

Out in The Fields With God

The little cares that fretted me
I lost them yesterday,
Among the fields above the sea,
Among the winds at play,
Among the lowing of the herds,
The rustling of the trees,
Among the singing of the birds
The humming of the bees.
The foolish fears of what might pass,
I cast them all away,
Among the clover-scented grass,
Among the new-mown hay,
Among the hushing of the corn
Where drowsy poppies nod,
Where ill thoughts die and good are born —
Out in the fields with God.

Louise Imogen Guiney

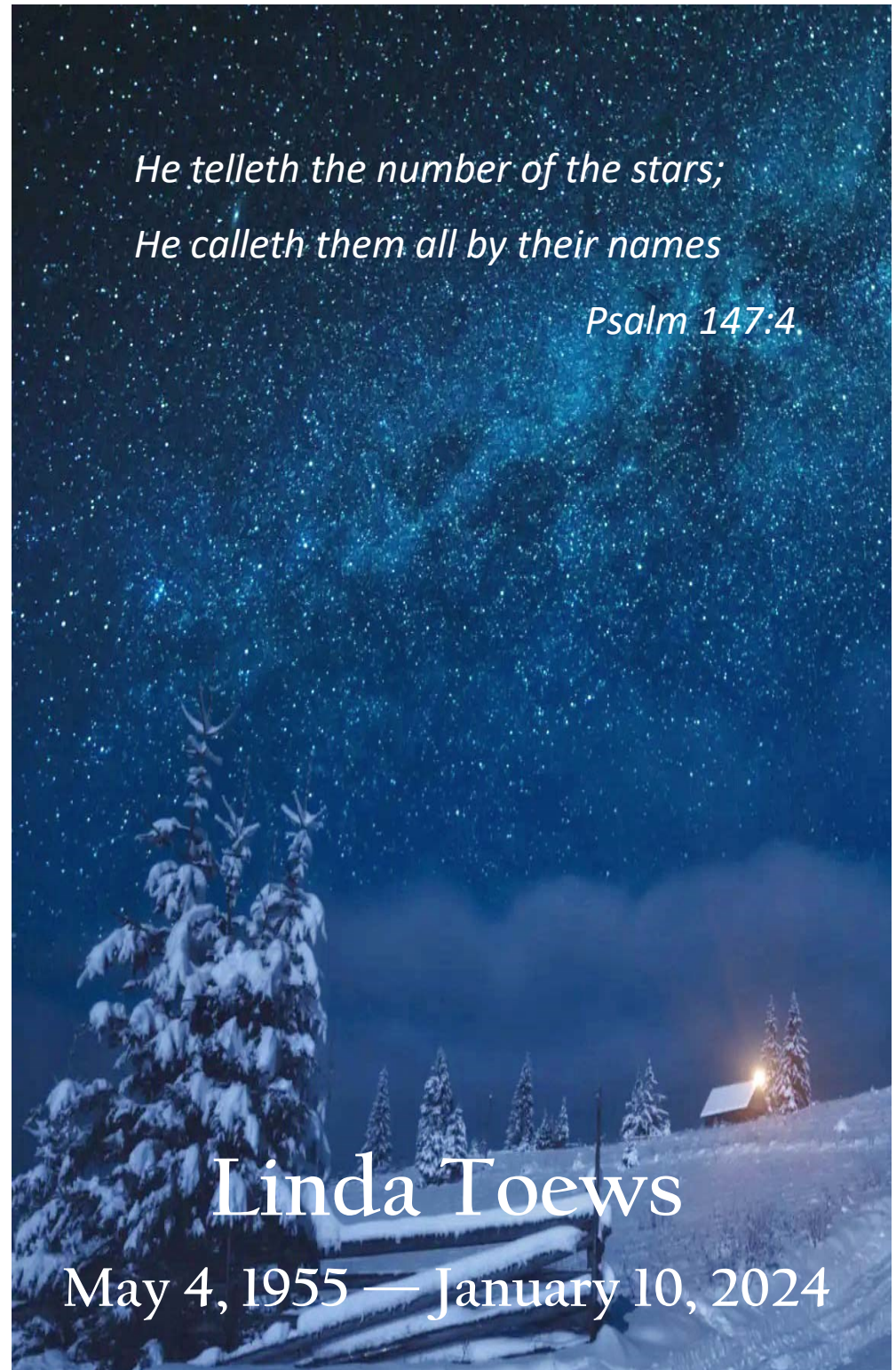


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*He telleth the number of the stars;
He calleth them all by their names*

Psalm 147:4.

Linda Toews
May 4, 1955 — January 10, 2024



Funeral Service

Sunday, January 14, 2024 — 10:30 AM
Faith Mennonite Church
Iroquois, South Dakota

Officiants

Phil Penner
Lonnie Penner
Mike Litwiller

Music

Special Music by the Church Choir

Casket Bearers

Matthew Wiebe	Cody Toews
Marshall Wiebe	Colin Toews
John Fricke	Rylan Toews

Interment

Faith Mennonite Church Cemetery
Iroquois, South Dakota

Linda Faye Toews, my wife, our mother, and grandmother, was born May 4, 1955, to Roy E. and Dessie (Ratzlaff) Wiebe in Huron, SD. She peacefully passed away at home, surrounded by her family, in the early morning hours of January 10, 2024.

Highlights of her growing up years were singing four part harmony with her siblings and traveling together as a family to visit uncles, aunts, and cousins. She attended first grade in the Neiling Country School, and then in Bancroft and Yale, SD.

Upon accepting Christ as her personal Savior, she was baptized into the Church of God in Christ, Mennonite on March 26, 1968. Mom's Christian life was important to her. We all admired her determination and courage. She had a strong faith in God and in the power of prayer.

On March 4, 1983, she was joined in marriage to me, Wesley Toews. Together, we enjoyed raising our family of four children on our farm near De Smet, SD. Reach-

