

Lona Mae (Pierce) Schuett, 84, of Grand Forks, ND, and formerly of Crookston, passed away Monday afternoon, January 22, 2024, in Altru Hospital, Grand Forks, with her loving family at her side.

Lona was born in Crookston on November 2, 1939, the daughter of Leon and Bertha (Veenstra) Pierce. She grew up in the family home north of Crookston and graduated from Central High School with the Class of 1957. In 1959 she married Bill Francis and they were blessed by the birth of daughter, Kim. In 1972 Lona earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Bemidji (MN) State College and in 1987 a Master's degree from Bemidji State University. Professionally, she worked in insurance roles, taught business courses, and owned Stylistics Hair Salon in East Grand Forks, MN. Lona was united in marriage to Howard George Schuett on August 2, 1980. The couple made their home in Crookston until moving to Grand Forks in 1995.

Lona liked being busy and in her later years, when most folks would be settled into retirement, she enjoyed working as a paraprofessional at South Middle School until formally retiring at the age of 80. Her family, dogs, and neighbors were the passion of her life and it was often noted that Lona wasn't happy unless she was feeding or helping someone in her family or community.

Lona is lovingly survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Kim and Curt Knutson of Fisher, MN; 4 grandchildren and their spouses: Amy and Russell Shimek of Grand Forks, and Chad and Carmen Knutson, Kristen and Travis Schwarz, and Nicole and Josh Krostue, all of Fisher, MN; 14 great-grandchildren: Annika, Ava, Autumn, Chandler, Clayton, Conley, Tristen, Harleigh, Riggan, Cortland, Chase, Camdyn, Carter, and Callahan; brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Alice Pierce of San Tan Valley, AZ; her fur baby, Axel; and many nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends.

Lona was preceded in death by Howard, her beloved husband of 30 years; her parents, Leon and Bertha Pierce; brothers, Lewis, Lloyd, and Lyle; sisters, Luetta Tregler and Lillian Hulst; and other family members.

Blessed be the memory of Lona Mae Schuett.



In Loving Memory

Now I lay me down to sleep,
I pray the Lord my soul to keep.



I am not there

Do not stand at my grave and weep,
I am not there, I do not sleep
I am in a thousand winds that blow,
I am the softly falling snow.
I am the gentle showers of rain,
I am the fields of ripening grain.
I am in the morning hush,
I am in the graceful rush
Of birds in circling flight.
I am the star shine of the night.
I am in the flowers that bloom,
I am in a quiet room,
I am the birds that sing,
I am in each lovely thing.
Do not stand at my grave and cry,
I am not there. I did not die.

- Mary Frye



IN LOVING MEMORY

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November 2, 1939 ~ January 22, 2024

The Memorial Service Honoring Lona's Life

Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.
Stenshoel-Houske Funeral Home
Crookston, Minnesota
Pastor Gretchen Enoch, officiating

Scripture Readings

Ecclesiastes 3:1-4
John 11:25
Psalm 23

Special Recorded Music

"Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone"
by Chris Tomlin
"Wind Beneath My Wings"
by Lee Greenwood
"Scars in Heaven"
by Casting Crowns
"Calling All Angels"
by Train

Inurnment

Memorial Park South Cemetery
Grand Forks, North Dakota

*Our sincere thanks to everyone for your very kind expressions of sympathy as we say
goodbye for now to Our Beloved Mom, Grandma, and Great-Grandma.*

With Love,

Kim and Curt – Amy and Russell – Chad and Carmen
Kristen and Travis – Nicole and Josh
and 2 Generations Who Called Her Grandma