

Catherine Ann Lachowitzer, age 84, of Perham, MN died Sunday, January 28, 2024 in Perham Living.

Catherine was born at St. James Hospital in Perham on November 2, 1939, the daughter of Theodore and Marie (Boogaard) Van Erp. After graduating from New York Mills High School in 1958, Catherine worked at the hospital in Detroit Lakes, MN before working at Ringer's in Staples, MN where she made coats. On May 1, 1968, Catherine was united in marriage to Albert John Lachowitzer at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Butler, MN. Together they made their home in Perham while raising their children. While being a homemaker, Catherine worked in the St. Henry's School lunchroom and also at Bretz Hardware until her retirement.

Many would say that Catherine was a very avid sports fan as she would track and document NFL game scores every weekend. The Minnesota Twins and Vikings were her favorite teams to watch. Catherine and her family enjoyed taking peaceful Sunday drives in the country where she would tend to take her time slowly enjoying a small Dairy Queen vanilla ice cream cone. Catherine also enjoyed jigsaw puzzles, board games, and card games with her family, and later in life, word searches.

Preceding Catherine in death were her parents; her husband Albert in 2006; her sister Johanna; brother-in-law Norbert Lachowitzer; and brother and sister-in-law Chester and Mary Dulski.

Surviving Catherine are her daughters Marie Lachowitzer of Perham and Clara (Brian) Huelsnitz of Coon Rapids, MN; her grandchildren Brad (Marina) Hue, Jessie (Shawna) Huelsnitz, Caitlyn Huelsnitz, Molly Huelsnitz, Connor Huelsnitz, Logan Huelsnitz, and Jaxson Huelsnitz; great-grandchildren Keaton and Delilah; her brother Peter (Margaret) Van Erp of Battle Lake, MN; her sister Mary Ann (Francis) Seifert of Perham; along with numerous nieces, nephews, and other family members.

In Loving
M E M O R Y



Catherine Ann Lachowitzer

November 2, 1939 - January 28, 2024



One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the Lord. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand: one belonging to him, and the other to the Lord. When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life. This really bothered him and he questioned the Lord about it:

“Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you’d walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don’t understand why when I needed you most you would leave me,”



The Lord replied, “My son, my precious child, I LOVE YOU and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering when you see only one set of footprints.

It was then that I carried you.”

Visitation

Thursday, February 1, 2024 from 4:00-7:00 p.m.
Rosary at 6:00 ~ Catholic Daughters
Parish Prayers at 6:30 ~ Deacon Randy Altstadt
Schoeneberger Funeral & Cremation Service
Perham, Minnesota

Funeral Mass

Friday, February 2, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.
St. Henry’s Catholic Church
Perham, Minnesota

Officiant

Father Tom Skaja

Musicians

Ann Koll - Accompanist
Heidi Kalina - Vocalist

Musical Selections

“Amazing Grace”
“Peace is Flowing Like A River”
“On Eagle’s Wings”
“Hail Mary, Gentle Woman”
“Song of Farewell”
“How Great Thou Art”

Readings

Wisdom 4:7-15
Romans 8:31-35, 37-39
Matthew 11:25-30

Casket Bearers

Tom Van Erp - Todd Van Erp - Bob Seifert
David Seifert - Dan Dulski - Ralph Dulski
Connor Huelsnitz - Logan Huelsnitz

Honorary Casket Bearers

Ted Van Erp - Matthew Seifert - Jaxson Huelsnitz
Brad Hue - Jessie Huelsnitz

Interment

St. Henry’s Catholic Church Cemetery
Perham, Minnesota