

*If tears could build a stairway, and memories a lane,
I would walk right up to Heaven and bring you back again,
No farewell words were spoken, No time to say "Goodbye",
You were gone before I knew it, and only God knows why,
My heart still aches with sadness, and secret tears still flow.*

*What it meant to love you, No one can ever know,
But now I know you want me to mourn for you no more;
To remember all the happy times life still has much in store,
Since you'll never be forgotten, I pledge to you today~
A hollowed place within my heart is where you'll always stay.*

*When you see a sunset, think of me,
When the cool breeze touches you, know I am free,
When you feel the sorrow of us being apart,
Know I am not lost; I am forever in your heart.*



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Tribute video



In Loving Memory of
Amanda Lynn Kist

September 5, 1985 ~ April 26, 2025



Amanda Kist, age 39, of Mandan, went to be with the Lord on April 26, 2025.

Amanda was born September 5, 1985, in Bismarck, the daughter of Renee (Metzger) and Matt Meidinger and Dean Stern. Raised and educated in Mandan, Amanda graduated from Mandan High School in 2004. Pursuing her passion, Amanda attended the Hair Academy in Bismarck and in 2006, became a licensed Cosmetologist. Amanda was a dedicated cosmetologist whose artistry and skill transformed the lives of many. With a keen eye for style and a warm and welcoming demeanor, she made every client feel beautiful and valued. Throughout her career she not only enhanced appearances but also built lasting relationships and provided a listening ear and supportive presence. Her love of Cosmetology was evident in her meticulous work and the joy she brought to each appointment. Amanda will be remembered not just for her talent, but for the kindness and love she shared with everyone who walked through her salon doors at Amanda's Cuts and Colors.

In August of 2008, it was love at first sight and the romance between Amanda and Willie began. They shared years of love, travel, adventures, and quiet nights. On August 23, 2019, Amanda married Willie Kist and they made their home in Mandan. Amanda and Willie loved going to the lake cabin on Lake Sakakawea, this was a special place for them as a couple. They loved being fur baby parents to Moosie and River. Willie and Amanda will always be true soulmates.

Amanda was a daughter, sister, wife, auntie, cousin, niece, friend, stylist, and dog mom to Moosie and River whom she loved. Family was incredibly important to Amanda. Her nieces and nephews brought her immense joy, and she cherished every moment spent with them, whether it was celebrating milestones or simply enjoying a pool party on the weekends. Amanda had a close bond with her siblings, always supporting and uplifting each other through life's ups and downs. Her parents were her foundation, instilling in her values of love and togetherness.

Amanda and her mom, Renee, shared a bond that went beyond mother and daughter, they were best friends who talked multiple times a day. They both had a love of traveling and traveled a few times a year together making many memories together. Her Mom will forever miss her daily "Good morning, I love you, Good night, and I love you" calls.

Growing up Amanda was blessed by two special men in her life, her dad, Dean, and dad, Matt. They provided love and support growing up and she loved all her time spent with both of them. Amanda was always thinking of dad Dean on every vacation and brought him back a Harley Davidson shirt. Amanda and Dean bonded many nights hanging out in the backyard with their dogs. Amanda and dad Matt shared many vacations together, basketball games, movies, and camping making memories.

Amanda will be forever loved and remembered by her family, husband, Willie Kist; parents, Renee and Matt Meidinger and Dean Stern; in-laws, Bill and Mary Sue Kist; siblings, Josh Meidinger, Jennie Meidinger, Shelby (Sarah) Stern, Cody (Sarah) Stern, April Stern, and Casey (Kyra) Stern; brother-in-law, Ben (Shayla) Kist; Grandpa, Al Meidinger; nieces and nephews, Logen Stern, Stella Stern, Avery Denning, Delanie Stern, Brecken Stern, Hudson Stern, and Leo Kist, and soon to be baby girl Meidinger; as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins, and countless friends.

Amanda was preceded in death by her Grandparents, Les and Carol Metzger, Gottlieb and Stella Stern, Jan Meidinger, and Marlys Stumpf; Godmother, Kim Hatzenbuehler; brother, Scott Meidinger; and several other aunts and uncles.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Amanda's honor may be made to Furry Friends Rockin' Rescue, Miles of Love Dog Rescue, or Kitty City.

Prayer Service & Sharing

Thursday, May 1, 2025; 6:00 PM

Memorial Service

Friday, May 2, 2025; 10:30 AM
First Lutheran Church, Mandan, ND

Officiant

Pastor Phil Leer

Musicians

Jakub Pasierb & Kami House Bauer

Celebrating the Life of Amanda Lynn Kist

Gathering

Welcome

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Processional

| Amazing Grace #779 |

Invocation & Opening Prayer

Special Music

| On Eagle's Wings |

Scripture Readings

Genesis 1: 1-5

Psalms 27:1, 13-14

Matthew 5:14-16

John 1:1-5, 14

Sermon

Special Music

| I'll Fly Away |

Prayers of the Church

C: "Hear our prayer."

Lord's Prayer

Closing Announcements

Commendation

Recessional

| How Great Thou Art #856 |

Urn Bearers

Shelby, Cody, April, Casey, Josh, Jennie, & Ben

Honorary Bearers

Logen, Stella, Avery, Delanie
Brecken, Hudson, Leo & Avey

Burial

Mandan Union Cemetery
Mandan, ND

**The family invites you for food & fellowship at the Mandan Eagles,
1400 Collins Avenue, immediately following the burial service.**

Please go to www.Weigelfuneral.com to share memories with the family
and to watch the service livestreams and tribute video.