

Mary Ann (Shields) Guck, age 94, passed away on Friday, September 1st, 2023 at Pine Harbor in the Perham Living Nursing Home surrounded by many of her family members.

Mary Ann was born to Charlie and Regina (Berns) Shields in the old St. James Hospital in Perham on May 25, 1929. She was baptized in the St. Joseph Church and was brought to their family home south of Richville. The family then moved to Perham, and she was enrolled in St. Henry's Catholic School and graduated from Perham High School in 1947.

Mary Ann was married to Lawrence Guck, a neighbor and friend of the family, on September 28th, 1949. They farmed in the St. Joe area and then in Butler, Sebeka, and Menahga. They then moved to Perham, where they helped raise turkeys, until Lawrence began working at the Post Office in Perham.

Mary Ann was a busy housewife, raising her 11 children. Later she worked at the Red Owl store in Perham. She was active in church work wherever they lived. She enjoyed piecing comforters together and embroidering. She liked to play cards and she and Lawrence loved to go dancing. She was a member of the East Otter Tail Historical Society, Catholic Daughters, Christian Mothers, St. Agnes Mission Circle and was the President of the American Legion Auxiliary for several years, and was a member of the Perham Lakes Lions, where she earned the Melvin Jones award.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charlie and Regina Shields; her infant brother, Patrick; her infant sister, Dorothy; husband, Lawrence; and son-in-law, Craig Wagner.

Surviving Mary Ann are her 11 children, Mike (Karen), Tom (Karen), Kathy (Dick) Martin, Joe (Janice), Jean (Mike) Hendrickx, Ken (Pam), Alan (Lori), David (Deb), Sue Wagner, Rita (Mark) Wagner, and Jeff (Tricia). Also surviving Mary Ann is her brother, Joe (Agnes) Shields; many grandchildren; and great grandchildren.



# *Celebrating* THE *Life* OF



*Mary Ann Guck*

May 25, 1929 - September 1, 2023

## My Gift

I should like to send you a sunbeam,  
Or the twinkle of some bright star,  
Or a tiny piece of a downy fleece,  
That clings to a cloud afar.

I should like to send you the essence  
Of a myriad sun-kissed flowers,  
Or the lilting song that floats along  
Of a brook through fairy bowers.

I should like to send you the dewdrops  
That glisten at break of day,  
And then at night, the eerie light  
That mantles the milky way.

I should like to send you the power  
That nothing can overthrow,  
The power to smile and laugh the while  
As journeying through life you go.

But these are mere fanciful wishes.  
I'll send you a God-speed instead,  
And I'll clasp your hand,  
and you'll understand,  
The things 'I have left unsaid.

### Funeral Mass

Friday, September 8, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.  
St. Henry's Catholic Church  
Perham, Minnesota

### Officiated By

Father Matt Kuhn  
Father Tom Skaja  
Deacon Randy Altstadt

### Musicians

Heidi Kalina  
Ann Koll

### Musical Selections

“On this Day, O Beautiful Mother”  
“Hail Mary, Gentle Woman”  
“Here I am Lord”  
“Psalm 27: The Lord is My Light”  
“Be Not Afraid”  
“O Lord, I Am Not Worthy”  
“Prayer of St. Francis”  
“Song of Farewell”  
“How Great Thou Art”

### Reader

Mark Riestenberg

### Gift Bearers

Marissa & Molly Ruether

### Casket Bearers

Ben Guck ~ Dan Guck ~ Jeremy Guck ~ Ryan Guck  
Ted Hendrickx ~ Matthew Wagner ~ Nathan Wagner

### Interment

St. Stanislaus Catholic Cemetery  
Perham, Minnesota