

ART AND LYNORA SCHERBENSKE FAMILY

Surely November 19, 1943, was a beautiful autumn day in North Dakota. It was the day Art Scherbenske (November 2, 1920) and Lynora Sauter (October 21, 1924) drove from Tuttle to Steele and got married. The white house with the blue roof on the Scherbenske homestead was their first home. Alan was born on January 26, 1947. He stayed in town with Robert and Rose and Grandma Scherbenske when Linda was born on February 26, 1948. The family moved into Tuttle in 1949. Steve joined the family on May 3, 1956. Their house, just a few steps from the door of the school, changed colors a few times over the years, but it being a good home for our family for almost sixty years never changed.

Our family story of life in Tuttle is the story of most Tuttle families. It's a good story because it was a great place to live, grow up, learn, run and play, be a part of a community of good and busy people. Art and Lynora were a part of the community life - Art was mayor and first president of Tuttle's Wildlife Club, he coached baseball and basketball teams. Lynora kept the yard full of flowers that were a part of Tuttle's beauty. Church was an always-present part of our family - Lynora played the organ, Art ushered, Alan, Linda and Steve loved Youth Fellowship, and we were always in church and Sunday School. The school was a part of our home not only because it was in our back yard but because we spent hours there - basketball, cheerleading, band, studying. We all graduated from THS (Dad 1940, Mom 1942, Alan 1965, Linda 1966, Steve 1974).

Art loved farming from the time he was a little boy until the last wheat crop was harvested in 1997. Lynora and Art worked at and managed Tuttle Dairy from 1961 to it was sold in 1986. They traveled with Martha and Johnny, Rueben and Albena to Europe, Japan, Hawaii, Australia.

After graduating from Jamestown College in 1969, Alan got his first and last job as accounting teacher in Kenmare, ND. A Kenmare and Minot State graduate, Barb Johnson, returned to Kenmare to student teach as a gym teacher. They married in July 1972. Alan taught for 40 years and helped lots of young people become accountants and CPAs. Barb was the school librarian until Alan and Barb both retired in 2009. After Alan retired, the school gym was named "Al Scherbenske Court" as a tribute for all the years he'd served as announcer for sports events.

Linda drove with Martha and Johnny to LeMars, IA, when she was 5 years old to see cousin Janet who was a student at Westmar College. It seems to have been on that visit that Linda decided she too would go to that college. Linda graduated from Westmar in 1970 with majors in math and German. She taught high school in Iowa, Connecticut, Illinois and Texas before joining the computer world. She did programming for the state of Texas for a chapter of life before moving to Colorado to be closer to family and

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do project management for Accenture. Linda loves her home, flowers, hiking and skiing, reading and choir, and living close to Steve and his family.

Steve did his college computer training at the University of North Dakota. He married Anne Subart in Robinson on September 7, 1985. Anne's family still lives on the family farm near Robinson. Anne went to NDSU and earned a double major in foods & nutrition and communications. Steve's work as a computer consultant took them from Illinois to North Dakota, California, North Carolina, and Oklahoma. They unpacked to stay in Colorado in 1994. Steve works for Sky West Airlines. Anne loves creating a beautiful home and yard for her family, and she does financial marketing and communications for J.P. Morgan Retirement Plan Services.

The story of Art and Lynora's life would be incomplete without talking about the garden. The garden started out as a big garden in one of the fields near the farm; it went from big to bigger. Art built two greenhouses so the garden could start in January - that's when the Jung Seed catalogs arrived. The hours and pleasure and good food our whole family and many neighbors got from that garden were wonderful. It was made even better with the corn picking down the road at Zerr's. Alan and Lynora did a lot of canning together. Alan has the copper canner they used. Alan and Barb have continued gardening. Their garden on Barb's parent's farm in Kenmare matches in size and the tender loving care it gets to the garden by the lake near the farm. Alan and Barb get a lot of pleasure from being a part of Kenmare's Farmers Market. Their vegetables get supplemented with Barb's jams, kuchen and lefse.

And then there are the Grandsons... What a blessing, what joy, what fun...

Alan called Art and Lynora at the cheese plant on a very cold day after Christmas to tell them they were grandparents. Kevin (December 26, 1973) grew up in Kenmare and Tuttle. One of the many wonderful things about Art and Lynora's life in Tuttle is that Alan, Barb, and Kevin came to Tuttle each summer to be a part of the farming, gardening, softball, baseball, church and whatever else was happening in Tuttle in the summer. Three Scherbenske great grandsons (Kevin, Bobby Rath, Ryan Zerr) spent countless hours together during those years. They likely started their love of hunting by keeping the sparrow population down when they were learning to use a bb gun on Zerr's farm. Kevin married Angie Kempel in 1999. Kevin is a CPA in the Auditor's office, and Angie does procurement for xxx. They live on the outskirts of Bismarck, and they have 3 children - Ashley (December 14, 2000), Kyle (March 28, 2004), and Adyson (July 14, 2007).

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Erik (January 18, 1989) was born within a few weeks of Steve and Anne moving to California. He's currently a student in electrical engineering at the University of Colorado in Boulder. Sawyer (May 2, 1995) is one of the 2,400 students at Cherokee Trail High School in Aurora, CO. Erik and Sawyer are swimmers and tennis players (when they're not playing computer or video games). Sawyer and Aunt Linda (who lives a mile away) do a lot of bike riding in the summer. When Art and Lynora were at home in Tuttle, Sawyer and Linda would spend an autumn week with them loving the homemade buns, the freedom of biking and walking anywhere anytime in Tuttle, the stars at night, the burning leaves and roasted marshmallows that are a part of fall in North Dakota.

Art and Lynora died 3 months apart in 2007-08. Their services were in the church they helped build, they are buried in the Tuttle cemetery surrounded by family and friends of so many good years.