



## Linda Jean Holcomb

January 28, 1944 - January 7, 2018

Linda Jean Holcomb the daughter of Evelyn (Faust) and Delbert Sundstrom, was born January 28, 1944 in Valley City, ND. She graduated from Valley City High School in 1962. Linda obtained her Bachelors Degree in Elementary Education from Valley City State University and a Masters degree from the University of North Dakota.

On April 4, 1964 she was united in marriage to Lynn Holcomb at Nebo Lutheran Church in Valley City. She had a special place in her heart for all teachers, especially Kindergarten teachers, her students and love of children's literature. She began her teaching career as a kindergarten teacher in the Valley City Public Schools before she began her long career in teaching in the Elementary Education Division at Valley City State University. She retired in 2005 from VCSU but continued supervising student teaching for many years. Linda and Lynn raised their two children on their family farm north of Valley City and wintered in Ft. Meyers, FL. She liked to read, cook, sew, do crafts and attend her grandchildren's athletic activities. Her grandchildren were her pride and joy.

She was a member of Nebo Lutheran Church, where she taught Sunday School and a member of Our Saviors Lutheran Church, Chapter AZ PEO, Retired Teachers Association and on the Sheyenne Care Center Board.

Linda is survived by her husband, Lynn, Valley City, ND; daughter, Layne Smith (Kyle), Carrington, ND; her son, Laren (Amanda), Prior Lake, MN and six grandchildren, Brady, Payton and Brynn Smith, and Nolan, Landon and

Luke Holcomb. Also surviving is a brother, Jim (Rita) Sundstrom, Venice, FL; a sister, Jan Stowman, Valley City, ND; a sister-in-law, Kay (Paul) Gran, Aitkin, MN and many special nieces, nephews and wonderful friends. She was preceded in death by her father and mother, Delbert and Evelyn Sundstrom, her father and mother-in-law, Ernest and Iva Holcomb, and her brother-in-law, Chuck Stowman.

The funeral service for Linda will be 2 pm Friday, January 12, 2018 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Valley City. Visitation will be 4-6 pm Thursday at the church with a prayer service at 6 pm. Visitation will continue one hour before the service at the church. Burial will be in Memory Gardens, rural Valley City in the spring. She passed away Sunday, January 7, 2018 at Mercy Hospital, Valley City.

Memorials may be directed to the VCSU Foundation, Sheyenne Care Center Foundation, or the Mercy Hospital Foundation.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City. An online guestbook is available at [www.oliver-nathanchapel.com](http://www.oliver-nathanchapel.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 11. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
138 3rd St. NW  
Valley City, ND

## Prayer Service

JAN 11. 6:00 PM (CT)

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## Visitation

JAN 12. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
138 3rd St. NW  
Valley City, ND

# Tribute Wall

RB

“ I had Linda in college and she was definitely my favorite professor. Always smiling, always wanting the best for you and doing anything she could to help you accomplish your goals. I appreciated her very much. Thanks for sharing her with us.



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**Rebecca Berntson** - January 12, 2018 at 01:17 PM

SP

“ The Punton family sends our deepest regards on the passing of Linda. Her smile and warmth will be remembered always. From Alex, Scott and Thomas Punton.

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**scott punton** - January 12, 2018 at 10:57 AM

LS

“ Linda was the absolute best. I still use the notecards I created in her children's literature class at VCSU. She had a true heart and passion for teachers and teaching. God bless Linda and may peace surround all of her family.

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**Lisa (Hoggarth) Smith** - January 10, 2018 at 10:39 PM

BS

“ Enjoyed her Children Literature class in college! She always had a smile on her face! She was a wonderful teacher!

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**Barb Schmitt** - January 10, 2018 at 09:55 PM

LM

“ *Lara Mairs purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Linda Jean Holcomb.*



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**Lara Mairs** - January 10, 2018 at 07:59 PM

EC

“ *I have no idea how 'Sunny' got her nickname - but sunny she was and she always lived up to that disposition!!!! She was a ray of light to all of us at VCHS and impacted many of our lives! She will be greatly missed.....*

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**elaine grubb cortez** - January 10, 2018 at 03:49 PM

HS

“ *Layne and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Lifting your family in prayer.*

*Heather (Coit) Schwehr*

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**Heather Schwehr** - January 10, 2018 at 10:17 AM

TA

“ *Sending Linda's family prayers during this time. She was an amazing instructor and a great person.*

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**tanya** - January 09, 2018 at 10:14 PM

AS

“ I am so sad to see that Linda has passed. She was an amazing instructor and such a caring person. A coworker and I were just talking about her classes and how she was a favorite to both of us. I especially remember the children's literature class and her love of learning and early childhood. Anyone who knew her was very lucky!