ing our 40th anniversary last spring was a special goal of hers. She faithfully supported me in church responsibilities. The Prairie Haven Congregation was very special to her. She took a keen interest in the young families there and enjoyed sewing day each month. She joined the group on singing evening as long as her health allowed.

Linda had a heart for others and loved to fill her dining room table with friends and family. One of her mottos was "simple elegance" and that is how she lived. Mom loved green grass and trees and old-fashioned comfort food.

We children have many happy memories of carefree childhood days. Mom was a teacher at heart and was always showing us how and why something should be done. She made sure we learned how to sew, even if it meant she did the housework while we fixed our mistakes, so we understood the concept. It was important how flour was added to the cookie dough, and how it was placed on the pan. She taught us to read music and a love of singing. Our house was full of books, and we remember many winter evenings listening to Mom read aloud.

Her eleven grandchildren were very precious to her. She spent hours shopping for the perfect birthday and Christmas gifts for each one. Tea parties, story time, and the playhouse in the big red barn were expressions of her love for them.

Grateful for having shared her life are her husband, Wesley, of De Smet, SD; four children: Kevin and Jane Toews, and their children, Addison, Wyatt, Brooklyn, and Mason, of Red Oak, IA; Janelle and Ross Isaac and their children, Daria, Clark, Lane, and Avonlea, of Grandview, MB; Jennifer and Daryl Koehn and their children, Alyssa, Nicole, and Bryce, of Livingston, CA; Monica and Merrill Wiggers of Moundridge, KS; her mother-in-law: Olive Toews of De Smet, SD; Mom and Dad's siblings: Marilyn and Kenneth Fricke, Delton and Valerie Wiebe, Danny and Sharon Wiebe, Edith and Rod Yost, Murray and Shanon Toews, and Brian and Nan Toews; and many nieces and nephews.

Linda was preceded in death by her parents, her father-in-law, one brother, and one sister-in-law.