



## Wendy Lindlief

February 22, 1947 - August 27, 2017

The Celebration of Life for Wendy Lindlief of Buffalo, and formerly of Wadena, will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 31, at the Zion Lutheran Church in Buffalo, MN, with Pastor Luke Schmidt and Jill Davis presiding and Pastors Marilyn Breckenridge and Charles Lane as participants. A time of gathering will be held at the church on Wednesday from 6:00 until 7:30 p.m and will resume on Thursday one hour prior to the Celebration of Life Service.

Wendy Lou (Amundson) Lindlief was born on February 22, 1947 to Arthur and Gladys Amundson in Bagley, MN.

She graduated from Bagley High School in 1965 and attended St. Olaf College, playing bass clarinet in the band. She earned a major in music education and a minor in religious ethics. Upon graduation in 1969, she was hired as the band director in Mora, MN. She soon met her husband John and they were married on August 7, 1971. They moved to Wadena, MN where John was the high school band director. She later gave birth to their two children, Jeff (1974) and Monica (1977). After 34 years of living in Wadena, John and Wendy moved to their lake home on East Battle Lake in 2005, and then to Buffalo, MN in 2013.

While much of her career was focused on private piano lessons, she was also an elementary band director in Staples, MN for seven years. This past

summer, she retired from teaching piano lessons after 50 years. Wendy always had a passion for kids and enriching their lives with music. By a rough estimate, she taught over 60,000 piano lessons in her career.

Wendy's faith was also instrumental in her life. While at Immanuel Lutheran in Wadena, she taught Sunday school, served as a member of pastoral call committees, was the senior choir director, and accompanied/performed for countless musical performances. This involvement continued at Zion Lutheran in Buffalo, where she was a member of women's ministry, sang in the church choir, and accompanied the children's choir for church services.

John and Wendy together shared a love of travel. They took family trips with their children to both coasts, Florida, Germany, and other places. Later as a couple, they toured Scandinavia, Hawaii, the Baltic Coast, and several other destinations.

But above all, her family was of the utmost significance to Wendy. Her five grandchildren were the love and pride of her life. She spent countless hours cheering at baseball and basketball games, mini golfing, making cookies, eating campfire s'mores, and going for pontoon rides.

Wendy is survived by John, her husband of 46 years, as well as her son, Jeff (Sara) Lindlief of Shorewood and daughter Monica (Cary) Pogatchnik of St. Cloud. She will be especially missed by her grandchildren Parker, Wilson, and Miles Lindlief, as well as Calvin and Emma Pogatchnik. Wendy also leaves behind her brother Dennis (Rebecca) Amundson of Fergus Falls, sister-in-law Mary Anne Quackenbush of Duluth, as well as several nieces and nephews.

(Submitted by the Zion Lutheran Church,. 1200 Hwy 25 S. , Buffalo, MN)

# Previous Events

## Gathering of Family & Friends

AUG 30. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church - Buffalo  
1200 Hwy MN- 25  
Buffalo, MN 55313  
(763) 682-1245

## Gathering of Family & Friends

AUG 31. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church - Buffalo  
1200 Hwy MN- 25  
Buffalo, MN 55313  
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## Celebration of Life

AUG 31. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

HA

“ *Helen Allee lit a candle in memory of Wendy Lindlief*



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**Helen Allee** - September 18, 2017 at 12:02 PM

PO

“ *Polly.anderson lit a candle in memory of Wendy Lindlief*



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**polly.anderson** - September 18, 2017 at 03:15 AM

PO

*So sorry to hear about your great loss , what an awesome woman she was*

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**polly.anderson** - September 18, 2017 at 03:15 AM

DM

“ *Dear John & family of Wendy,  
My sincere sympathy at your loss of Wendy. She lived her life of faith in spite of so many health issues and blessed us all with her gifts of music. May you find comfort in God's care and hope in the resurrection.*

*Donna Moenck (retired nurse Wadena Medical Center)*

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**Donna Moenck** - September 04, 2017 at 11:03 PM

MC

“ John and family, Our sincere sympathy in the loss of Wendy. She left many with a wonderful legacy. Gary & Marcy Collins

