

Remembering...

Dorothy Helena Derichs was born on June 23, 1940 in Elrosa, MN to John and Mary (Stang) Derichs. She grew up and attended school in Elrosa. Growing up on the family dairy farm, she learned the value of hard work. As a young woman she also worked as a nanny and at the grocery store.

She met Ray Kemper through Dorothy's brother at a dance. They were married on September 27, 1960 in Elrosa, MN. They started out their married life in Little Falls, MN for a year and then moved to Barnesville in 1962 where they remained and raised their family. For many years, she was able to stay at home and raise her family. As the kids grew, she was a helper at the Assumption School kitchen. She also worked at the Barnesville Care Center for over 20 years in the kitchen as a cook.

Dorothy was active member of Assumption Catholic Church, the St. Mary's Guild, and the VFW Auxiliary. Her hobbies include celebrating with the Birthday Club, baking and later sharing her talents with her granddaughters, and playing cards. She always had a freezer full of goodies to be shared. Her greatest joy was when all of the family could come home and be together.

Dorothy is survived by four children: Mike (Char) Kemper, Patty (Ed) Gilbertson, Mark (Tonya) Kemper and Mary Jo (Steve Granger) Valnes; 9 grandchildren: Christopher Kemper, Cory (Sarah) Gilbertson, Becky (Mark) Torkelson, Justin Gilbertson, Josh (Marney) Kemper, Katie Kemper, Nick (Marissa) Kemper, Gage (Bresha) Graber, Taylor (Emily) Valnes, and Tanner (Carissa) Valnes; 18 great grandchildren, sister-in-law Rhea "Cookie" Derichs, and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband in 2018, her parents, and a granddaughter Danielle Rae Valnes, siblings: Gilbert, Ralph, Jerome, Harold, Roman, Bob, Julia, Marion, Lorraine, Rosie, and Agnes.

Dorothy Kemper, of Barnesville, MN died on Sunday, April 21, 2024, at Elim Nursing Home in Fargo, ND, at the age of 83 years, 9 months, and 29 days.

May Her Memory Be Blessed

In Celebration For The Life Of Dorothy Helena Kemper



June 23, 1940 - April 21, 2024



For those I love; For those who love me...

When I am gone, release me, let me go...
I have so many things to see and do.
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears.

Be happy that we had so many years.
I gave you my love; you can only guess how
much you gave me in happiness.
I thank you for the love you each have shown.
But now it's time I traveled alone!

So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must.
Then...let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a while that we must part.
so bless the memories that lie within your heart.

So if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near.
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear
all of my love around you, soft and clear.

And then, when you must come this way alone..
I'll greet you with a smile and say

"Welcome Home"

~Author Unknown

In Loving Memory of
Dorothy Kemper

Funeral Service

Wednesday, April 24, 2024, 11:00 AM
Assumption Catholic Church
Barnesville, Minnesota

Officiating

Father Todd Arends

Music

Marcia Dilbeck ~ Organist
Roger Durensky ~ Cantor Duane Morey ~ Soloist
"Hail Mary, Gentle Woman"

Congregational Hymns

"Amazing Grace" "On Eagles Wings"
"How Great Thou Art" "The Old Rugged Cross"

Pallbearers

Cory Gilbertson Justin Gilbertson Josh Kemper
Nick Kemper Gage Graber Taylor Valnes Tanner Valnes

Honorary Pallbearers

Becky Torkelson Katie Kemper

Interment

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery
Barnesville, Minnesota

Appreciation

On behalf of Dorothy's family, thank you for your love and support throughout her life. We appreciate your prayers and your time as her life is honored. Please join us at Hildebrand Hall for a time of food and fellowship following the funeral service. The family thanks you for your generous gifts of memorials, flowers, food, and most of all your loving thoughts.

*Arrangements Entrusted to Dobmeier Funeral Home
Barnesville, Minnesota*