

Erna Merkel Scott  
April 24, 1915, Tuttle, ND  
March 25, 2007, Minot, ND

**Love Doesn't Die**

When I die  
Give what's left of me to children  
And old men that wait to die.  
And if you need to cry,  
Cry for your brother walking the street  
Beside you.  
When you need me,  
Put your arms around anyone  
And give them what you need to give me.

I want to leave you something,  
Something better than words or sounds:  
Look for me in the people I've known or loved.  
And if you cannot give me away,  
At least let me live in your eyes  
And not on your mind. You can love me most  
By letting hands touch hands,  
By letting bodies touch bodies,  
And by letting go of children  
That need to be free.

Love doesn't die: People do.  
So that when all that's left of me is love,  
Give me away.  
I'll see you at home in the earth.

--Merritt Malloy

Thompson-Larson Funeral Home, Minot

**Funeral Service**

Wednesday, March 28, 2007, 10:30 a.m.  
Augustana Lutheran Church, Minot

**Officiant**

Rev. Greg Anderson

**Music**

Congregational hymns:  
"Amazing Grace" and "How Great Thou Art"  
Granddaughter, Carol Baumgartner, vocalist to offer:  
"The Old Rugged Cross" and "In the Garden" with  
accompaniment by grandson Kevin Johnson  
Keith Viel, vocalist to offer: "Surrounded by Angels"  
Kathleen Kihle, organist

**Honorary Bearers**

Brad Merkel	Barry Merkel	Bryce Eckholm
Larry Fuller		Allen Fuller

**Active Bearers**

Jerry Fuller	Dallas Eckholm	Brian Merkel
Kevin Johnson	Royal Merkel	Kyle Germundson

**Final Resting Place**

3:15 p.m. at the Sunset Memorial Gardens, Bismarck, ND

Immediately following the funeral service, everyone is invited to the lower level of the church for a time of lunch and fellowship.

Those wishing to attend the committal service are asked to meet at the cemetery. There will be no formal procession.

Erna's family would like to thank everyone for the many acts of kindness shown to them during this difficult time. Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated and will never be forgotten. May God bless the memory of Erna.