



Shela Jean Wittenberg

October 8, 1955 - June 15, 2020

Shela Jean Wittenberg, 64 of Mandan, North Dakota passed away June 15, 2020, peacefully in the comfort of her home.

Shela was born on October 8, 1955 the daughter of Robert & Jean Wittenberg. She graduated from Valley City High School in 1973, and attended NDSU. June 25, 1976 she married Richard Lowell Olson and became a stay at home mom to three children Derrick, Michele & Daniela. She enjoyed writing letters, sewing, making & creating cards, reading, baking & dancing. She always had a great love and appreciation of the four legged creature, the HORSE.

Shela is survived by her father Robert Wittenberg of Valley City, ND; two children Derrick (Ana) Olson of West Fargo, ND and Daniela Olson of Bemidji, MN; three grandchildren Taisen, Hunter and Analeigh Olson; three siblings Rochelle (Les) Hansen of Litchville, ND; Renee (Larry) Ott of Newton, KS and Shawn (Kim) Wittenberg of Valley City, ND; nieces and nephews Ashley (Michael) Rufsvold, Nicole (Bob) Latt, Heather (Jeff) Vogel, Seth (Kristen) Ott, Ethan Ott, Alex (Megan) Wittenberg, Miranda Wittenberg & all their respective children.

Shela was preceded in death by her mother Jean Wittenberg & daughter Michele Olson.

A memorial service will be held 10 am Friday, June 26, at Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City. Burial will be in Hillside Cemetery, Valley City. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Oliver-Nathan

Funeral Chapel. An online guestbook is available at www.oliver-nathanchapel.com.

Cemetery Details

Hillside Cemetery

Valley City, ND

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 26. 10:00 AM (CT)

Traditions Funeral Services - Oliver Nathan Funeral Chapel

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Tribute Wall



“ *Oliver - Nathan Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Shela Jean Wittenberg*



Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel - June 25, 2020 at 08:32 PM

PK

“ I realize that this memorial is some five years old now, but I would like to add some words, if I may. I attended church with the Olson family when I was a teenager in the late 80's and early 90's, and I often spoke to Shela and viewed her as a friend. She would hold conversations with me without viewing me as "a kid," and I always found her to be very humorous, warm, and genuine. I went through a phase during those teenage years where I would memorize and recite TV commercials for fun; Shela would test me with newly-released ads, just to see if she could hit me with one I'd not yet seen. Fast forwarding to present day, I found a small Christmas ornament she made for me all those years ago; it is one of a few items she handmade and gave to me to reenact a particular Pizza Hut ad, and when I uncovered it, I reconnected with the memory of receiving it from her. A semi-lengthy internet search later, I was saddened to learn that she had passed in 2020; I hate that I was unable to reconnect. At our church, Shela stood out; she was opinionated, unbothered, warmly funny, and exceedingly kind. As an awkward kid, experiencing those kinds of qualities became core memories for me as lessons of how to treat people. My condolences to her family and friends.



Paul Korn - January 25 at 04:33 PM

LK

“ Shela was a kind neighbor with a good heart!
She will be missed. RIP Shela.

Lolly Kadrmas



Lolly Kadrmas - June 26, 2020 at 10:26 AM

CM

“ *Our deepest sympathy. Curt and Christine Marshall*



Curt and Christine Marshall - June 26, 2020 at 10:12 AM

KB

“ *Sorry to hear of Shela's passing, knew her form HS then saw her again when she moved back to Valley City. Treasure the memories and the time you had with her. She is now with your Mom. Kaye (Tait) Belzer*

Kaye Belzer - June 26, 2020 at 08:27 AM

DP

“ *Shela was a passenger that traveled on a tour bus where I was the guide. I always felt she was along for a purpose. The 2nd day out she got a call from her dr.s office of a test that wasn't so good. Having been thru something similar a couple years previously, I gave her the name of my doctor. I took her to the hospital the morning of her surgery, stayed there to visit with her doctor and brought her home with me that night. After she felt like being alone I took her home to Mandan. She sent me the most beautiful home made and heart felt cards every once in a while. She will always be a good memory in my years of travel.*

My condolences to you her family.

