



Lynn Hofmann, 56

February 5, 1969 - November 6, 2025

Polk, NE resident, Lynn Hofmann, 56, passed away Thursday, November 6, 2025, at the Merrick Medical Center in Central City, NE.

Memorial services will be conducted at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 12, 2025, at the Federated Church in Sutton, NE, with Pastor Evan Christensen officiating. Graveside services will follow at the Sutton Cemetery in Sutton, NE. A book signing will be held on Tuesday, November 11, 2025, from 1:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., with the family present from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., at Sutton Memorial Chapel in Sutton, NE.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the family to be designated later.

The services will be livestreamed through the Sutton Federated Church Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100011598077854>

Lynn Hofmann was born on February 5, 1969, in Lawrence, Kansas, to Carroll and Sherry (Elkins) Verhage. She graduated from Geneva High School in 1987 and later earned degrees in education from the University of Nebraska—Lincoln and master's degrees from Concordia University and the University of Nebraska—Kearney. She married Thomas Dean Hofmann on July 21, 2002, at the United Methodist Church in Geneva, NE. Lynn began her lifelong career as an educator with Battle Creek Public Schools before working in Geneva,

Sutton, Shelby-Rising City, and High Plains before retiring in May 2025.

Lynn was a lifelong reader, making time each night before bed to dive into a good book. She also loved being outside, and she had her dark complexion in the summer to show for it. Whether running or walking or simply tending her yard and garden, time in creation brought her deep joy. She especially loved watching the purple martins come visit during the spring and summer seasons. But there was nothing she enjoyed more than being a wife, a mother, and a grandmother. Lynn was also an accomplished educator and speech coach, teaching so many students and speech-letes during her career. Her greatest pride was getting to teach and coach her children. She would brag about not only helping as their parent and coach, but as one who could encourage the best out of them in something people often find so terrifying—public speaking. She will be remembered for all of the lives she touched and minds she had a hand in molding. Lynn was the biggest cheerleader. It didn't matter if you were her child or a student, you knew she had your back and would celebrate even the smallest wins with you.

Lynn is survived by her husband, Tom; children Austin Reinsch of Polk, Brittney (Eric) Tvrdy of Valparaiso, and Peyton Hofmann and Rylee Hofmann of Polk; grandson, Dean Tvrdy of Valparaiso; parents Carroll and Sherry Verhage of Geneva; siblings Jenny (Dave) Cook of Geneva, Jake (Kelly) Verhage of Underwood, IA, Adam (Alise) Verhage of Geneva; parents-in-Law Delary and Sheila Hofmann of Sutton, and siblings-in-law Todd Hofmann of Sutton, Tammie (Craig) Steinhauer of Sutton, Gwenda (Brent) Mau of Sutton; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her sister-in-law, Regina Verhage, and her grandparents.

Cemetery Details

Sutton Cemetery

1202 N. Saunders Ave
Sutton, NE 68979

Previous Events

Book Signing

NOV 11. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Sutton Memorial Chapel
804 S. Saunders, Ave.
PO Box 612
Sutton, NE 68979
(402) 773-4100
suttonmemorial@windstream.net
<http://www.suttonmemorial.com/>

Family Present At Book Signing

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Memorial Service

NOV 12. 1:00 PM (CT)

Federated Church
407 N. Saunders Ave.
Sutton, NE 68979
(402) 773-5336
<https://www.suttonfedchurch.org>

Tribute Wall



“ Kent & Rose Theobald lit a candle in memory of Lynn Hofmann, 56



Kent & Rose Theobald - November 12, 2025 at 07:19 PM



“ 4 files added to the album Flowers



Sutton Memorial Chapel and McLaughlin Funeral Chapel - November 12, 2025 at 06:13 PM



“ 147 files added to the album *Flowers*



Sutton Memorial Chapel and McLaughlin Funeral Chapel - November 12, 2025 at 11:20 AM



“ *Eric & Jodi Reinsch purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Lynn Hofmann, 56.*



Eric & Jodi Reinsch - November 12, 2025 at 09:04 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers to all her family. She was an amazing mentor to my girls in high school. May her family find comfort during this difficult time. Thinking of you - Lonnie Lisa Alyssa Alexa Stripe*

Lisa Stripe - November 11, 2025 at 04:43 PM

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“ From your friends in District 12 purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Lynn Hofmann, 56.



From your friends in District 12 - November 11, 2025 at 11:34 AM

CS

“ Our condolences and prayers! RIP

Carol Schultz - November 11, 2025 at 10:51 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lynn Hofmann, 56.



November 11, 2025 at 10:23 AM

JL

“ Jeff & Kris Leininger planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lynn Hofmann, 56.

