

Celebrating the Life of

To know Ann was to love her. She welcomed all through her storytelling, the interest she took in others, her amazing cooking and unending hospitality. An educator and home economics teacher, Ann passed on her love of quilting, sewing, making clothes, crafting and creating indelible recipes for numerous dishes that will live on in family kitchens for generations to come. She cherished the many summers traveling with her family in the pop-up camper, retirement years in the RV with George and wintering in Arizona. She loved her hometown of Duluth, Central High School reunions, the North Shore and Lake Superior and playing any variety of card games and marbles with family and friends. Everyone who played against Ann lost at some point! Ann's passing leaves a hole in our hearts that can only be filled by the memories of her love, faith, care and indomitable spirit.

Ann passed away peacefully on Saturday, December 3, 2022, at the age of 88, after a courageous battle with cancer, surrounded by family and remembered lovingly by all.

Survived by adoring husband, George of 65 years; 5 children, Beth (Ray) Yakimchuk, Mike (Sheri), Tony (Mary), Bob (Lisa) LaPatka and Amy (Steve) Dornbach; 10 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Further survived by sister, Susan (Jerry) Conners, numerous nieces and nephews and a legion of devoted friends.

Preceded in death by parents, Clarence and Eleanor Cook and sister, Betty (Rodney) Johnson.



Ann LaPatka

1934 - 2022

A Mother's Love

*There's no love like a mother's,
Her heart is filled with care.
With Christ as her example,
Her Savior's love she'll share.*

*A mother's love is endless,
Not changing for all time.
When needed by her children,
A mother's love will shine.*

*God bless these special mothers,
God bless them every one.
For all their tears and heartaches,
And special work they've done.*

*When days on earth are over,
A mother's love lives on,
Through many generations,
God's blessings on each one.*

*Be thankful for our mothers,
Who love with higher love,
From power God has given,
And strength from up above.*

Arrangements By

Peterson Brothers Funeral Home

"Celebrating A Life Remembered"

In Loving Memory Of

Ann Louise LaPatka

July 2, 1934

Duluth, Minnesota

December 3, 2022

Mesa, Arizona

Mass of Christian Burial

Friday, April 14, 2023 - 11:00 a.m.

Church of St. Mary

Willmar, Minnesota

Celebrant

Fr. Steve Verhelst

Music

Pianist: Tim Cayler

Vocalist: Janice LaPatka

St. Mary's Resurrection Choir

Opening Song: *Here I Am, Lord*

Psalm: *On Eagle's Wings*

Prep of Gifts: *Prayer of St. Francis*

Communion Song: *You Are Mine*

Song of Farewell: *The Hand of God Shall Hold You*

Closing Song: *How Great Thou Art*

Interment

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery

Willmar, Minnesota