

## *A Mom Is...*

*A mom is one of life's best gifts,  
Someone to treasure all life through,  
She's caring and loving,  
thoughtful and true,  
Someone who is always  
a special part of your life,  
Someone who holds a  
prime place in your heart,  
She's a mentor, a confident  
and also a friend,  
Someone on whose love  
you can depend.  
A mom always has your  
best interests at heart,  
She's someone so dear  
and so good,  
She's a blessing, she's a gift,  
She's a treasure like no other,  
She's someone that  
is truly wonderful.  
Wherever you go,  
and whatever you do,  
A mom's love will always  
see you through,  
A mom is truly invaluable,  
Indispensable and unforgettable.  
I wouldn't want anyone but you,  
And that's why I'm so grateful,  
that life picked you for me.*

## *In Loving Memory*

*Carla Koistinen*

*January 2, 1965 ~ March 15, 2023*





Carla Kaye Shuley Koistinen was born January 2, 1965, in Langdon, ND, to John and Shirley (Giles) Shuley. She grew up and attended school in Langdon, graduating in 1983. After graduating, she moved to Hawaii for a few years before returning to North Dakota. She lived in Devils Lake for a short time and attended Lake Region College before moving back to Langdon. Carla worked at Maple Manor Care Center, At the Hop, and Gutters but is probably remembered the most from working at Dairy Queen for many, many years.

Currently, she was the office manager at Farmers Union in Lawton, ND. Carla loved her plants and cheering on the Green Bay Packers. She looked forward to visiting with family at Devils Lake in the summer and baking with her sisters, Jeannie and Char. Carla was a very social person and loved going out with friends for a pop or coffee. She was through the moon when she found out she was going to be a grandma, as her family was everything to her. She was friend to many and will be dearly missed.

Surviving Carla are her husband, Blake Koistinen, of Langdon, ND; children: Quentin (Kristina) Bradley of Fargo, ND, Nicholas William Bradley of Langdon, ND, Kaydee Marie Koistinen of Mayville/Langdon, ND; grandchildren: Quentin Bradley III and soon-to-be-born baby Bradley; siblings: Connie (Tim) Lorenz, Allen (Linda) Shuley, Jeannie (Dennis) Gendreau, Don (Susan) Shuley; brother-in-law Rick Christianson; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, sister Charlene Christianson, in-laws Vera and Pap Koistinen, and sister-in-law Anne White.

Carla passed away Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at the age of 58.

## MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Saturday, March 25, 2023 ~ 11:00 a.m.

St. Alphonsus Church  
Langdon, ND

### CLERGY

Fr. Kurtis Gunwall

### MUSIC

Bob Schaan    Min Gette  
St. Alphonsus Church Choir

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”    “Be Not Afraid”  
“One Bread, One Body”    “Amazing Grace”

### READERS

Cortney Shuley    Kimmie Burley

### GIFT BEARERS

Jenny Bolland    Rick Christianson

### HONORARY BEARERS

All of Carla's Friends and Family