### Remembering the life of....

Brenda Kay Kartes, 32, was born in Little Falls, MN on Nov. 17, 1986. She went missing July 12, 2018 at the age of 31 and was found on Aug. 22, 2019.

Brenda lived in Little Falls, MN, Wahpeton, ND, Mandan, ND and in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Mapleton, ND. Brenda attended Mapleton Elementary, West Fargo Middle and High School and graduated in 2005. She received her CNA in 2005 and started working in nursing homes with the elderly. This was her greatest passion and love. She treated them like they were her grandparents.

Brenda loved rollerblading, running, biking, singing, dancing and going for walks outside so she could be with nature. She loved to crochet, write poetry, sketch, draw, read books and her faith in God. Brenda was full of life. She loved to put a smile on people's faces and cheer them up. Family meant the world to Brenda. Her late night pizza requests are truly missed. Brenda will always be remembered for her larger than life bubbly personality, beautiful smile, big hugs and "love ya" will always be in our hearts and missed.

She is survived by her parents, Dale and Lynn (Fussy) Kartes; sister, Danielle (Mark) Rueckert; grandparents, Frank and Karen Fussy; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

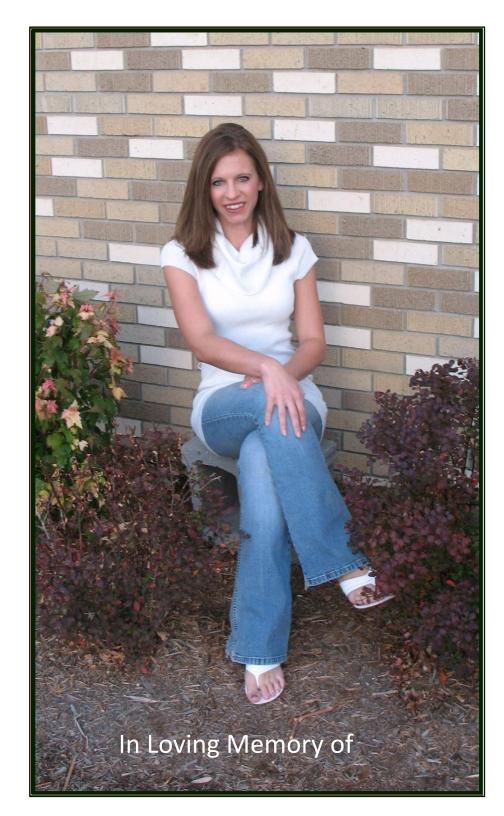
Brenda was preceded in death by her grandparents, Bill and Verna

Kartes,
uncles,
some
childfriends.

"Remember me for my beautiful smile,
big hugs and my bubbly personality.
If you need to find me, I'll always
and forever be in your hearts."

along with aunts and close hood





## 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. Tasks left undone must stay that way, I found my peace at the end of day. If my parting has left a void, Then fill it with remembered joy-A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, Oh yes, these things I too will miss. But be not burdened with times of sorrow. I wish for 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 try to lengthen it with undue grief. Lift up your heart and share with me.

God wanted me. He set me free!

Celebrating the life of

# BRENDA KAY KARTES

### **Mass of Christian Burial**

Holy Cross Catholic Church West Fargo, North Dakota Friday, September 6, 2019 ~ 2:00 p.m.

Presider
The Rev. Fr. James Meyer

Scripture Readings Brian Fussy Mark Faydo

Gift Bearers
Ashley Faydo Karrigan Fussy

#### music

Rosalie Anglin, pianist Margaret Keller, cantor
"All Creatures of our God and King"
"On Eagles Wings" "Prayer of St. Francis"
"We Remember" "Song of Farwell"
"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"
"The Garden" CD

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.