Marcy Collins - September 03, 2017 at 10:04 AM

JT

“ John, Jeff, and Monie-  
You all know how we are connected and bonded for life, with our mother's. The connection our mother's had can never be broken and Sunday proved it. I love you guys and you are all family to me. The memories I have are everlasting. I'm trying to process all of this because she was my second mom. It gives me peace that she is no longer in pain and when it is my turn to go home she will be there waiting for me. We need to keep this bond going. I love you! 💜💜💜 Jen



Jennifer Tholen - September 01, 2017 at 08:48 AM

JH

“ Jay Hutson lit a candle in memory of Wendy Lindlief



Jay Hutson - September 01, 2017 at 06:49 AM

ML

“ Mark & Julie (Hinman) Lucken lit a candle in memory of Wendy Lindlief



Mark & Julie (Hinman) Lucken - September 01, 2017 at 12:31 AM

JK

“ We along with Kate and Jon are thankful for the joy Wendy shared with her gift and love of music and wanting the best for each of her students!

*With Sympathy,  
Julie and Norman Krause*



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**J Krause** - August 31, 2017 at 04:30 PM

DH

“ Darrell & Peggy Haman lit a candle in memory of Wendy Lindlief



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**Darrell & Peggy Haman** - August 31, 2017 at 11:32 AM

JK

“ Jon Krause lit a candle in memory of Wendy Lindlief



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**Jon Krause** - August 31, 2017 at 09:49 AM

SM

“ Sierra (Martin) Rach and Dennis and Eileen Martin purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Wendy Lindlief.



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**Sierra (Martin) Rach and Dennis and Eileen Martin** - August 31, 2017 at 07:39 AM

BG

“ *Bob & Donna Grendahl lit a candle in memory of Wendy Lindlief*



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**Bob & Donna Grendahl** - August 31, 2017 at 12:39 AM

SH

“ *Kerry and Shirley Koestler lite a candle for Wendy. Lots of visits when we all lived on East Battle Lake. .Prayers for John and family*

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**Shirley** - August 30, 2017 at 09:54 PM

CH

“ *Christie (Crabb) Hennagir lit a candle in memory of Wendy Lindlief*



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**Christie (Crabb) Hennagir** - August 30, 2017 at 09:32 PM

CH

“ *Wendy was my elementary music teacher for a short time. What a wonderful person she was. She will be missed.*

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**Christie (Crabb) Hennagir** - August 30, 2017 at 09:32 PM

NP

“ *Nancy Peterson lit a candle in memory of Wendy Lindlief*



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**Nancy Peterson** - August 30, 2017 at 08:16 PM

BG

“ *Beth Gaetz lit a candle in memory of Wendy Lindlief*



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**Beth Gaetz** - August 30, 2017 at 12:50 PM

BG

“ *My sincere condolences to you all at Wendy's passing, especially to you, John, my former band director!  
You will be in my prayers.  
Peace,  
Beth Wegscheid Gaetz*

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**Beth Gaetz** - August 30, 2017 at 12:50 PM

TK

“ *Tammie Klawitter sent a virtual gift in memory of Wendy Lindlief*



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**Tammie Klawitter** - August 30, 2017 at 11:23 AM

TK

*Wendy touched our family in so many amazing ways! She was always so willing to help others even with her own health struggles. And she had the most infectious laugh! Many thoughts and prayers to John and family.....*

**Tammie Klawitter** - August 30, 2017 at 11:25 AM

AK

*“ Monica and Family,  
So sorry for the loss of your mother. We will keep your family in our thoughts and prayers.*



**Amy Kleinke** - August 30, 2017 at 11:17 AM

DS

*“ Wendy had such a positive spirit about her. A great sense of humor. Her talents allowed her to leave a lasting legacy with the many friends and students whose lives she touched. Dee and I are thinking of John and the family. God bless the memories of Wendy.*



**Dan Skogen** - August 30, 2017 at 09:51 AM

JB

*“ Wendy was a dear friend in high school and she allowed my mediocre talent to sing while she professionally accompanied me. She would famously say to me: "Joe, you only have to focus on two things - the words and the notes. Now get with it!!" She will be greatly missed but always remembered! !!*

