



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Audrey Joanne Wellendorf

WHO WAS BORN

December 23, 1936

Liberty Grove Township, Richland County, North Dakota

AND CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME

July 28, 2026

Ortonville, Minnesota

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BUIRAL

Saturday, August 1, 2026 - 11:00 a.m.

St. John's Catholic Church

Ortonville, Minnesota

CELEBRANT

Father Shawn Polman

MUSICIANS

Diane Vangsness, Accompanist

St. John's Church Choir

URN BEARER

Melissa Wellendorf

HONORARY URN BEARERS

All of Audrey's Grandchildren,
Great-Grandchildren, and Great-Great-Grandchildren

INURNMENT

Mound Cemetery

Ortonville, Minnesota

APPRECIATION

Audrey's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.
Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated.

Following the graveside service, please join the family for a
time of fellowship and refreshments in the church dining hall.

Mundwiler & Larson Funeral Home - Ortonville, Minnesota

The LORD is my *Shepherd;*
I shall not want.
He maketh me to
lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters,
He restoreth my
soul:

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for His name's sake. Yea though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death.

I will fear no evil:
for Thou art with me;
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies

Thou anointest my head with oil; My cup runneth over

Surely goodness & mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house
of the LORD *forever.*
- Psalm 23

Audrey Joanne (Winje) Wellendorf was born December 23, 1936, on the family farm in Liberty Grove Township near Lidgerwood, ND, to Herbert and Ida (Garad) Winje, joining almost-three-year-old twin sisters and a one-year-old brother. The family moved often since her father managed Peavey grain elevators in five area towns, the majority of that time in Clinton, MN. She had a happy childhood, enjoying Girl Scouts and making many lifelong friends. Audrey graduated from Clinton High School with the Class of 1954, and recently attended her 72nd class reunion with four classmates.

During high school, Audrey worked at the theatre and Bea and Ann's café. It was there at the café that she met Bea and Ann's nephew, Donald Wellendorf, Jr., and during many rounds of roller skating, their friendship grew into courtship. They were engaged after her graduation and united in marriage on October 16, 1954, at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Graceville. Soon after, Junior entered the United States Army and served 2 years, including 15 months in Germany. When he returned, they made their home together as the third generation on the Wellendorf family farm. They were blessed with four children and raised them in the Best Place Ever. As a devoted homemaker and farm wife, Audrey valued her role within her family. She cared for her home and gardens and helped where she was needed on the farm. She supported her children's endeavors in school and 4-H, and enjoyed her many friends in the Artichoke/Otrey community. After 44 years on the farm, they moved to town. As her husband's health faded, Audrey selflessly cared for him. After Junior passed in 2019, she moved to Fairway View.

Audrey's creative talents were evident in her passions for sewing, quilting, knitting, crocheting, and other handwork. Among many other projects, she made a quilt and afghan for each grandchild. She also enjoyed golfing and watching both professional and local high school sports. These activities brought her joy and were a source of connection with those she loved.

