

Connie was born October 26, 1951, in Valley City, ND, to Adolph and Ardis (McCullough) Ihry. She grew up on a farm near rural Hope, ND, with her 6 brothers and 2 sisters. Connie had many talents, and growing up, she was the family pianist every Sunday during family sing-alongs. She graduated from Hope High School in 1969. Connie was also a gifted writer and singer, performing many times with her beloved classmates, "Sisters of Hope."

In 1969, Connie attended NDSCS in Wahpeton she moved to Fargo, where she worked for Northwestern Bell Telephone Company. She also worked at Community First Bank in Wahpeton, ND, and worked for Edward Jones. For the past number of years Connie worked with Century 21 Atwood, where she specialized in real estate sales in Minnesota lakes country.

Connie married Gary Tingum on April 7, 1979, where they made their home in Wyndmere, ND until his death. She was lucky enough to have two great loves in her life, and on October 22, 1983, she married Woody Caspers in St. John's Catholic Church in Wahpeton, ND. They were married for 37 years until his passing in 2021.

Connie and Woody were active in each community they lived in, including Wahpeton, ND, Ottertail, MN, Mesa, AZ, and Fargo, ND. They especially loved their lake home, where generations of Caspers would gather. Connie was very active in serving the community. Connie and Woody's dedication and service to NDSCS was immeasurable. They initiated the DREAMS Auction, serving as chairs for 14 years. They were members of the NDSCS Blikre Society, NDSCS 300 Club, and 100 Club, supporting the growth and development of the Foundation through their travels as well as promoting the college to prospective students at every juncture. Connie was a eucharistic minister at St. Johns and was so proud of the beautiful building, as she enjoyed being on the renovation committee.

Connie was a stunningly beautiful soul, both inside and out. She radiated a love, a joy, a vibrance, a passion, an appreciation for life and for others that is unparalleled. As a devout Catholic, Connie trusted in the strength of prayer and the peace that God may bring each of us. Connie cherished family gatherings, organizing Ihry family reunions at the lake for many years, and eventually added an Ihry cousin bus trip.

Connie is survived by Woody's 3 children, Corlyn Caspers (Rod Kolkow), Medford, OR, Jim Caspers (Cory Pope), Hudson, WI, and David Caspers (Tiffany), Bentonville, AR; 6 grandchildren, and 9 great-grandchildren; siblings, Reed (Michelle) Ihry, West Fargo, ND, Neal "Buck" Ihry, Hope, ND, Lori (Tim) Powell, Hope, ND, Keith (Brenda) Ihry, Hope, ND; sisters-in-law, Marilyn Ihry, Hope, ND and Brenda Ihry, Fargo, ND; and many beloved nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Connie was preceded in death by her first husband, Gary Tingum, her beloved husband, Woody; her parents, Adolph and Ardis; her brother, Gary and his wife Mary; her brothers, Wade and Dale; her sister, Mary Ann; infant twin siblings, Mary and Joseph.

Connie Jean will forever be remembered as a wonderful, kind, loving, caring wife, stepmother, grandmother, daughter, sister, aunt, cousin, and friend. She will be forever missed.

In Loving Memory of

Connie Jean Ihry Caspers



October 26, 1951 - February 13, 2023

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I felt an angel near today, though one I could not see
I felt an angel oh so close, sent to comfort me

I felt an angel's kiss, soft upon my cheek
And oh, without a single word of caring did it speak

I felt an angel's loving touch, soft upon my heart
And with that touch, I felt the pain and hurt within depart

I felt an angel's tepid tears, fall softly next to mine
And knew that as those tears did dry a new day would be mine

I felt an angel's silken wings enfold me with pure love
And felt a strength within me grow, a strength sent from above

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Born

October 26, 1951 - Valley City, North Dakota

Passed Away

February 13, 2023 - Queens Creek, Arizona

Age

71 Years 3 Months 18 Days

Mass of Christian Burial

11:00 am - Friday, February 24, 2023
St. John's Catholic Church - Wahpeton, North Dakota

Officiant

Fr. Dale Lagodinski

Scripture Readings

Corlyn Caspers and Sam Caspers

Organist

Pat Keaveny

Special Music

St. John's Choir

Congregational Hymns

"Here I Am Lord" - "On Eagles Wings"
"Prayer of St. Francis" - "Be Not Afraid"

Soloists

Reed Ihry and Chelsey Beaton
"The Lord's Prayer" - "In This Very Room"

Interment at a Later Date

Fairview Cemetery - Wahpeton, North Dakota