



## Loraine Luella Martindale

April 7, 1923 - March 8, 2018

Loraine Martindale, 94, of Fargo ND, died Thursday, March 8, 2018 at the Hatton Prairie Village Nursing Home in Hatton.

Loraine Luella Gierke was born April 7, 1923 in Deep, ND to Rev. William and Lydia (Wolfgram) Gierke. The family moved to Hannover, ND in 1938 where Loraine graduated from New Salem High School in 1940. Her education was not over, however, and she went on to Concordia Teachers College in Seward, NE in 1944 to pursue a teaching degree. After graduation Loraine taught in parochial school but eventually left to pursue clerical work in Bismarck, ND.

In Bismarck, Loraine rented a room from Marge and Red Tressler. The Tressler's took on the role of matchmaker and introduced Loraine to Thomas Archie Martindale in 1950. After a short, but special courtship, Tom and Loraine were married on December 10, 1950 at Hannover, ND.

As an NDSU Extension Agent, Tom's job required the new couple and their growing family to move often. They had brief stops in Beulah, Lakota, Grand Forks. In 1965 the Martindale's were finally able to settle in Fargo, where they remained through their retirement.

One of Loraine's greatest joys was her family. A wonderful homemaker, she cooked, baked, sewed and gardened, and was a 4-H club and Cub Scouts leader. She also enjoyed her retirement in Mesa, AZ, traveling, square dancing, and hardanger needlework. And Loraine also loved her desserts. "Just a little something sweet", she'd so often say with a smile.

The Martindales were members of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Fargo. Church was very important to Loraine and she made sure the family never missed a Sunday or Advent or Lenten service. She served as Sunday School teacher and was active in the Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

Lorraine was a loving, positive person. When asked what her favorite time of her life was, she replied, "Whatever time of life I was in." Her smile and "grandma" wave will be greatly missed.

Lorraine is survived by her husband, Tom; sons, Tom W. (Sue) Martindale, San Diego, CA; Kevin (Karen) Martindale, Boulder, CO; daughter, Camille (Tom) Kouri, St. Paul, MN; daughter-in-law, Lori Martindale; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and one sister, Marlys (Wesley) Kunz, Northwood, ND.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Dr. Don Martindale; sisters, Irene Henke and Elenore Byers; brother, Kenneth Gierke; and granddaughter, Carin Martindale.

# Cemetery

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# Events

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## Sunset Memorial Gardens - Fargo

1715 52nd Ave. S.  
Fargo, ND, 58104

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Visitation

10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Hanson-Runsvold Funeral Home

215 7th Street South, Fargo, ND, US, 58103

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Funeral Service

11:00AM

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# Comments

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“ To you all- my heartfelt sympathy - your Mom was such a wonderful lady- so many memories of your Mom and Dad- All the 4-H memories- slumber parties- little pizzas - your mom's love of travel and Japan- I am so very sorry- for you all- Cammie - I live and work downtown St. Paul - my very best to you- I am so sorry- Your Mom was so very special -K

**Karla Fragodt Fenstermaker** - March 16, 2018 at 10:42 PM

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“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Loraine Luella Martindale.



March 13, 2018 at 03:48 PM

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“ Best wishes to the family during this time of remembrance of the experiences God had given each of you with Loraine. I had the pleasure of knowing Tom and Loraine as their winter house renter/sitter as they enjoyed their winters in AZ. I will forever remember the kindness, gratefulness, and compassion they showed for their friends and family. Best wishes for each of you as you share the many fond memories.  
Duane Brendemuhl

**Duane Brendemuhl** - March 13, 2018 at 07:02 AM

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“ My parents often spoke so fondly of Tom and Lorraine, especially after they began spending winters in Mesa. Lorraine was such a good friend to them. Lorraine will be missed by her many friends and, of course, by her family. My sincere condolences.

**Mark Schaffner** - March 11, 2018 at 10:39 PM

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“ I met Loraine when she would come to Hannover to see my Aunt, Irene Henke. She was such a friendly lady. Just wanted to give my condolences to the family. God's blessings to you all. Sincerely, Diane Bornemann Heagle.

**Diane Heagle** - March 11, 2018 at 04:06 PM



“Loraine's beautiful smile, I won't forget. She and Tom were friends while we were together at View Point in Mesa, AZ. We were all members of the Dart Club there. Don and I visited them in Fargo at their apartment complex. Sadly, Don has been gone almost a year but I am sorry for your loss, Tom. I can't make it to the funeral but I am thinking about you and your family.

**Bernice Rasmussen** - March 11, 2018 at 12:35 PM

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“Saying good-bye to my last sister makes me feel really lonely. Love you, Sis, and I'll miss you! Marlys

**Marlys Kunz** - March 10, 2018 at 10:51 PM

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“We remember Loraine from NDSU Extension Service activities that involved spouses and from the walks that she and her husband took in our neighborhood while they lived there. Loraine always stopped for a friendly visit when I met her on these walks. We extend sympathy to the Martindale family at this sad time.  
Alan and Fran Dexter

**Alan and Fran Dexter** - March 10, 2018 at 11:45 AM