

Linda Rae Azure

Linda was born on September 17, 1949, the daughter of Art and Florence (Bakko) Tingum. She grew up on the family farm north of Wyndmere, ND, where she attended Homestead #2 country school for five years before the rural schools consolidated with the Wyndmere School District. Linda graduated from Wyndmere High School in 1967, furthering her education at Concordia College in Moorhead, MN, graduating in 1971 with a B.S. degree in Elementary Education.

She was baptized at Gol-Aal Lutheran Church. It was a little country church located near the farm. The name was later changed to Grace Lutheran Church. Grace was a part of the Wyndmere Lutheran Parish where she was confirmed.

Linda taught four years in Newfolden, MN, worked for Skaff Development Real Estate Company in Moorhead, MN for one year, taught for two years at the Wahpeton Indian School (Circle of Nations), and taught for one year in Breckenridge, MN.

While teaching at the Wahpeton Indian School she met the love of her life, Frank Azure, son of Art and Anna Azure. Frank and Linda were married June 30, 1979 at the Wyndmere Lutheran Church. In the fall she began teaching in Wahpeton. She taught 30 years for the Wahpeton School District before retiring in the spring of 2009.

After retirement she helped care for her mom and spent time with her family. She cherished these moments with all of them. Linda's grandchildren brought her so much happiness. They helped fill the void from no longer teaching "the little ones" which she dearly loved. Deciding to retire was a difficult decision. It brought her great joy when a child would light up when he/she understood a skill for the first time. She loved to teach her students and grandchildren with riddles, rhymes, and music. Hugs were permissible back in that era and she loved giving and receiving them equally.

Her love for baking for her family and friends is something she believes was passed down to her from her mom. Everyone had their favorites. The adults loved the rhubarb dessert while the "little ones" and "big kids" loved the "cookies with the frosting on top".

Linda's faith was very strong and Christian music made her feel very close to God. She loved playing the piano and singing. She and her sister Sharon sang at many church events, showers, weddings, anniversaries and "March of Dimes" programs. Linda was raised in a wonderful Christian home where she knew that God was always with her and gave her strength in times of need. As a result, Christian values became a part of her daily living: treating people with kindness and respect, helping others in time of need, believing in second chances and forgiveness, looking for the best in others, showing compassion and empathy, sharing a smile or hug, and spending time each day in God's Word and prayer. These values were also instilled in Linda through her home church and continued on as well in her adult life at Bethel Lutheran Church.

Linda is survived by her husband, Frank, Wahpeton, a son Justin (Mindy) Azure, Wahpeton; a daughter, Christa Azure, Wahpeton; and five grandchildren; Braden, Harper, Logan, Aurora and Collins; one sister, Sharon (Dave) Score, Shirley, Indiana, and their three sons and children Mike (Kathy) Score, Doug (Lori) Score, and Brian (Jessica) Score, all from the Indianapolis, Indiana area; and a sister-in-law Connie (Woody) Caspers from Fargo, ND. She was married to Linda's brother, Gary, before his passing in 1981.

Additional survivors include the brother and sister-in-laws from the Azure family: Arthur John Azure, Judy Azure, Earl (Linda) Azure, Debbie (Pete) Lingen, Anna Schuler, Vita Azure, and several nephews and nieces.

Linda was preceded in death by her parents, Art and Florence Tingum, brother Gary Tingum, Paternal grandparents, Ole and Margaret Tingum, maternal grandparents, Willie and Tildie Bakko, father and mother-in-law, Art and Anna Azure, and brother-in-law Linus Azure.

Forever In Our Hearts



Linda Rae Azure

1949 - 2020



*"Sometime the littlest things take up
the most room in your heart."*

By Winnie the Pooh



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Born

September 17, 1949 - Fargo, North Dakota

Passed Away

August 12, 2020 - Wahpeton, North Dakota

Age

70 Years 10 Months 26 Days

Funeral Service

10:30 AM - Monday, August 17, 2020
St. John's Catholic Church - Wahpeton, North Dakota

Officiant: Pastor Jake Dyrhaug

Organist: Mary Jane Pauly

Soloist: Cindy Masching

Honorary Pallbearers

All Those Who Called Linda Friend

Pallbearers

Mike Score, Doug Score, Brian Score
Dave Azure, Robert Schuler, Joe Wittenburg

Interment

Fairview Memorial Gardens - Wahpeton, North Dakota



I would have loved to have stayed here
on this earth just one more day,
For it broke my heart to leave you here alone,
But God whispered softly in my ear
and said "my child it's time,"
Then He took my hand in
His and led me home.
We journeyed up
above the stars,
just beyond the moon,
Where very soon we came to Heaven's gate,
I was welcomed by all who'd gone before with open arms
As the Angels they all sang Amazing Grace.
But God couldn't help but notice I kept looking back towards earth,
Wondering if you were okay,
Then He laid His hand upon my shoulder and said "remember child,
You'll just be one memory away."
So if today the pain seems overwhelming,
Please look into your heart for there you'll find,
My love for you will always be there,
For when I left I left my love behind,
The good times that we shared, the laughter and the tears,
Every second of every single day,
Will all be there, held safely in your heart,
Until we meet again at Heaven's gate,
And until then... I'll just be one memory away.

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"One Memory Away"

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Vertin-Munson Funeral Home - Wahpeton, ND
Funeral Directors: Lance Ehrlin, Simone Simpson, Michael W. McIlheran
www.vertinmunson.com



In Loving Memory of

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Apostles' Creed

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
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I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son,
our Lord, who was conceived by
the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,
and was buried; he descended into hell
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the
living and the dead. I believe in the
Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.*

Amen.



Prelude.....	Mary Jane Pauly
Gathering	
Procession.....	“How Great Thou Art” Cindy Masching
Greeting	
Prayer	
Special Music Video.....	“Jesus I Heard You Had A Big House” Homecoming Kids
Scripture Reading.....	The 23rd Psalm David Score
Special Music.....	“Oh How He Loves You and Me” Cindy Masching
Reading and Scripture.....	“One Hundred Years From Now” Anna Schuler Luke 9:46-48 - Vita Azure
Family Memories	Sharon Score
Special Music.....	“Angels Among Us” - Alabama
Words of Remembrance	Irene Mohn and Connie Caspers
Scripture	John 15:12-17 I Corinthians 13:4-13
Message.....	Pastor Jake Dyrhaug
Apostles Creed	On back page
Prayer	
Special Music.....	“The Lord’s Prayer” By Art Azure, deceased Father-In-Law
Commendation	
Benediction	
Recessional.....	“You Are Mine” Cindy Masching
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