've maintained a friendship through the past 23 years and several hundred miles between us. I loved watching her positive outlook shine through her posts on FB and her pictures of her grandsons and grandpups. I love that she never let the memory of Travis die. I will miss that, as well as her beautifully penned Christmas cards that I've received through the years. Sending love and many prayers for you Ted, as well as Matthew and Kelly, and all of your family. Lisa will be greatly missed, and forever remembered.

Jill (Salmon) Hood - December 22, 2016 at 08:55 AM

BG

“ *My condolences to the whole family and friends. Lisa was a shining light a positive influence on many people in her life. My heart goes out to Ted, over the passed 5 years of working with you have become a good friend, from football game to races. We all here at Gavlion are here for you...*

Brad Geer - December 22, 2016 at 08:43 AM

SH

“ *MY SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY. LISA WAS A GREAT LADY AND WILL BE MISSED.*

SHEILA HOBROCK - December 22, 2016 at 08:31 AM

JJ

“ *Lisa was a real spark in lives. God bless her family and friends.*

Joni Johnson - December 22, 2016 at 07:17 AM

DJ

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you Matt and Kelly, Ted, Dave and Karen!*

Denise and Robert Jones - December 22, 2016 at 04:59 AM

FH

“ *I'm so sad... but I'm sure that Lisa has already met her father and her son in Heaven... Good Bye, my friend !*

Frederic HENRY - December 22, 2016 at 02:21 AM

LT

“ *Lisa lived life to the fullest. She will truly be missed. I will always remember her bravery spirit and beautiful smile :)* ”

Lisa Taylor - December 22, 2016 at 01:31 AM

JS

“ *You have my deepest sympathy. Lisa will be missed by all that knew her. She was a lovely lady and an inspiration to all that knew her.* ”

Janice Steenson - December 22, 2016 at 12:43 AM