Amber Smith - January 09, 2018 at 08:37 PM

SN

“ Linda was one of my favorite professor's at VCSU. She was an amazing lady with a huge heart.

Sarah Didier Newton - January 09, 2018 at 07:47 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Linda Jean Holcomb.



January 09, 2018 at 11:57 AM

PO

“ Linda was my second cousin and my memories are of her are as a very young child when I worked for Delbert and Evelyn Sundstrum on a farm south west of ValleyCity. I watched her grow into a happy, cheerful young lady who loved children and was a loving wife and mother. My thoughts and prayers are with her husband., brother Jim, sister Jan.

Pat(Kahler) Olson-Anaheim, California

Patricia L Olson - January 09, 2018 at 10:52 AM

PD

“ Linda was my kindergarten teacher in Fingal, ND. It was Fingal's first kindergarten class, I think the year was 1966. She was a kind and wonderful teacher. I have thought of her many times in the past years. As I read her obituary, I see she was a wonderful teacher to many. I am sadden to read about her passing. Pam (Klinger) Davis

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**Pamela Davis** - January 09, 2018 at 09:39 AM

MW

“ To the Holcomb family,

*The Wimmers are so sorry for your loss. Linda was always a bright light no matter how dark the day. Caring, genuine, sincere, graceful, and classy are just a few words that come to mind when I remember Linda She will be missed but she will always be remembered. Sasha was just telling me last night how much of an impact she had on her life and was by and far her favorite college professor.*

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**Mike Wimmer** - January 09, 2018 at 08:44 AM

DA

“ Linda's courses were my favorite and some of my fondest college memories. She was a wonderful professor. Prayers of comfort and peace for her family. Thank you so much for sharing her with us students. ❤️

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**Dana** - January 09, 2018 at 01:03 AM

GG

“ With sympathy to Linda's family. She was a very sincerely nice lady. May your fond memories comfort you. Gigi Goven

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**Gigi Goven** - January 08, 2018 at 11:02 PM

HO

“ Sending love and condolences to the Holcomb family...Linda was an amazing teacher!!! She was so easy to talk to even outside of class, she was genuinely concerned about her students each and every one of them and I will never forget her presence. I will always treasure her sweet voice and hugs each time that I saw her. ❤️

Holly Olauson - January 08, 2018 at 10:10 PM

BN

“ Sending my love and hugs to everyone in the Holcomb and Sundstrom families. What a gift your sweet Linda was to all who knew her. We will all miss her here on earth, but she will be cherished in Heaven among the angels. With love to you all, Bonnie Cink Ness

Bonnie Cink Ness - January 08, 2018 at 09:03 PM

 Diana Kuznia

“ Linda was an extraordinary teacher! I learned so much from her during my years at VCSU. Henry Adams once said, "A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence never stops." This is certainly true of Linda's influence, think of how many of us are better, more caring and passionate teachers because of Linda's influence. This beautiful life will not be forgotten. Diana Kuznia

Diana Kuznia - January 08, 2018 at 09:01 PM

JB

“ I was saddened to hear of Linda's passing. My sympathies to Linda's entire family. I first met Linda on one of her shopping trips to the VCSU Bookstore. VCSU apparel was a favorite gift for children and grandchildren. I always enjoyed our conversations and will miss her smile, her sweet nature and kindness.

Jenni Richman (VCSU Bookstore) - January 08, 2018 at 08:57 PM

CA

“ To Linda Holcomb family and relatives,  
Linda was such a positive, friendly, happy person. I enjoyed all of  
her college classes and her friendship. She was a friend to  
everybody she knew and She left our world at to young of age. My  
deepest sympathy and may she make a difference in heaven as she  
did on earth.  
Carol Pinke

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**Carol** - January 08, 2018 at 05:06 PM

MK

“ Mindi King lit a candle in memory of Linda  
Jean Holcomb



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**Mindi King** - January 08, 2018 at 04:46 PM

BR

“ I enjoyed all of the classes I took from Linda at VCSU. My  
sympathies to the family.

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**Bridget** - January 08, 2018 at 04:26 PM

MW

“ "Loved learning from Linda as a student and when I worked with her  
as an instructor at VCSU. Prayers being lifted for all of you."

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**Mary Welken** - January 08, 2018 at 04:03 PM

BE

“ *Linda was one of my favorites when I attended VCSU! Her warmth and caring for her education students was amazing! May God guide you through this difficult time.*

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**Becky (Ust) Elliott** - January 08, 2018 at 12:33 PM

SS

“ *Linda was always so warm and friendly...we will miss her. Our deep sympathy and prayers. Don and Sharon Schaack*

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**sharon schaack** - January 08, 2018 at 12:02 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Linda Jean Holcomb.*



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January 07, 2018 at 07:37 PM