Jeff & Kris Leininger - November 11, 2025 at 10:23 AM

AD

“ Adam, Micaela, Theo, Layna & Maizie purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Lynn Hofmann, 56.



Adam, Micaela, Theo, Layna & Maizie - November 11, 2025 at 10:21 AM

VY

“ The Verhage family have been neighbors and friends for many years...we have watched Lynn grow up into a beautiful, talented lady...she babysat with our children numerous times....may her legacy live on in the hearts of all that knew her and loved her...cherish all the memories...May God Bless you and hold you tight in his warm love....
Verlene and Lynn Yates

Verlene Yates - November 11, 2025 at 09:50 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lynn Hofmann, 56.



November 11, 2025 at 09:49 AM

YF

“ Your Minnesota AgEd Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lynn Hofmann, 56.

Your Minnesota AgEd Family - November 11, 2025 at 09:49 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Lynn Hofmann, 56.*



November 11, 2025 at 09:34 AM



“ *Don, Julie, Ryan, Haley, Liam, and Lucas purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Lynn Hofmann, 56.*



Don, Julie, Ryan, Haley, Liam, and Lucas - November 11, 2025 at 09:18 AM



“ *Lynn was always full of vitality and all the boys adored her including my sons. She was one of the first friends of Tim. TGrowing up, the kids enjoyed playing hide and seek in the big white house on the corner. My heart goes out to her family, Losing a child, spouse, mother, grandmother is heart breaking. May her spirit always be with you as happy memories. My God comfort you at this sad time. Margrett Wehland*

Margrett Wehland - November 10, 2025 at 10:01 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lynn Hofmann, 56.*



November 10, 2025 at 09:33 PM

TF

“ *The Midwest Covenant Home nursing family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lynn Hofmann, 56.*

The Midwest Covenant Home nursing family - November 10, 2025 at 09:33 PM

KE

“ *Kim, Kris, Will, Katie, Finn, & Ezra purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Lynn Hofmann, 56.*



Kim, Kris, Will, Katie, Finn, & Ezra - November 10, 2025 at 08:49 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lynn Hofmann, 56.*



November 10, 2025 at 08:30 PM

MH

“ *Keeping you all in our thoughts & prayers*



Mike & Lynne Houser - November 10, 2025 at 07:41 PM

NF

“ *Nebraska Agricultural Educators Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Lynn Hofmann, 56.*



Nebraska Agricultural Educators Family - November 10, 2025 at 06:41 PM

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“ - *The Diener Family purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Lynn Hofmann, 56.*



- The Diener Family - November 10, 2025 at 05:26 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lynn Hofmann, 56.*



November 10, 2025 at 05:18 PM

MW

“ *Melanie Weiss planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lynn Hofmann, 56.*

Melanie Weiss - November 10, 2025 at 05:18 PM

PC

“ Polk County 4-H Council purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Lynn Hofmann, 56.



Polk County 4-H Council - November 10, 2025 at 04:58 PM

PC

“ Polk County 4-H Council planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lynn Hofmann, 56.

Polk County 4-H Council - November 10, 2025 at 04:58 PM

DI

“ I worked with Lynn as the journalism camp director and she was a counselor for me when she was at Shelby Rising City for three years. She also served as a member of our board for the Nebraska High School Press Association until she left for a different position at a new school. She was a FORCE. Everyone loved her, and there's no doubt she has left a huge hole in your hearts. I'm so very sorry for your loss. I want you to know she impacted me personally, and I will remember her forever. I loved keeping up with her family on Facebook! My heart is with you. Diane Schieffer--Omaha

Diane - November 10, 2025 at 04:54 PM

FW

“ Fellow Fire/EMS Sisters and Fire Wives purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Lynn Hofmann, 56.



Fellow Fire/EMS Sisters and Fire Wives - November 10, 2025 at 04:51 PM

NA

“ *Nebraska High School Press Association purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Lynn Hofmann, 56.*



Nebraska High School Press Association - November 10, 2025 at 04:45 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Lynn Hofmann, 56.*



November 10, 2025 at 04:43 PM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Lynn Hofmann, 56.*



November 10, 2025 at 04:30 PM

SR

“ *Thoughts and prayers are with the families of Lynn. Sani Renken*



Sandi Renken - November 10, 2025 at 04:29 PM

PS

“ Polk County Ag Society purchased the *Your Light Shines* for the family of Lynn Hofmann, 56.



Polk County Ag Society - November 10, 2025 at 01:48 PM

LI

“ Lynn was a childhood friend and neighbor growing up in Geneva. We spent the summers at the pool, riding bikes, t-ball games, tractor rides. Many childhood memories that I will cherish. My deepest condolences to the family.

