



## Thelma Petefish

June 5, 1951 - April 18, 2014

Thelma Darlene Petefish, 62, of Topeka, passed away April 16, 2014. She was born June 5, 1951, to Robert and Nina (Coon) Maddox in Topeka KS. Thelma graduated from Highland Park High School in 1969. She married David Petefish on January 29, 1972, in Topeka KS. Thelma was a very thoughtful, giving, and loving person. She was loved by many. She continued working for BNSF for the friends she had there. Thelma is survived by husband, David; son, David (Tabitha) Petefish, Jr.; daughter, Cheri (Jeff) Best; grandchildren, Brooke, Paige, Shayna, Matthew, and Alecia; brother, Walter Maddox. Visitation will be 6-7:30 p.m. Friday at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. Funeral service will be 1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to BNSF United Way-Thelma Petefish, ATTN: Jeff Frank, 920 SE Quincy Street, Topeka KS 66612.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Thelma Petefish*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *David & family*

*We are so sorry to hear about your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

**Larry & Cindy Schlink** - April 20, 2014 at 07:21 PM



“ *Dave and Family, we are so sorry for your loss. Thelma was a sweet lady and a joy to be around. Enjoyed country dancing with you guys and attending the group parties. Will always have these good memories.*

**Leon & Carol Long** - April 19, 2014 at 01:47 PM



“ *Thelma will be missed very much by her friends and co-workers at BNSF Railway. Her hard work and dedication are to be commended. She always had a smile on her face, very thoughtful, volunteered for many projects and fund raisers, and loved to dress-up for Halloween and other events. She was a real character and will not be forgotten. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all!*

**Dave & Jeanie Gunn** - April 18, 2014 at 05:37 PM

LM

“ So sorry to hear of Thelmas passing. She was the sweetest thing around and always made everyone glad she was there. She will be greatly missed by all. Love and prayers to all the family and friends.

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**Larry & Clarice Miner** - April 18, 2014 at 03:26 PM

RR

“ Will miss you very much  
You will always be in our thoughts and prayers  
David if there any thing I can do I in Todd NC  
still have Topeka number 785-224-1291

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**Richard Roberts** - April 18, 2014 at 12:24 PM

DR

“ The world is a sadder place without Thelma in it. Her beautiful smile, happy giggle, and sense of fun cannot be duplicated. Everyone who met her, loved her. We always loved her great outfits and matching hats when we all danced together. She was the bubbling, vivacious life of every party. She loved her pets, David, her children, and her grandchildren. In return, all who knew her loved her right back.

*Sincerest condolences.*

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**Don & Ruth Rogers** - April 17, 2014 at 08:20 PM

AZ

“ I am very sorry for Thelma and her family. Thelma was always a kind and caring person that reached out to so many people. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire family.

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**Aaron Zeikle** - April 17, 2014 at 07:56 PM

CC

“ What can I say? *Thelma was AMAZING! For someone so tiny she was Bigger than Life! She was so very kind hearted. Always one of the first ones to jump in and help out - Quick with a smile and a compliment to make someone's day. Loving every holiday – and would dress up every Halloween to help promote team spirit among her co-workers here at BNSF. When we would have a fund raiser and needed people to participate, we could always count on Thelma. She was a very dedicated co-worker that always looked out for BNSF interest when completing a task. She took great pride in her work. She surprised many of us with our favorite cake or pie for our birthdays. To help support Project Topeka she paid to send a lot of us to jail. We were always arrested for something positive - the last time I was arrested it was because of a good hair day. I had to sing a song to get out of jail. I can still see her standing there giggling while I sang for my freedom. She was very proud of her family and their accomplishments. Everyone here at work knew that David was the love of her life. She loved her children and adored her grandchildren. I am very proud to say that I had the honor of being her friend. She will be greatly missed not only by me but everyone. My sincerest condolences to her family and other friends.*

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**Chris Campbell** - April 17, 2014 at 03:39 PM

DF

“ *I'm so saddened to hear of Thelma's passing, she was a good friend to so many. I will miss seeing her smiling face at our annual Christmas hat parties, she was always the life of the party.*

*I will keep your family close to my heart and in my thoughts and prays.*

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**Debbie Fox-Holenbeck** - April 17, 2014 at 10:09 AM

JS

“ Dear Family of my friend *Thelma*, She was such a joy to work with and get to know personally. I loved her outrageous costumes and the fact that she enjoyed life to the fullest. She and her grandchildren dressed as elves to attend a fundraiser for my grandson. Their booth was the one to go to! I will miss her too.

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**Janet Smith** - April 17, 2014 at 10:07 AM