



GOD looked around the garden,
And found an empty space.
He looked down upon the earth,
And saw your tired face. He put
His arms around you
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful
For He only takes the **BEST.**
He knew that you were weary,
and He knew that you were in pain.
He knew that you would never
be well on earth again.
He saw the roads were getting rough,
and the hills were hard to climb.
So He closed your weary eyelids,
Peace be Shine. and whispered

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Sharon "Tena" Kay Strei

WHO WAS BORN
December 31, 1958
Ortonville, Minnesota

AND CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME
June 23, 2023
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL
Friday, June 30, 2023 - 11:00 a.m.
St. John's Catholic Church
Ortonville, Minnesota

CELEBRANT
Father Brian Oestreich

MUSICIANS
Diane Vangsness, Organist
St. John's Funeral Choir

CASKET BEARERS
Drew Danielson | Tim Thompson | Dan Thompson
Keven Berdan | Dan Berdan | Jesse Cloos | Brian Carlson

HONORARY BEARERS
All of Bob and Tena's Former Customers
All who called Tena their second mom

INTERMENT
Mound Cemetery
Ortonville, Minnesota

APPRECIATION
Tena's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.
Your many expressions of kindness and love are deeply
appreciated. Following the interment, please join the family
for food and fellowship in the church fellowship hall.

Mundwiler and Larson Funeral Home - Ortonville, Minnesota

Sharon “Tena” Kay (Carlson) Strei was born on December 31, 1958, in Ortonville, MN, to Victor, Jr. and Helen (Heidtke) Carlson. She was the seventh of eight children in her family. Tena was baptized and confirmed at St. John’s Catholic Church in Ortonville. She grew up in the Ortonville area and attended school in Ortonville, graduating with the Class of 1977. Following, high school, Tena attended Alexandria Technical College for two years.

On September 29, 1979, Tena was united in marriage with Robert “Bob” Strei at St. John’s Catholic Church in Ortonville, MN. Together, they had their daughter, Megan.

Being a co-owner of a construction business was hard work but Tena loved every minute of it. She and Bob built many houses and were a part of many home remodels in the Ortonville area.

Along with owning and operating a business in Ortonville, Tena and Bob were members of the Big Stone Cruisers, she was a member of The Women of Today, and served as a Girl Scout leader. Tena was a life-long member of St. John’s Catholic Church, serving as a reader for many church services.

Tena enjoyed crafting, gardening, bird watching, and loved photographing all of the wonders she found in nature. She loved to sing and sang for many weddings for friends and family. Tena was an avid cook and baker, always having homemade doughnuts for deer hunting opening weekend. Her home was always open, and she was always willing to lend an ear to listen or offer a piece of advice to anyone who needed it. Tena loved Christmas time and worked hard to get her family together to celebrate and enjoy one another’s company. Tena and Bob were most known for their interesting and unique Halloween costumes for the Ortonville Fireman’s Halloween dance at Sioux Historic every year.

Left to cherish Tena’s memory are her husband of 43 years, Bob Strei; daughter, Megan (Craig) Nelson; granddaughter, Abigail Hjelle; siblings: Diane (Mike) Dorry, Bob (Juanita) Carlson, Mick (Pat) Carlson, Gene (Teresa) Carlson, Judy (Rodger) Jeska, Jim (Jody) Carlson, and Kate (Dan) Welberg; sister-in-law, Janet (Jim) Suckow; brothers-in-law: Dwayne Strei (Kim Muenchow); and Loren Strei; mother-in-law, Vivian Strei; along with 27 nieces and nephews; and many dear friends.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Victor, Jr. and Helen Carlson; baby Strei in infancy; and father-in-law, Harold Strei.