Lisa - November 10, 2025 at 12:29 PM

JB

“ John & Sherrie Bartell lit a candle in memory of Lynn Hofmann, 56



John & Sherrie Bartell - November 10, 2025 at 12:11 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lynn Hofmann, 56.



November 10, 2025 at 11:37 AM

WD

“ Weston Volunteer Fire Department planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lynn Hofmann, 56.

Weston Volunteer Fire Department - November 10, 2025 at 11:37 AM

DW

“ Douglas W. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Lynn Hofmann, 56.



Douglas W. - November 10, 2025 at 11:21 AM

TF

“ Todd Van Housen Family purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Lynn Hofmann, 56.



Todd Van Housen Family - November 10, 2025 at 11:17 AM

HF

“ Holly Rippe & Doug Fischer lit a candle in memory of Lynn Hofmann, 56



Holly Rippe & Doug Fischer - November 10, 2025 at 10:54 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Lynn Hofmann, 56.



November 10, 2025 at 10:51 AM



“ *Central City Public Schools* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lynn Hofmann, 56.

Central City Public Schools - November 10, 2025 at 10:51 AM



“ *Aurora Coop Agronomy Crew* purchased the *Emerald Garden Basket* for the family of Lynn Hofmann, 56.



Aurora Coop Agronomy Crew - November 10, 2025 at 10:48 AM



“ *Fillmore Central Speech* purchased the *Florist Choice Bouquet* for the family of Lynn Hofmann, 56.



Fillmore Central Speech - November 10, 2025 at 07:49 AM

FS

“ Fillmore Central Speech planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lynn Hofmann, 56.

Fillmore Central Speech - November 10, 2025 at 07:49 AM



“ Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lynn Hofmann, 56.



November 09, 2025 at 09:48 PM

RK

“ Rachelle, Delaney, Cassidy, Jessie & Kenna purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Lynn Hofmann, 56.



Rachelle, Delaney, Cassidy, Jessie & Kenna - November 09, 2025 at 06:23 PM

TF

“ The Rung Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Lynn Hofmann, 56.



The Rung Family - November 09, 2025 at 05:53 PM

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“ *Shelby-Rising City Class of 2020 purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Lynn Hofmann, 56.*



Shelby-Rising City Class of 2020 - November 09, 2025 at 02:55 PM

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“ *-Your Ag Teacher Friends in District 3 purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Lynn Hofmann, 56.*



-Your Ag Teacher Friends in District 3 - November 09, 2025 at 12:20 PM

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“ *-Your Ag Teacher Friends in District 3 planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lynn Hofmann, 56.*

-Your Ag Teacher Friends in District 3 - November 09, 2025 at 12:20 PM

MT

“ *To Lynn's family: my heartfelt sympathies. Lynn was a hardworking, passionate lady. She was my friend. I am so sorry for your loss, but am confident that the Lord is close to the brokenhearted. A mother's greatest wish is that her children will live with the salvation of Jesus Christ as their guide. In so many ways, Lynn prepared you to continue your lives without her. God bless.*

Marla Teegerstrom - November 09, 2025 at 12:45 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lynn Hofmann, 56.*



November 08, 2025 at 11:32 PM



“ *Kevin & Cindy Wall, Kolbe & Chase Owens purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Lynn Hofmann, 56.*



Kevin & Cindy Wall, Kolbe & Chase Owens - November 08, 2025 at 04:19 PM



“ *Hannah (Tonniges) Ruybalid purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Lynn Hofmann, 56.*



Hannah (Tonniges) Ruybalid - November 08, 2025 at 02:03 PM



“ *Dear Hofmann family,
Our hearts are broken for you.
You are ever in our prayers.
We cherish our days with you at the fair.
The Mentink and Forbes families*

Donna Mentink - November 08, 2025 at 12:35 PM

CR

“ *Caleb Rippe lit a candle in memory of Lynn Hofmann, 56*



Caleb Rippe - November 08, 2025 at 08:16 AM

CE

“ *Lynn was an inspirational speech coach. It was a privilege to work with her over the years; she ran a great speech competition. My deepest condolences to her family.*

Cathie English - November 08, 2025 at 01:16 AM

EH

“ *What can I say?? I am SO sorry. Lynn was such a good person, and I'm glad to have known her. Blessings to Tom and the family.*

Enid Hansenb - November 07, 2025 at 08:41 PM

HD

“ *Humphrey-Lindsay Fine Arts Department purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Lynn Hofmann, 56.*



Humphrey-Lindsay Fine Arts Department - November 07, 2025 at 07:09 PM