Diane Peltz, NDFU tour guide

Diane Peltz - June 25, 2020 at 10:12 PM

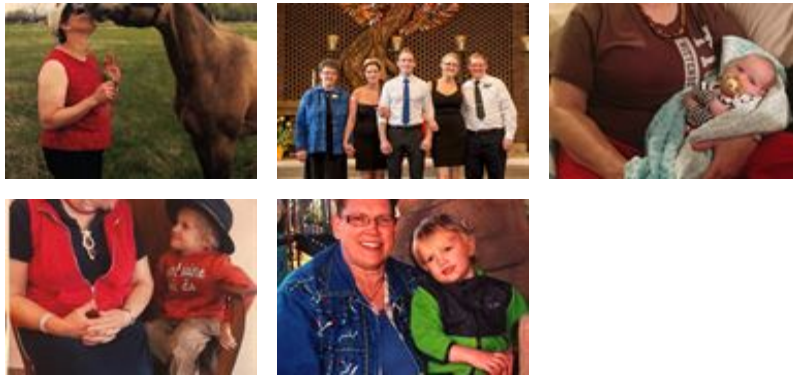
BB

i have known Shela for several years she has corresponded with me every since she left Lawton. She will be missed. Her Christmas card was always one of the first, I had wondered why I hadn't heard from her. Best Wishes to her family.

Billie Bailey - January 09, 2021 at 02:43 PM



“ 125 files added to the album LifeTributes



Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel - June 25, 2020 at 07:27 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Shela Jean Wittenberg.



June 24, 2020 at 11:40 PM

SS

“ Both of us left Bemidji, Mn. and lost track of each other over the past 9 plus years. I had thought of Shela in the past few weeks and thought I should try to find where she was living and contact her. Today as I went through my recipe box in search of a recipe I found recipe cards she had given me over the years. She was a fantastic cook, a fantastic, fun friend, a loving mother, talented in many ways, a rare find, a gem who shall be missed dearly by many. Shela was always a bright light and I know she shall remain so. God bless you, her family. She is with her Lord....rest in peace, dear friend. Shari Schnell

Shari Schnell - June 24, 2020 at 11:08 PM

JC

“ Jean, Greg & Athena Clement purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Shela Jean Wittenberg.



Jean, Greg & Athena Clement - June 24, 2020 at 03:53 PM

KH

“ Rochelle and family- sending my heart felt sympathies - I have great memories of all of us riding the school bus and living out in the country...
thinking of you- Karen Hagen

Karen Hagen - June 24, 2020 at 11:43 AM

WP

“ *Walt Peter lit a candle in memory of Shela
Jean Wittenberg*



Walt Peter - June 23, 2020 at 09:27 PM

JP

“ *Jill Pederson lit a candle in memory of Shela
Jean Wittenberg*



Jill Pederson - June 23, 2020 at 03:16 PM

JP

Sheila was a great lady and I loved visiting with her.

Jill Pederson - June 23, 2020 at 03:16 PM

EL

Met Shela on a trip to Branson.Have many good times since.

Ellen - June 24, 2020 at 05:06 PM

PA

“ *So sorry for your loss, thoughts are with all of you.RIP Shela.
Sincerely Paula Noot*

Paula - June 23, 2020 at 03:01 PM

LH

“ I am so very sad to hear this. Shela and I shared the same bus ride, classmates, and similar farm life. I always considered her a kin sister because of our shared ties to rural life and shared stories on the bus. I believe her and Darlene rode horse together many a mile together in our country fields and roads. RIP Shela. Prayers and love to her family.

Lynn Hill - June 23, 2020 at 01:30 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shela Jean Wittenberg.



June 23, 2020 at 12:34 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Shela Jean Wittenberg.



June 23, 2020 at 10:08 AM



“ *Shela was a wonderful lady with a heart of gold. Always concerned about everyone and was there to help in any way she could. I got to know her when she was looking for a home. We had so much fun together and became friends. I was so shocked and saddened by the news of her passing. She will be missed by many. I'm so sorry to her family for your loss. I wish I could be there Friday but I have a work commitment I can not get out of. I will be thinking of you all.*
Sincerely, Brenda Mattern

Brenda Mattern - June 22, 2020 at 11:47 PM



“ *Daniela,*
I am sorry to hear of your mom's passing. My prayers are with you and your family today.
Paul Daman

Paul Daman - June 22, 2020 at 10:49 PM



Thank you so much Mr. Daman for your kind words.

Daniela Olson - August 05, 2020 at 06:34 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Shela Jean Wittenberg.*



June 22, 2020 at 10:36 PM