



Josie Kate Lehman

July 26, 2006 - November 7, 2025

Josie Kate Lehman, age 19, of Versailles, passed away Friday, November 7, 2025. She was born July 26, 2006, daughter of Brian and Secely (Jones) Lehman and sister to Connor.

Josie was a 2024 graduate of Morgan County R-II High School. After graduating, Josie went on to continue her education studying social work at Lincoln University where she was pursuing a degree in social work.

She grew up as an animal lover from bottle feeding a cat, goat or baby calf, to showing every kind of livestock and pet sitting for others over the weekend.

Josie was a light unlike any other - radiant, bold, honest and full of love. She spoke her mind with courage, yet carried a heart with gentleness that could calm a storm. She made people laugh, even when they didn't want to, lifted others when they couldn't lift themselves and stood for what she believed in with quiet strength.

She will be remembered as spunky, smart and full of heart – someone who didn't seek attention but earned admiration through quiet acts of love and service. She was mature beyond her years, had a servant's heart and a natural drive to help others. Her faith, compassion and empathy guided her as she worked toward her degree in social work, already making a difference in

nursing homes and her local community. Josie loved working at Good Shepherd Care Center and Beacon Specialized Living. She had a bright spirit – bold and unfiltered, yet deeply kind.

Her love for animals, her dedication to caring for people in need and her deep connection to her church and farm community made her truly one of a kind.

In essence, Josie embodied Matthew 5:16, living a shining example of kindness, strength and selflessness that will never fade.

She is survived by her parents, Brian and Secely Lehman; her brother, Connor Lehman; grandparents, Bruce and Kathy Jones and Bill and Cheryl Beavers; uncles and aunts, Brent and Becky Lehman, Dustin and Dina Dunklee, Scott and Lorna Baldwin, Jed and Meg Clark and Joel and Abbey Clark and numerous cousins and friends. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Quintin and Eunice Lehman and cousins, Luke Joseph Lehman and Hope Ray Dunklee.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, November 13th, at the Bethel Fellowship Church. The family will receive friends from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 12th, at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles. A private family graveside service and interment will be held in the Bethel Cemetery at a later date.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.

Cemetery Details

Bethel Cemetery

37830 Bethel Church Road
Fortuna, MO 65034

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 12. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home - Versailles Chapel
207 North Monroe St.
Versailles, MO 65084
(573) 378-4655

Service

NOV 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

Bethel Fellowship Church
37830 Bethel Church Rd.
Fortuna, MO 65034

Tribute Wall

CJ

“ *Cami Jennings-Truett lit a candle in memory of Josie Kate Lehman*



Cami Jennings-Truett - November 19, 2025 at 09:38 AM

SC

“ *Sherry Cox lit a candle in memory of Josie Kate Lehman*



Sherry Cox - November 16, 2025 at 07:47 AM

MD

“ *Mary Ellen Dunnaway lit a candle in memory of Josie Kate Lehman*



Mary Ellen Dunnaway - November 12, 2025 at 11:35 PM

SC

“ I didn't get to know Josie that long but the time we spent together in classes at Lincoln were always so much fun. She made any boring discussion in class so funny. We're going to miss her at Lincoln! We always made jokes
About making a practice together with our degrees.

Praying over your family 💙

savannah contreras - November 12, 2025 at 08:42 PM

SR

“ Shirley Root lit a candle in memory of Josie
Kate Lehman



Shirley Root - November 12, 2025 at 07:07 PM

CR

“ Colleen, Kylee, TJ Richey lit a candle in
memory of Josie Kate Lehman



Colleen, Kylee, TJ Richey - November 12, 2025 at 06:18 PM

LM

“ Connor, thinking of you and your family. Hugs and prayers.

Lea Ann and Randy McBride - November 12, 2025 at 02:33 PM

RW

“ *Ray & Christy Whittle lit a candle in memory of Josie Kate Lehman*



Ray & Christy Whittle - November 12, 2025 at 02:23 PM

FL

“ *I didn't know Josie very long, she house and dog sat for my two littles. She was very sweet and kind. My condolences to her Family and friends 🙏*



Fay R Looten - November 12, 2025 at 01:37 PM

LK

“ *Lisa Keen lit a candle in memory of Josie Kate Lehman*



Lisa Keen - November 12, 2025 at 01:18 PM

TA

“ *Matthew 5:4 “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.” We are so sorry for your loss of your beautiful girl. Sending prayers of comfort.*



Trish/Mark Anderson - November 12, 2025 at 12:16 PM

JM

“ Praying that God would comfort your family through this difficult time! I have a daughter the same age as Josie, and my heart grieves with you.

