

Funeral Held for Murdered Fort Collins Woman

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(MyFoxColorado.com) - Friends and family paying a final tribute to a Fort Collins student killed in her own home last Friday.

Police say 20-year-old Linnea Dick was found inside a burning house at 124 Yale Ave. She was sexually assaulted and strangled. Then, police say, her killer set two fires to try and cover up the crime.

It was standing room only inside St. Andrews Episcopal Church.



Police are investigating the murder of Fort Collins resident Linnea Dick. 6/1/08

"I want to say how sorry I am that I could not hold you tight enough to protect you on Friday, May 30th," read Linnea's brother-in-law, Eric Gliva, on behalf of Linnea's mother, Opal, about the day Linnea was murdered.

Her mother also promises her daughter she'll love her every single day. And tells her daughter she'll make sure to take good care of her animals. Linnea had two dogs, three cats, a lizard, a turtle and fish.

A slideshow during the heartfelt service shows a progression of Linnea's birthdays. But there will be no more. A fact that is so hard for her family to understand.

"Linnea, I love you. I miss you and I want you back," read Gliva's statement from her father, Dan.

Linnea's cousin is brought to tears remembering Linnea's relationship with her older sister. "I always admired the bond between Andrea and Linnea. It was so very special and hard to find. Gasp," she chokes.

Family and friends also recall her love for life—a passion for music, dancing, photography, cooking and animals.

The tears fall easy. But the understanding comes hard. They shouldn't be here.

But knowing she loved God gives them some comfort. "Can you imagine her dancing before her Lord right now," says Pastor David Bradshaw.

For those who loved her however, the hard part is just beginning—living without Linnea. And hoping justice will be served for taking from them a beautiful irreplaceable treasure.

A fund has been established in her name to benefit various animal shelters in Northern Colorado. People can donate to the Linnea Dick Memorial Fund in care of the Carroll-Lewellen Funeral and Cremation Services at 503 Terry St., Longmont, CO. 80501.