

Mary Catherine (Appel) Fath was born on July 3, 1925, in Iona, Minnesota to Carl and Gertrude (Koob) Appel. She graduated from Iona High School.

Mary was united in marriage to Celester "Tiny" Fath on March 7, 1945, in Lismore, MN while Tiny was on leave from the Navy. The couple lived in Bremerton, WA, where they were blessed with two sons, Randy and Bill. After the war, the family moved back to Lismore, MN to farm and run a café that they had purchased. In 1954, the family moved to the Iona/Slayton area and purchased a farm. The couple farmed for 30 years and after retirement in 1982, built a home on Lake Amelia near Glenwood. In 1993, the couple moved to Alexandria and became members at St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Mary's faith was her first priority and she enjoyed helping at church. She was a great communicator, loved people and was a devoted and caring wife, mother and friend. Mary enjoyed spending time crocheting, dancing, going to the casinos and celebrating holidays. You could also find her being outdoors as she loved fishing, gardening, and picking apples to make; apple sauce, apple pie, apple crisp, or anything apple with them all being very delicious. She was very proud of her sons and loved her grandchildren dearly. Mary will be missed by those who knew and loved her.

Mary died on Monday, September 24, 2018, at Alex Assisted Living at the age of 93. She is survived by her son, Bill (Patricia) Fath of Alexandria; daughter-in-law, Patricia Fath of Blomkest, MN; grandsons, Troy (Julie) Fath and their children, Peyton and Tyler, Chad Fath, and Nick Fath and his children, Sierra and Dylan. Mary is preceded in death by her parents, Carl and Gertrude; husband, Tiny; son, Randy; brother, Vincent Appel; sisters, Lucille Sloan, Martina Peterson, Lorraine Leburn, Delores Appel, and Leona Machendenz.

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.*

*I took his hand when I heard his call,
I turned my back and left it all.*

I could not stay another day,

To laugh, to love, to work, to play.

Tasks left undone must stay that way,

I've found that peace at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void,

Then fill it with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,

Ah yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,

I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My Life's been full, I savoured much,

Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,

Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your heart and share with me,

God wanted me now, He set me free.

In Memory of **Mary C. Fath**

July 3, 1925



September 24, 2018

Mass of Christian Burial

St. Mary's

Catholic Church

Alexandria, Minnesota

Sat. September 29, 2018

10:00 AM



Officiant

Reverend Father Steve Binsfeld

Casket Bearers

Troy Fath

Chad Fath

Nick Fath

Tom Fath

Dylan Fath

Tyler Fath

Honorary Casket Bearers

Peyton Fath

Sierra Fath

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