Jimmy Morris

Jasper County Eastern District Commissioner

Jimmy Morris - November 12, 2025 at 12:14 PM

MB

“ Marleen Gerber Baker lit a candle in memory of Josie Kate Lehman



marleen Gerber Baker - November 12, 2025 at 11:37 AM

JS

“ Jjimmy Steiner lit a candle in memory of Josie Kate Lehman



jjimmy steiner - November 12, 2025 at 10:15 AM

JS

“ Jim & Judy Steiner lit a candle in memory of Josie Kate Lehman



jim & judy steiner - November 12, 2025 at 10:13 AM

TF

“ *The Steiner Family lit a candle in memory of Josie Kate Lehman*



the steiner family - November 12, 2025 at 10:08 AM

KA

“ *Kiki Anderson lit a candle in memory of Josie Kate Lehman*



Kiki Anderson - November 11, 2025 at 11:22 PM

KE

“ *Conner and family,
We are deeply saddened by this news. The pictures gave us a glimpse of what a special young lady she was. We are praying that you can feel the comfort of the Holy Spirit.
Craig and Kelli E*

Kelli Engelbrecht - November 11, 2025 at 10:30 PM

BB

“ *Brenda Bright lit a candle in memory of Josie Kate Lehman*



Brenda Bright - November 11, 2025 at 09:48 PM



“ Jean Peavler lit a candle in memory of Josie Kate Lehman



Jean Peavler - November 11, 2025 at 09:22 PM



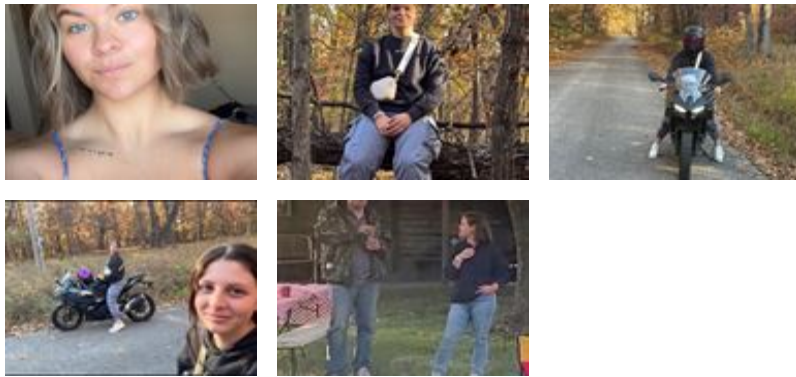
“ Ginger Arment lit a candle in memory of Josie Kate Lehman



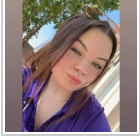
Ginger Arment - November 11, 2025 at 07:41 PM



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Kidwell-Garber Funeral Homes - November 11, 2025 at 02:39 PM



“ *Josie and I grew up together- inseparable best friends in grade school. She was spunky, kind, and always knew how to make someone smile. She never failed to make me feel like I was loved and cherished. Josie always had such a big heart for people, and was very wise. I will forever miss you Josie, thank you for all of the memories we share and always being there for me. <3*

Lizzy Rimmer - November 11, 2025 at 02:14 PM

MW

“ *Josie was my friend at Lincoln, and though I only knew her a short time, her faith and her beauty made a lasting impact on me. She was an excellent student and a loving devoted friend and family member-- she spoke of her family and her love for them, it was obvious that spending time with family was a priority and that loving the Lord was a driving force in her life. She will be deeply missed but I take comfort in knowing that the Lord called her home. My prayers are with all family and friends for this incredibly painful loss of our sweet saint.*

Morli Wilcox - November 11, 2025 at 10:51 AM

SL

“ *ShaNay Long lit a candle in memory of Josie
Kate Lehman*



ShaNay Long - November 10, 2025 at 09:45 PM

SJ

“ *Sara James lit a candle in memory of Josie
Kate Lehman*



Sara James - November 10, 2025 at 06:58 PM

MW

“ *Deeply saddened at hearing at the loss of your dear loved one.. will
keep your family in my prayers.... during this difficult time.. sending
my condolences...*

Myra Woods - November 10, 2025 at 05:02 PM

PC

“ *So very sorry for your loss. Lifting the family
up in prayer....*



Patricia Chism - November 10, 2025 at 03:02 PM

MW

“ *Morli Wilcox lit a candle in memory of Josie
Kate Lehman*



Morli Wilcox - November 10, 2025 at 02:30 PM

KP

“ *Kim & Mickey Plemmons lit a candle in memory of Josie Kate Lehman*



Kim & Mickey Plemmons - November 10, 2025 at 02:02 PM

CG

“ *Carla Garber lit a candle in memory of Josie Kate Lehman*



Carla Garber - November 10, 2025 at 01:20 PM

MD

“ *Margi Downing lit a candle in memory of Josie Kate Lehman*



Margi Downing - November 10, 2025 at 12:02 PM

PW

“ *Patricia Wilson lit a candle in memory of Josie Kate Lehman*



Patricia Wilson - November 10, 2025 at 11:53 AM

DM

“ *In our thoughts and prayers*



David Debbie Mccollom - November 10, 2025 at 11:41 AM

JD

“ *Jay Dunham lit a candle in memory of Josie
Kate Lehman*



Jay Dunham - November 10, 2025 at 11:32 AM

CM

“ *Carrie Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Josie
Kate Lehman*



Carrie Mitchell - November 10, 2025 at 10:57 AM

AB

“ *Amber Bell lit a candle in memory of Josie
Kate Lehman*



Amber Bell - November 10, 2025 at 08:40 AM

RW

“ *Rich Williams lit a candle in memory of Josie Kate Lehman*



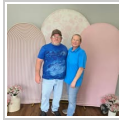
Rich Williams - November 10, 2025 at 08:14 AM



“ *Hilgar's Painting lit a candle in memory of Josie Kate Lehman*



Hilgar's Painting - November 09, 2025 at 09:30 PM



So young and so sad.

Hilgar's Painting - November 09, 2025 at 09:31 PM