



Christine "Tina" Elaine Dunn

November 26, 1943 - December 26, 2017

"Then you will know the truth, and the truth shall set you free" John 8:32

On December 26, 2017 Christine "Tina" Elaine Dunn passed from this life into the loving arms of God. Our sweet and sassy and short wife, mama, sister, grandma, aunt, and friend is no longer suffering. Although we miss her smile dearly, we are so grateful she is now pain free and spending time with those who have gone before her. The size of our mama's heart was as big as anything-she would help anyone who needed it and she didn't discriminate in the species she helped! She was known for taking people, animals, and plants in at will. Anyone who knew our mama knew of her musical talent, which blossomed from the love of music (a gift from her father).

Christine Elaine Tolos was born November 26, 1943 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Denver, CO. She was the first child for Chris and Kathy Tolos followed by a brother, Michael and a sister, Tinka. She graduated from Fort Collins High School in 1962 and went onto graduate from the University of Wyoming with a B.A. in Education and a minor in library science. She began her teaching career at Eyestone Elementary in Wellington, CO. as a kindergarten teacher and continued her career as a 1st grade teacher at Harris/Laurel Elementary. She was also a para at Lopez elementary.

She met her husband Jerald Larson Dunn while attending Fort Collins High

School. They were married in Golden, CO on October 1, 1965. They had three children; Thad, Tara, and Tricia. While Jerry pursued his financial advising career, Tina had the opportunity to stay home with their children. There was nothing that brought her more joy than being a mama and then a grandma. Even towards the end of her life she made it clear that she wanted to leave a legacy of faith to her grandchildren.

Some of the activities she enjoyed were Fort Collins Children Theatre, the GS chapter of P.E.O., P.E.A., singing with a variety of community choral groups, and teaching Sunday School at First Presbyterian Church for many years. Her greatest joy was being with her family.

The family would like to express their gratitude to Dr. Adam Mack of PVH, Maria McLain Cox PVH Chaplin, caregivers from Bright Star Home Care, Dr. Jennifer Hendrick, Dr. Robert Juhala, Dr. Chris Cribari, Dr. James McCarthy, Dr. John Thompson, Pathways Hospice, and Poudre Valley Hospital Palliative Care Team.

Tina is survived by her husband Jerry, her son, Thad (Dakota) Dunn and daughters, Tara Schwindt, and Tricia (Steve) Fadness, eight grandchildren: Jason, Shannon, and Dillon Dunn, Samantha and Tyler Schwindt, and Mikaela, Cade, and Corbin Fadness. Sister, Tinka (Clyde) Greenwood. Brother-in-law Ken (Heather) Dunn. Nieces Christine (John) Ginnity and Amanda (Andrew) Bussone. Nephews William (Bernadette) Greenwood and William (Kelsi) Dunn.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother.

Celebration of Life will be held Sunday, January 21, 2018 at 2p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 531 S. College Ave., with burial at Grandview Cemetery.

Memorial Contributions can be made to First Presbyterian Music Program,
Pathways Hospice, or Larimer County Humane Society.

Cemetery Details

Grandview Cemetery

1900 W. Mountain Ave.
Ft. Collins, CO 80521

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 21. 2:00 PM (MT)

First Presbyterian Church
531 S. College Ave. Fort Collins, CO US 80524
Fort Collins, CO 80524

Tribute Wall

TO

“ Jerry, I had not seen Tina for probably thirty years but I remember so well when we moved to town in the early 60s and were in a gourmet club together. Happy times and we were so young. I was so sorry to read of Tina's passing . I know how much you will miss her. Tedi Cox

Tedi ox - January 22, 2018 at 05:51 PM



“ Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Christine "Tina" Elaine Dunn.



January 20, 2018 at 12:20 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Christine "Tina" Elaine Dunn.



January 20, 2018 at 10:41 AM

JF

“ Jerry and Family: Norma and I are so sorry to read about Tina's death. I remember Tina from choir at FCHS when she, as always since then, was placed on the front row. It was a pleasure getting re-acquainted with both of you when we moved back to Ft. Collins. She and I used to joke about the "front row" when we both got placed there, again, in church choir. I know her pain is gone and she is in a good place. Our prayers are with you as you mourn and celebrate Tina's life.

Jim and Norma Fischer

Jim Fischer - January 19, 2018 at 12:49 PM

LD

“ So very sorry to hear of your family's loss of Tina. I knew her sister Tinka, and her husband Clyde Greenwood. I spent time at Tinka and Tina's beautiful house on Pitkin Street when we were in junior high. Tina and Tinka shared the most gorgeous room and I always loved being in that lovely home. Tina was a beautiful lady. Her mother was a dear friend of my mother, and Tinka's son, Bill, is a firefighter at Poudre Fire Authority, where I also work. Our families were sort of entwined.... I know you will all miss Tina immensely. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this very difficult time. Much love to you.

Linda Deane

Linda Deane - January 18, 2018 at 05:50 PM

PB

“ Tina Dunn - I was just thinking of you the other day. Now I know why. You were always "Mrs. Dunn" to me. You were my first teacher in 1971, and saw potential in me where others in that day and age did not. Thank you for your encouragement and your service to education. You touched many lives, were loved, and will be missed.

Phyllis Pineda Bovin - January 18, 2018 at 04:24 PM

JB

“ To the Dunn family,
Thinking of you during this sad time and sending our deepest
condolences.
Sincerely, Chapter HD - PEO

Jenny bashford - January 18, 2018 at 02:59 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased
for the family of Christine "Tina" Elaine Dunn.



January 18, 2018 at 11:14 AM

MA

“ To the Dunn family,
I was so sorry to hear of the passing of Tina. I have so many fond
memories of her from when I was teaching piano to all 3 of her
children - Thad, Tara and Tricia. She was always so happy and
involved with their music, and was always so kind to me. One of my
favorite happy memories of her was when one of the children was
doing a piano book "graduation" at my studio, and she brought in
Kentucky Fried Chicken for afterwards! We only had a few minutes
to enjoy it before my next lesson, but we all loved it and laughed a
lot. She was very supportive of me as I was just beginning my
teaching career, and I will never forget that. I will keep all of the
family in my prayers during this difficult time.

Madelaine Asbury

Madelaine Asbury - January 17, 2018 at 10:31 PM

MS

“ To the Dunn family — my deepest condolences. Jerry and Tina Dunn were the first band parents that I met when I took the job at FCHS. Tina was always very nice to me, and she clearly would do anything for the band and the school in general. May she rest in peace. Mike Smith

Mike Smith - January 17, 2018 at 06:33 PM

TF

“ The Hogerty's, Magsamen's, Briden's, Fitzpatrick's purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Christine "Tina" Elaine Dunn.



The Hogerty's, Magsamen's, Briden's, Fitzpatrick's - January 17, 2018 at 01:29 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Christine "Tina" Elaine Dunn.



January 15, 2018 at 01:44 PM



“ *I did not have the privilege of knowing Tina very well, however I had several occasions when I was able to visit with Tina one on one. She was such a delight to visit with. She was so full of love for her children and grandchildren. She was a huge lover of animals. I know Tina will be missed sorely by her family and I send my condolences to Jerry and everyone in Tina's sweet life.*

Sincerely,
Nancy Timmons

Nancy Timmons - January 15, 2018 at 01:38 PM