



## Denise Palazeke

June 20, 1961 - August 26, 2009

Denise Ann Palazeke, age 48, passed away, unexpectedly, on August 26, 2009 at her home in Wadena. She was born on June 20, 1961 in Schenectady, NY to Douglas and Nancy (VanEps) Palazeke. Denise was united in marriage to Kenneth Floyd Lessley, II on July 6, 1989 in Las Vegas, NV. She had resided in Wadena for the past 7 years and was employed by Rising Phoenix. In her free time she found joy in writing, drawing, and watching movies. She especially enjoyed playing with her children and nephews. Denise was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth, in December 2003; her parents, Douglas and Nancy; and her grandparents, Vince Palazeke, and Mr. & Mrs. VanEps. She is survived by her sons, Jeremy of Detroit Lakes, James and Kenneth III, both of Wadena; daughters, Kimberly Lessley of Wadena, and Kristina Lessley of Lima, NY; granddaughter, Audrina; sister, Kimberly (Jim) Olson of Wadena; nephews, J.D. Olson, Bobby Olson, Doogie Olson; aunt, Linda Santiago and cousins all of NY. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, September 1, 2009 in the Christian & Missionary Alliance Church in Wadena, with Reverend Vaughn White officiating. Honorary pallbearers were Jim Olson, J.D. Olson, Bobby Olson, Doogie Olson, and Tom Olson. Active pallbearers were James Brandon, Jeremy Palazeke, Kenneth Lessley, Keenan Heising, James Palazeke, and David Stockwell. Interment was in the Wadena Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall

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“Denise, I love you and will always remember your sweet heart. I miss you, but I know that you are in a better place.

*Kim and Jim, I love both of you and hope that we can see each other soon. This should remind us that life is short and how precious family is. I know you will look after the children. Give them my love.*

*I am sending flowers, please let me know if they are received*

*Love  
Aunt Linda*

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**Linda Santiago** - August 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“Denise was great gal to get to know and your family is in my prayers

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**Alyssa Bertram** - August 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“Denise I love you and will miss you.  
Kim and Jim, I am thinking of you and the children.

*Hope to hear from you.*

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**Barbara Evans** - August 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ I have been searching for Denise for many years. We went to school together and worked together after Graduation. She has been in my thoughts for many years. I was shocked to find out about her passing. Her oldest son Jeremy and my son played together. I wish I could have found her before her passing. I have missed my dear friend for many years, and will continue to miss her. I would love to get in contact with her family.

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**Penny** - August 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM