

## LaVon A. Jensen (Getz)

passed away peacefully in Dickinson, North Dakota, surrounded by the love of her family, in the early morning hours of Christmas Eve, December 24, 2024, from complications of Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency. LaVon A Jensen (Getz) was born January 11, 1942, in Bowman County, North Dakota, the daughter of Alvin and Leola (Sipma) Jensen. She grew up and attended school in Scranton, graduating from high school in 1960. LaVon married Lewis Getz on December 27, 1961. To this union two children were born, Michael of Dickinson, and Michelle (Kovash) also of Dickinson. LaVon worked as a secretary at the Scranton Public Schools. After she and her husband returned from Lawton, Oklahoma, where Lewis was stationed in the U.S. Army, she worked for the First National Bank in Scranton and Bowman for many years. She worked for Peterson Law Firm while living in Beach, and later for Dakota Western Bank with the Dakota 50 Club in Bowman. She was employed with Satrom Travel and Tours in Bismarck as Tour Manager and escorted group's travel which she loved doing until she retired. She was a "people person" and enjoyed life. She and Lewis had the opportunity to do a lot of traveling during this time, which they thoroughly enjoyed. She enjoyed being busy helping family and friends. She thoroughly enjoyed her family, family reunions, and any get together with friends. Her home was always open and made welcome to all who stopped by for coffee, to visit, or overnight. She treasured her many friendships that she had

made during the years. She always felt that if you were able to call on family and friends at any time or during a crisis that you were the "richest person in the world" and she truly felt she was very blessed. LaVon was baptized and confirmed at Peace Lutheran Church in Scranton and is now a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Dickinson. She was a member and officer of the American Legion Auxiliary Units in Scranton, Beach, Cando, and Dickinson. She was also a member of PEO, CHI St. Alexius Health Dickinson Medical Center Auxiliary, and volunteered at House of Manna, as well as being active in many other organizations during the years. LaVon's family would like to thank the Alpha-1 Foundation for their support and kindness as she battled this rare disease over the years. LaVon is survived by her husband, Lewis; son, Michael and Ellen (Baird) Getz; daughter, Michelle and Keith Kovash; grandchildren, Christopher, Kelsey (Barth), Macklynn, and Addilynn Kovash of Dickinson; sister, Patricia and Ron Moe of Grand Forks; sisters-in-law, Kay Jensen Luken of Council Bluffs, Iowa, JoAnn Getz of Penguilly, Minnesota, and Patsy Getz of Bowman. She is preceded in death by her mother, Leola Nibbe; step-father, Marvin Nibbe; father, Alvin Jensen; grandson, Matthew Allen Kovash; brother, Andrew C. Jensen; brothers-in-law, James Haag, Dwaine (Sonny) Getz, and Leary Getz; sisters-in-law, Darleen and Gerald McLaughlin and Margie and Robert Silbernagel.

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January 11, 1942 - December 24, 2024



Dear Ones,  
When I must leave you for a little while,  
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears  
And hug your sorrow to you through the years,  
But start out bravely with a gallant smile;  
And for my sake and in my name  
Live on and do thing the same,  
Feed not your loneliness on empty days,  
But fill each waking hour in useful ways  
Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer  
And I in turn will comfort you and hold you near;  
And never, never be afraid to die,  
For I am waiting for you in the sky!  
Love, LaVon

I'M FREE

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.  
I'm following the path  
God laid for me.  
I took his hand when I heard him call.  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day.  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
If my parting has left a void,  
then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
ah yes, these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow.  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I've savored much.  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief  
don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your hearts and share with me.  
God wanted me now;  
He set me free.



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## FUNERAL SERVICE

Saturday, December 28, 2024 10:00 am  
Stevenson Funeral Home  
Dickinson, North Dakota

## FAMILY RECEIVING FRIENDS

Friday, December 27, 2024  
4:00 - 6:00 pm  
Stevenson Funeral Home  
Dickinson, North Dakota

## OFFICIATING

Pastor Lisa Lewton  
Pastor Mary Wiggins

## INTERMENT

North Dakota Veterans Cemetery  
Mandan, North Dakota

## ARRANGEMENTS BY

Stevenson Funeral Home  
Dickinson, North Dakota

*Lunch will be served in the fellowship room  
immediately following the service.  
Everyone is welcome.*

