



D. Lorraine Pendleton Tescher

February 19, 1926 - October 6, 2014

D. Lorraine Pendleton Tescher, 88, went to the Lord on October 6, 2014. A kind and gentle soul, who spent most of her life taking care of others, putting them ahead of herself. Visitation will be held from 9:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M. on Friday, October 10, 2014 at the Silha Funeral Home in Beach, North Dakota. A Vigil Service will be held at 6:30 P.M. on Friday, October 10, 2014 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Beach. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, October 11, 2014 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. Rite of Committal will follow in St. Michael's Cemetery in Sentinel Butte, North Dakota. Silha Funeral Home of Beach has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Lorraine was born in Mills, WY., Feb. 19, 1926 to Samuel "Dick" and Mary "Irene" (Rathbun) Pendleton. She was raised on the prairie in Westerheim Community north of Sentinel Butte, ND.

With her siblings Gladys and Wayne, she was raised in a tarpaper shack, rode horse to a one-room school, carried buckets of water, shocked grain, and milked cows. She wrote that she had a "nurtured and happy" childhood.

Lorraine was educated at Olson and Westerheim Country Schools, then graduated from Sentinel Butte High School in 1944. That summer, she went to college in Dickinson and by fall, because it was wartime, she taught kids some just four years younger than herself.

About this time a dashing young cowboy came courting. In June 1946, she married Tom Tescher at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Sentinel Butte. She

said their wedding was one of the first after the war. Soldiers, just home, proudly wore their uniforms to the wedding and it was a huge community celebration..

Between the ages of 21 and 42 Lorraine had 10 babies. She took each new baby into her arms lovingly and when asked how anyone could possibly have 10 kids, she'd say, "You don't have 10 all at one time, it was always just one more."

She wrote that in those 21 years she washed, hung and folded 84,000 diapers and fed over 4,000 bottles.

While Tom was gone rodeoing, Lorraine ran the ranch, raised kids and kept her house as clean as any in the country. Everyone marveled at the good meals she made from basic ingredients.

Her home and her dinner table were a neighborhood meeting place.

Although Lorraine's life wasn't easy, she always found joy in things around her. She loved her babies and grandbabies – and had a special place in her heart for baby animals especially birds and kitties. She loved the outdoors and saw God's beauty everywhere.

Lorraine was a writer. She wrote many stories about her people and her life.

She wrote a column in the weekly community newspaper.

She had common sense and country wisdom. Her children can still hear her say "Begun is half done," "Open that washrag all the way," or "Wash your face and you'll feel better." She knew how to make a poultice, get a hen to set, and track a momma cat to find a batch of new kittens. When company was coming, she said, "Quick everyone pick up ten things."

Lorraine strived to teach her children by example. She said moral actions were far more important than wealth, education or worldly successes. She defended the absent, easily recognized those in need and counseled the brokenhearted.

She placed little trinkets on her kitchen window sill that reminded her of someone in need of prayers. As she washed dishes - she'd pray. She'd tell her children to pray to St. Anthony for lost items and to "say a little prayer"

when they passed an ambulance with flashing lights. She had a special relationship with the Blessed Mother. She waited until Christmas Eve to put baby Jesus in the creche.

Lorraine was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Medora, charter member of the Friendly Neighbors Homemaker's Club in Sentinel Butte a tour guide at the Chateau DeMores, and in her later years, she enjoyed being on a pool league.

Her last few years were spent at the Souris Valley Care Center in Velva, ND, where she touched the staff with her kind, sweet ways.

She was preceded in death by her parents, siblings and her husband of 63 years..

Lorraine is survived by her ten children, Bill (Jocelyn) Tescher of Mandan, Carol (Val) Obrigewitch of Sentinel Butte; Ted (Kay) Tescher of Medora; Don (Ebba) Tescher of Sheridan, WY,; Becky (Pete) Robison of Huntley, MT; Doug (Julie) Tescher of Medora; Beth (Kevin) Clyde of Medora; Perry Tescher (Melanie Foster) of Medora; Teresa(Mark) Voll of Sidney, MT; and Emily Tescher (Roger Schmaltz of Velva, ND. Grandchildren, Loren Obrigewitch, Shy Obrigewitch, Kim Mau, Tess Tescher, Dusty Tescher, Kyle Tescher, Mona Tescher, Matt Robison, Jenny Fox, Travis Tescher, Jake Tescher, Abby Clyde, Katie Clyde, Keri Clyde, Sam Clyde, Valerie Tescher, Anna Tescher, Tom Voll, Mary Voll, Ellie Lou Johnston, Pendleton(Penn) Johnston, and Rye Johnston as well as several great-grandchildren.

