

Tasha Lea Pickle was born on January 12, 1981, to Elden and Dorothy Pickle in Willmar, MN. She began schooling at six months of age, attending the DAC until 1984 in Atwater. Tasha was baptized and confirmed at St. John Lutheran Church, where she also took great pride in serving as an usher, acolyte, and kitchen helper. She graduated from Willmar High School with the Class of 2000. She was employed at Kandi Works and West Central Industries. She participated in Special Olympics bowling, swimming, basketball, and track and field.

Everyone was Tasha's "brother," "sister," or "cousin," whether you were related by blood or not. Tasha will be remembered for the joy and genuine love she shared with everyone she met. Over the years, she was an avid supporter of whatever activities her nieces and nephews were involved in.

On Thursday, April 23, 2026, the life of Tasha Lea Pickle, a resident of Willmar and formerly of Atwater, came to a peaceful end. Her 45 years were filled with an abundance of love and joy, and she was ready to meet her Savior.

The family would like to thank the many people who supported Tasha over the past few years, including the staff at Focus House, Chrysalis, and REM—especially Luanne, Desiree, Adam, Jaylen, and Tina.

Tasha is survived by her parents; her brothers, Craig (Kelly) Pickle, Brad (Chris) Pickle, and Michael (D'Lynn) Pickle; her sister, Lisa Kleinke; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her maternal and paternal grandparents.

"Well done, good and faithful servant...

enter into the joy of your master." -Matthew 25:21

Celebrating the Life of



Tasha Lea Pickle

1981 — 2026

A Beautiful Difference — For Tasha

*Today we gather not in sorrow alone,
But in gratitude for a life brightly shown—
A life that moved at its own perfect pace,
And gifted this world a rare kind of grace.
Tasha saw the world through a different view,
Where small things mattered, and love felt true.
In laughter unguarded, in joy so clear,
She reminded us what it means to be here.
There was courage in each and every day,
In simply living her own brave way.
And though the road was not always wide,
She walked it with wonder as her guide.
She taught us patience, she taught us care,
She showed us how love is quietly there—
Not in grand gestures or words we say,
But in presence, in kindness, day by day.
And now as we stand in this tender goodbye,
We don't ask the question of how or why—
We carry Tasha forward in all that we do,
A softer, better world because of you.
Rest now in peace, free and light,
Held in love, beyond our sight.
Your life, your spirit, your gentle way,
Will never truly fade away.*

Interment

St. John Lutheran Cemetery
Atwater, Minnesota

In Loving Memory Of

Tasha Lea Pickle

January 12, 1981
Willmar, Minnesota

April 23, 2026
Willmar, Minnesota

Celebration of Life Service

Tuesday, April 28, 2026 - 11:00 a.m.
St. John Lutheran Church
Atwater, Minnesota

Officiant

Pastor Christian Strickland

Scripture Readings

Psalm 23 Psalm 139:13-16 Revelation 21:1-5a John 10:11-18

Family Tribute

Lucas Pickle

Music

Organist: JoAnn Gratz
Vocalists: Mike Pickle & Bella Mettling

Softly and Tenderly—see insert
I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry – Solo
Jesus Loves Me – Solo
I know That My Redeemer Lives – #461
On Eagles' Wings – #727

Honorary Casketbearers

All of the Chrysalis and REM Staff Members

Active Casketbearers - Tasha's Nieces & Nephews

Lyndsy Aaron Sean Mitchell
Toni Lucas Kelsie Brianna Kayla