

Christmas in Heaven



I see the countless Christmas trees, around the world below
With tiny lights, like Heaven's stars, reflecting on the snow.

The sight is so spectacular, please wipe away that tear
For I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

I hear the many Christmas songs, that people hold so dear
But the sounds of music can't compare, with the Christmas choir up here.

I have no words to tell you, the joy their voices bring
For it is beyond description, to hear the angels sing.

I know how much you miss me, I see the pain inside your heart
But I am not so far away, we really aren't apart.

So be happy for me dear ones, you know I hold you dear
And be glad I'm spending Christmas, with Jesus Christ this year.

I can't tell you of the splendor or the peace here in this place
Can you just imagine Christmas, with our Savior face to face?

I'll ask Him to lift your spirit, as I tell Him of your love
So then pray for one another, as you lift your eyes above.

Please let your hearts be joyful and let your spirit sing
For I am spending Christmas in Heaven and I'm walking with the King.

In Loving Memory



Audrey Ruth Holupka

February 14, 1933 ~ December 5, 2021

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Visitation

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Friday, December 17, 2021
St. John's Lutheran Church
Tyndall, South Dakota

Funeral

10:00 a.m.
Saturday, December 18, 2021
St. John's Lutheran Church
Tyndall, South Dakota

Clergy

Rev. Dean Schroeder

Music

Melissa Bruna ~ organist

Congregational Hymns

What a Friend We Have in Jesus
The Lord Is My Shepherd
I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Pallbearers

Matthew Holzwarth, Kevin Holzwarth, Trevor Munkvold,
Orlando Munkvold, Orlyn Evenson & Mike Kloucek

Honorary Pallbearers

Marlin Holzwarth, Roger Forland, Lindsey and Joel Pethan,
Kelly Ann Wilcox, Ashley Holzwarth,
Paisley, Brantley and Granger Holzwarth & Kyla Marie Wilcox

Interment

Tyndall Cemetery

Audrey was born February 14, 1933 to Ed and Marie (Gran) Munkvold on the family farm, rural Menno, SD. She was baptized and confirmed at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, rural Menno. She attended Anderson School #52 for eight years and graduated from Irene High School in 1951. She had many babysitting jobs during her late grade school and throughout her high school years. Audrey married John Holupka on August 23, 1951. They made their home in Tyndall and were blessed with two daughters, Patricia and Michaeline.

Audrey worked 34 years as school lunch manager of Bon Homme School District. She is remembered by many former students for her delicious meals, cookies and fresh breads. Audrey served one term as president of South Dakota School Food Service Association. She retired in 1998.

Since 1951, Audrey has been a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Tyndall and for many, many years served as treasurer of the church. She kept meticulous records. She enjoyed participating in all church activities. Audrey was a charter member of the Ladies Auxiliary for the VFW Post No. 6895, Tyndall, which was chartered 70 years ago in 1951. She enjoyed sewing, embroidering, baking and canning. Spending time with grandchildren and great-grandchildren, brought her great joy. She was always ready for coffee, visiting and catching up with family. Family was very important to her and she was always there when someone needed help.

Audrey Ruth Holupka, 88, of Tyndall, SD, passed away peacefully with family at her side on December 5, 2021 at Freeman Regional Health Services, Freeman, SD.

Grateful for having shared her life are her daughters, Patricia (Marlin) Holzwarth, Freeman, SD, and Michaeline (Roger) Forland, Rochester, MN; four grandchildren, Matthew Holzwarth, Sioux Falls, SD, Kevin (Ashley) Holzwarth, Freeman, SD, Lindsey (Joel) Pethan, Appleton, WI and Kelly Ann Wilcox, Rochester, MN; four great-grandchildren, Paisley, Brantley and Granger Holzwarth and Kyla Marie Wilcox; two brothers, Edward (Helen) Munkvold, Menno, SD and Oliver (Jeanette) Munkvold, Lesterville, SD; two sisters, Iona Fischer, Sturgis, SD and Joyce Kloucek, Vermillion, SD; two sisters-in-law, Peggy Munkvold and Donna Munkvold, both of Lesterville, SD and several nieces and nephews.

Audrey was preceded in death by her husband, John in 1997; her parents Ed and Marie Munkvold; parents-in-law, John and Katherine Holupka; four brothers, Jerome, Albert, Roland and Roy; five sisters, infant Margaret, Alice Evenson, Edith Weisz, Evelyn Johnson and Connie Knodel; nine brothers-in-law, Carl Evenson, Elmer Fischer, Kenneth Kloucek, John Knodel, Floyd Weisz, Norman Johnson, Frank Holupka, Joe Holupka and Willard P. Mammel.; four sisters-in-law, Viola (Jerome) Munkvold, Irene (Frank) Holupka, Alveena (Joe) Holupka and Mary (Willard) Mammel; six nieces and 8 nephews.

Floral Tributes



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*Norm, Karen,
Katherine & Levi Thomas*



*Staff and Residents of
North Point and Good Samaritan*

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Joyce Kloucek Families



Class of 1971

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*Jerome & Viola
Munkvold Family*

