

## *Remembering the precious life of...*

Donna Arlene (Alexander) Streifel, age 93, passed away on February 12, 2024, at the Nelson County Health Center in McVille, ND.

Donna was born to Thomas and Alice (Ritteman) Alexander on January 3, 1931, on the family farm in Irvine Township, Benson County, North Dakota. She was one of ten children.

Donna spent her childhood on the farm northeast of Leeds, ND, where she attended Irvine Consolidated country school through the 8th grade, and graduated from Leeds High School with the class of 1949. She also attended one year of business courses at Devils Lake Junior College. She worked at the First National Bank in Devils Lake before meeting her future husband, Nicholas "Nick" Streifel. They were united in marriage on October 11, 1951, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Devils Lake. They made their home in Minot, ND, where they started their family with a daughter and later returned to Devils Lake where they were blessed with four more children. Donna and Nick owned and operated Leeds Laundromat for many years and Donna worked as a bookkeeper for several businesses. She also worked as a CNA at Lake Region Lutheran Home before becoming an administrative secretary at Lake Region Corporation for over 30 years, retiring at the age of 81.

Donna was a member of the St. Joseph's Catholic Church and she enjoyed being a Den Mother for her sons Cub Scout troop for several years. She was a member of a local birthday club for 50+ years and one of her favorite daily rituals was meeting up with her "special" friends for a cup of coffee at the White House Cafe. She loved reading, gardening, music and dancing. Her greatest joys in life were her family and friends, and she loved them with all her heart and soul.

Donna suffered many losses the last eight years of her life, losing four of her children, and the last two years she had several health issues which she handled courageously. She had faithfully trusted in the Lord and Heaven has gained a beautiful new angel.

Survivors include: her daughter, Laurie Walski (Randy Engen) Tolna, ND; her sister, Ruth Alexander, Devils Lake; one son-in-law, Allan Hansen, Starkweather, ND; two daughters-in-law, Rita Streifel, Minot, and Chris Streifel, Gillette, WY; 11 grandchildren, Cara (Kevin) Thompson, Jed (Brittany) Hansen, Caleb (Tina) Hansen, Seth Hansen, Heather (Jeff) Mitchell, Ashley (Terry) Peterson, Callie Jo (Chris) Hoffert, Josh Streifel, Brandon Walski, Meghan (Cole) Dimmler, Sierra Streifel; 21 great-grandchildren; other relatives and friends.

Donna was preceded in death by her husband, Nick, on June 25, 2000, one daughter, Cyndee Hansen, three sons, Cordell, Kerry and Jason Streifel, her parents, four brothers, John, Thomas, Kenneth, and Marvin, four sisters, Shirley Olson, Alice Schneider, Naomi Lauinger and Margaret Zeigler, one son-in-law, John Walski, her grandparents, several in-laws, nephews and nieces.

# *In Loving Memory*



*Donna Streifel*

***Our Beloved Mother, Grandmother,  
Great Grandmother, Sister, Aunt and Dear Friend***

***Donna Arlene Streifel***

**HER BIRTH**

*Saturday, January 3, 1931*

*Irvine Township, Benson County, North Dakota*

**HER DEATH**

*Monday, February 12, 2024*

*McVille, North Dakota*

**ROSARY AND SCRIPTURE SERVICE**

*Gilbertson Funeral Home Chapel*

*Devils Lake, North Dakota*

*Friday, February 23, 2024 ~ 6:00 p.m.*

*Led by Reverend Mr. Ken Severinson, Deacon*

**MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL**

*St. Joseph Catholic Church*

*Devils Lake, North Dakota*

*Saturday, February 24, 2024 ~ 10:00 a.m.*

**CELEBRANT**

*Reverend Anthony Cruz*

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Rosalie Axtman, Patty Cote and Marla Luehring, Vocalists*

*Audrey Myklebust, Organist*

**LECTOR**

*Diane (Streifel) Peyerl*

**GIFT BEARERS**

**Donna's Great Grandchildren**

*Jenna Schimke, Jordyn Thompson*

*Emberly Thompson and Bennett Dimmler*

**CASKET BEARERS**

**Donna's Grandsons**

*Jed Hansen ~ Caleb Hansen ~ Seth Hansen*

*Josh Streifel ~ Brandon Walski*

*and other family members*

*Cole Dimmler ~ Kevin Thompson ~ Jacob Thompson*

**HONORARY BEARERS**

*All of Donna's Great Grandchildren*

**EARTHLY PLACE OF REST**

*St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery*

*Devils Lake, North Dakota*



*“So do not fear, for I  
am with you; do not  
be dismayed, for I am  
your God. I will  
strengthen you and  
help you; I will  
uphold you with my  
righteous right hand.”*

*Isaiah 41:10*

**GOD CALLED**

*God looked around His garden  
And He found an empty place.  
He then looked down upon this earth,  
And saw your tired face.*

*He put His arms around you  
And lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful  
He always takes the best.*

*He knew that you were suffering  
He knew you were in pain  
He knew that you would never  
Get well on earth again.*

*He saw that the road was getting rough  
And the hills are hard to climb.  
So He closed your weary eyelids,  
And whispered, “Peace Be Thine”.*

*It broke our heart to lose you  
But you didn't go alone  
For part of us went with you  
The day God called you home*