In Lorraine's memory, please send memorials to a child with a medical need. Rest in Peace Lorraine and Bless Your Heart. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Beach is entrusted with arrangements. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: www.silhafuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Michael's Cemetery

Sentinel Butte, ND 58654

Previous Events

Vigil Service

OCT **10.** 6:30 PM (MT)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
162 2nd Avenue Northeast
Beach, ND 58621

Mass of Christian Burial

OCT **11.** 10:00 AM (MT)

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162 2nd Avenue Northeast
Beach, ND 58621

Tribute Wall



“ *D. Lorraine Pendleton Tescher*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *What a beautiful obituary. Never met Lorraine but I can see her caring and love in Beth and Becky. Our condolences to the family. Love Frank Levy & Cindi Militare*

Frank Levy & Cindi Militare - October 25, 2014 at 03:41 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Carol Obrigewitch - October 14, 2014 at 10:49 PM



Nice picture Carol.....Ted and Kay

Ted Tescher - October 24, 2014 at 08:05 PM



“ *Condolences and I have sweet memories of Aunt Lorraine. Ben Maus*

Ben Maus - October 13, 2014 at 11:54 AM

CB

“ *My condolences to Your Family. Charles Buehner Ft Myers, Florida*

Charles Buehner - October 11, 2014 at 05:26 AM

CO

Thank you so much. Carol

Carol Tescher Obrigewitch - October 13, 2014 at 03:00 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of D. Lorraine Pendleton Tescher.*



October 10, 2014 at 12:37 PM

TN

“ *Tom Needham lit a candle in memory of D. Lorraine Pendleton Tescher*



Tom Needham - October 10, 2014 at 12:29 PM

CO

Thank you Tom. Carol...Lorraine's daughter

Carol Tescher Obrigewitch - October 13, 2014 at 03:01 PM

AK

“ Prayers to all the families of Lorriane. Lorriane was such a wonderful human being-- I don't think I ever heard a bad word come out of her. She will be miss by her families and many more. Prayer and hugs to you all .

alice kunick - October 10, 2014 at 12:27 PM

CO

Thank you so much Alice.

Carol Tescher Obrigewitch - October 13, 2014 at 03:02 PM

DG

“ When Steve and I would visit Medora, we had the pleasure of taking Tom and Lorraine out to the Teddy Roosevelt National Park to learn about the wild horses out there. Tom knew everything about these horses and never tired of telling us their history. We'd come upon a bunch of the horses and he'd have Lorraine jump out of the car and round them up so he could tell us about them. Finally, after quite a few times of her jumping out and rounding up, I said I'd help. I really enjoyed being a part of these adventures and learning about the wild horses. She was one of the sweetest ladies and always chatted with us when we visited Medora. Enjoyed talking with them both when they'd go to the Cowboy Café for soup and pie. They were definitely a part of our visits to Medora. We've missed Tom these past years and will miss Lorraine the next time we're there. Our deepest sympathy and love to her family. We were blessed to know most of them, too. Steve & Del Gardner, Medford, New Jersey

Del Gardner - October 10, 2014 at 11:04 AM

CO

She was a wonderful mother...thank you.

Carol Tescher Obrigewitch - October 13, 2014 at 03:03 PM

DS

“ *Thoughts and Prayers are with you all.*
Don Schmid

Don Schmid - October 10, 2014 at 08:45 AM

CO

Thank you Don.

Carol Tescher Obrigewitch - October 13, 2014 at 03:04 PM

RR

“ *To the Family of Lorraine Tescher: I send my sympathy and prayers. May she rest in peace.* *Rosemary Riesinger*



Rosemary Riesinger - October 09, 2014 at 06:32 PM

CO

Thank you Rosemary...

Carol Tescher Obrigewitch - October 13, 2014 at 03:04 PM

KT

“ *To our double cousins, we send our prayers and sympathies to you at this time. Thanking for sharing your stories, memories and pictures of your Mom with us all.*
She is now enjoying the best gift God has granted her, peace.

Kurt and Madonna Tibor

Kurt and Madonna Tibor - October 09, 2014 at 05:39 PM

CO

Thank you Doni and Kurt. <3

Carol Tescher Obrigewitch - October 13, 2014 at 03:05 PM

 Nikki
Brown

“ Nikki Brown sent a virtual gift in memory of D.
Lorraine Pendleton Tescher



Nikki Brown - October 09, 2014 at 12:37 PM

CO

Thank you so much Nikki.

Carol Tescher Obrigewitch - October 13, 2014 at 03:06 PM

SF

“ Sara F. purchased the A Full Life for the family of
D. Lorraine Pendleton Tescher.



Sara F. - October 09, 2014 at 10:00 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for
the family of D. Lorraine Pendleton Tescher.



October 09, 2014 at 09:53 AM