

Remembering the life of...Lucetta Ann Tougas

What do you say when it's your mom that has died? When it is your heart that is simultaneously bursting with joy for her and breaking for yourself?

Lucetta Ann Tougas was born on October 27th, 1929 in Pelican Rapids, MN to James and Birdella Cole. She grew up on a farm just south of town. She went to school in Pelican and used to tell us how much she enjoyed cross-country skiing to school in the winter. And, as the geography was back then, it was many miles and uphill both ways.

Mom met Dad when she was a teenager and those two crazy kids fell madly in love. But as it went with many back then, WWII got in their way for awhile. While Dad joined the Navy and went to the South Pacific, mom and her family went to Tacoma, Washington and worked in the shipyards as their contribution to the war effort. After the war ended, they were reunited, and love bloomed once again. They were united in marriage on September 27th, 1948 in Elizabeth, MN. And so it began...

She went on to have eight children. Seven boys and one girl. I'm not sure how that happened, but it did!

Mom was always a creative and talented lady. She was interested in everything. Some of her talents were easier to share than others. Just ask me and several of her daughters-in-law how the sewing lessons went! She always had a huge garden and grew much of the food we ate. She always said not to plant flowers on her grave but to plant tomatoes instead! Then one day she took a ceramics class and I guess she liked it because she bought the business. And so that began...

For the next 40 plus years she owned and operated Lu's Ceramics out of the basement of her home. First in Moorhead, then in Wahpeton. So, if you have a ceramic Christmas tree, a big-mouth frog holding your kitchen scrubbie, or a Mr. Specks on your nightstand to hold your glasses, she is probably responsible.

Mom and Dad also purchased Dad's childhood farm and transformed it into Campers' Cove, a beautiful, lakeside campground.

Mom is survived by her children Sandy Tougas (James) of West Fargo, Leonard (Kathy) Tougas of Lady Lake, FL, Fran (Mary) Tougas of Lady Lake, FL, Jeff (Beth) Tougas of Fargo, Jay Tougas of Fargo, Curt Tougas of Willmar, MN, Pat (Toby) Tougas of Fargo and Chris (Tresa) Tougas of Fargo; 17 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild.

Mom passed away Friday, November 2, 2018, at Villia Maria in Fargo. She was preceded in death by her parents, brother Colin, husband Duane, son James, grandson Nicholas and great-granddaughter, Charli.

So, what do we say now? Thank you, Mom, for passing on your love, your creativity, your entrepreneurial spirit, your humor, your trick to making the best toast ever, and for making us all proud to call you mom, grandma, great-grandma and great-great grandma. Well done !





The Fallen Limb

*A limb has fallen From
the family tree. I keep
Hearing a voice that
Says "Grieve not for
me". Remember the
best times, the laughter
the song. The good life I
lived while I was strong.*

*Continue my heritage,
I'm counting on you.
Keep smiling and surely
the sun will shine through.
My mind is at ease,
my soul is at rest.
Remembering all,
how I truly was Blessed.
Continue traditions,
no matter how small.
Go on with your life,
don't worry about falls
I miss you all dearly,
so keep up our chin.
Until the day comes
we're together Again.*

Celebrating the life of **LUCETTA TOUGAS**



MASS

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
West Fargo, North Dakota
Wednesday, November 7, 2018
10:30 a.m.

Presider

Fr. Jared Kadlec

Readers

Leonard Tougas Fran Tougas

Music

Mary Beth Odegaard, *Cantor*
Rhonda Voss, *pianist*

Urn Bearer

Amanda De La Pointe

Honorary Pallbearers

Grandchildren Great-grandchildren
Great-great-grandchildren

Interment

Fargo Veterans Cemetery Fargo, ND

*The family wishes to express their appreciation for your
kindness and support during this difficult time. Please join
them for fellowship immediately following the Mass.*

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