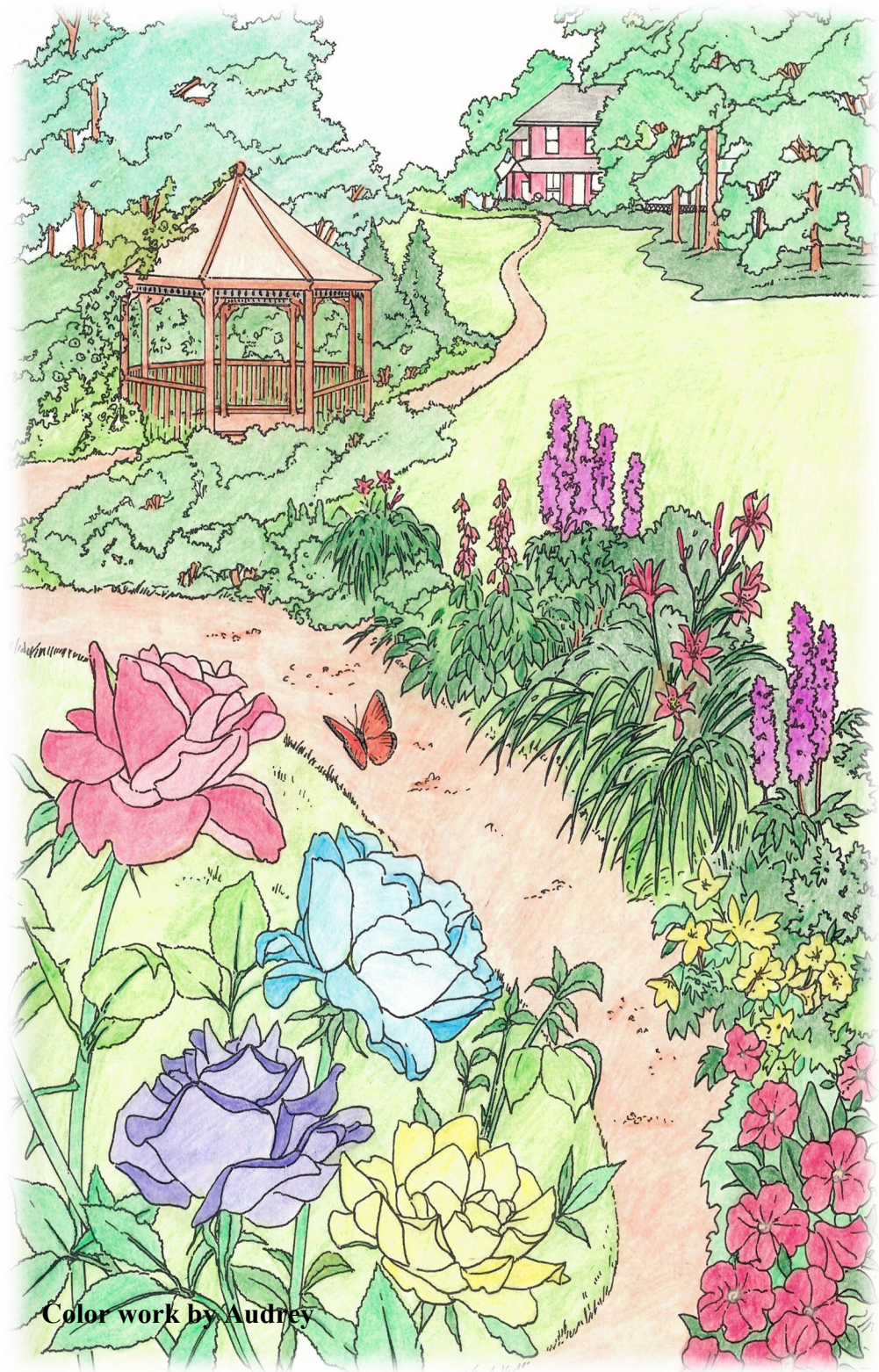
Audrey was also active in her community. She was a member of St. John's Catholic Church for nearly seven decades, singing in the choir, serving in women's circles, Bowl of Love, and religious education. She contributed her time and efforts to the American Cancer Society, demonstrating her commitment to serving those in need. With her calm demeanor, Audrey was a friend to all. Whether in an organized group such as Homemakers Club, Bridge Club, Birthday Club, game night, a visit with her family, or just over a cup of coffee, she truly enjoyed conversation. To quote a neighbor, "Our Audrey was witty, pretty, and a dear, dear friend."

Left to cherish Audrey's memory are her children: Carol (Monte) Dybvig of Cambridge, MN; Jim (Peg) Wellendorf of Morris, MN; John (Holly) Wellendorf of Ortonville, MN; and Bruce (Lynette) Wellendorf of Ortonville, MN; 14 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren (one on the way); three great-great-grandchildren (two on the way); along with many nieces and nephews; and sister-in-law, Susan Winje.

Audrey was preceded in death by her husband, Donald Jr.; her parents; sisters: Marguerite (Wally) Krey and Marilyn (Dick) Lund; brother, Robert Winje; brother-in-law, Erwin "Bud" Wellendorf; and sisters-in-law: Darlene (Milferd) Salverson and Phyllis (Magnus) Thompson.

Please use this QR Code to view

Audrey's online video tribute, obituary, and guestbook.



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