

Remembering the life of....

Donna (Templer) Axtman, age 79, of Moorhead, MN, died Tuesday, April 26, 2022, at her daughter's home in Burlington, ND.

Donna Lou Templer was born July 3, 1942, in Washington State. She was raised in Forman, ND, by her grandparents, Gilbert and Rose Isensee. Donna graduated from high school in 1960, and then began nurses training at Devils Lake, ND. Donna met and was married to Joseph Axtman in 1963. They made their home in Devils Lake where they raised their children. She worked as an LPN and later Surgery Tech in Valley City, ND, and Devils Lake.

She enjoyed learning and was in the Lake Region Jr. College, Devils Lake carpentry program 1969 – 1970. She graduated from ND State School of Science, Wahpeton, ND, with a Parts Management and Merchandising certificate in 1985. She had enrolled in an EMT program, and later served as an EMT. In 1973, Donna became the 2nd woman in North Dakota to enter the ND Army National Guard, where she served for 29 years.

Donna loved nature – she enjoyed fishing and being outdoors. She also loved her pets and doing woodworking. In the 1960's, she was a member of the Blue Angels Women's Basketball team.

She is survived by her daughter Tamara (Ken) Kraft, Burlington, ND; four grandchildren Mandy Smith, Jenny Bittle, Tyler Piatz and Kayla Rutherford; ten great-grandchildren; and one sister Lorene (Jim) Jones, Fairfield, Ohio.

Donna was preceded in death by her parents, her grandparents, and her precious son, James "Butch" Axtman.

"Our family would like to thank all of you for your many acts of kindness. Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated during this tough time. May God bless the memory of Donna".



Forever loved, forever in our hearts

DONNA LOU (TEPLER) AXTMAN

FUNERAL SERVICE

West Funeral Home Chapel
West Fargo, North Dakota
Saturday, April 30, 2022 - 3 p.m.

OFFICIANT

Rev. Clayton Lindgren
Salem Evangelical Free Church - Fargo, ND

SPECIAL MUSIC

Tim Smith, *grandson-in-law*
"Me and Jesus" "One Day at a Time" "Why Me Lord"

OBITUARY READER

Jenny Bittle, *granddaughter*

CASKET BEARERS

Tim Smith	Tyler Piatz	John Smith
Kyle Bittle	Kenny Smith	Jack Smith

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Eliza Piatz	Blakely Piatz	Jasper Bittle
Jay Piatz	Franklin Bittle	Marigold Bittle
	Joshua Rutherford	


MILITARY HONORS

ND National Guard Honors Team
Arthur W. Jones VFW Post #7564
West Fargo, ND

INTERMENT

Holy Cross Cemetery North - Fargo, ND

Just Think



You're here not by chance,
but by God's choosing.
His hand formed you
and made you the
person you are.
He compares you
to no one else—
you are one of a kind.
You lack nothing that
His grace can't give you.
He has allowed you to be
here at this time in history
to fulfill His special purpose
for this generation.

- Roy Lessin

The family wishes to express their appreciation for
your kindness and support during this difficult time.
Please join them for fellowship at the VFW
in West Fargo following the interment.