**Joe Berg** - August 30, 2017 at 08:51 AM

MT

“ *Missy Tabery lit a candle in memory of Wendy Lindlief*



Missy Tabery - August 30, 2017 at 08:49 AM

LC

“ *Larry & Ruth Clark lit a candle in memory of Wendy Lindlief*



Larry & Ruth Clark - August 30, 2017 at 07:36 AM

RJ

“ *My condolences to Wendy's family and friends. I remember her as I grew up in Wadena as a beautiful light that filled the world with music.*



Robin (Hedstrom) Jensen - August 30, 2017 at 07:12 AM

PA

“ *Polly Anderson lit a candle in memory of Wendy Lindlief*



polly anderson - August 30, 2017 at 05:39 AM

DM

“ *Dixie Murray lit a candle in memory of Wendy Lindlief*



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**Dixie Murray** - August 29, 2017 at 11:52 PM

TS

“ *Theresa Sievers lit a candle in memory of Wendy Lindlief*



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**Theresa Sievers** - August 29, 2017 at 11:23 PM

PL

“ *Peggy Loween lit a candle in memory of Wendy Lindlief*



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**Peggy Loween** - August 29, 2017 at 11:20 PM

PL

“ Wendy was my Stephen Minister through Immanuel Lutheran Church and she became an amazing friend. She had such a heart of gold and was the kindest and most caring person. It was so hard when she moved as I so missed our visits. It so breaks my heart that she is gone. She truly was one of God's earth angels and now she is one of God's most special angels. God's blessings to John and her family.



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**Peggy Loween** - August 29, 2017 at 10:58 PM

RL

“ Ruby Lynk lit a candle in memory of Wendy Lindlief



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**Ruby Lynk** - August 29, 2017 at 10:35 PM

SH

“ Shirley Hartjen lit a candle in memory of Wendy Lindlief



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**Shirley Hartjen** - August 29, 2017 at 10:04 PM

AL

“ Aaron , Peggy, Hanna, Drew and Alec Larson purchased the Sapphire Skies Bouquet for the family of Wendy Lindlief.



Aaron , Peggy, Hanna, Drew and Alec Larson - August 29, 2017 at 08:54 PM

CG

“ Cindy Grothmann lit a candle in memory of Wendy Lindlief



Cindy Grothmann - August 29, 2017 at 06:44 PM

RR

“ Rocky Reese lit a candle in memory of Wendy Lindlief



Rocky Reese - August 29, 2017 at 05:55 PM

HL

“ Hanna Larson lit a candle in memory of Wendy Lindlief



Hanna Larson - August 29, 2017 at 03:55 PM

**ICE OUT**  
of  
Minnesota

“ *Suzanne Lamberty Moe lit a candle in memory of Wendy Lindlief*



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**Suzanne Lamberty Moe** - August 29, 2017 at 03:24 PM

**ICE OUT**  
of  
Minnesota

*Wendy was such a positive influence in my life - as my piano and flute teacher and as a wonderful friend. She was like a second mom to me during my jr high / high school years. I will always remember her for her love and support of music and the arts, her unwavering faith, and her positive spirit!*

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**Suzanne Lamberty Moe** - August 29, 2017 at 03:28 PM

JE

“ *Judy & Bruce Erdahl lit a candle in memory of Wendy Lindlief*



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**Judy & Bruce Erdahl** - August 29, 2017 at 03:11 PM

RY

“ *Rick Linda & Katie Youngbauer lit a candle in memory of Wendy Lindlief*



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**Rick Linda & Katie Youngbauer** - August 29, 2017 at 02:44 PM

MS

“ Mike And Lea Snyder lit a candle in memory of Wendy Lindlief



Mike and Lea Snyder - August 29, 2017 at 02:39 PM

DL

“ Dan & Melissa Lawson lit a candle in memory of Wendy Lindlief



Dan & Melissa Lawson - August 29, 2017 at 02:26 PM

GW

“ Glen Donna Wood lit a candle in memory of Wendy Lindlief



Glen Donna Wood - August 29, 2017 at 01:56 PM

DM

“ Dale & Liz Miller lit a candle in memory of Wendy Lindlief



Dale & Liz Miller - August 29, 2017 at 01:40 PM