## A Beautiful Life

A beautiful life has came to an end,

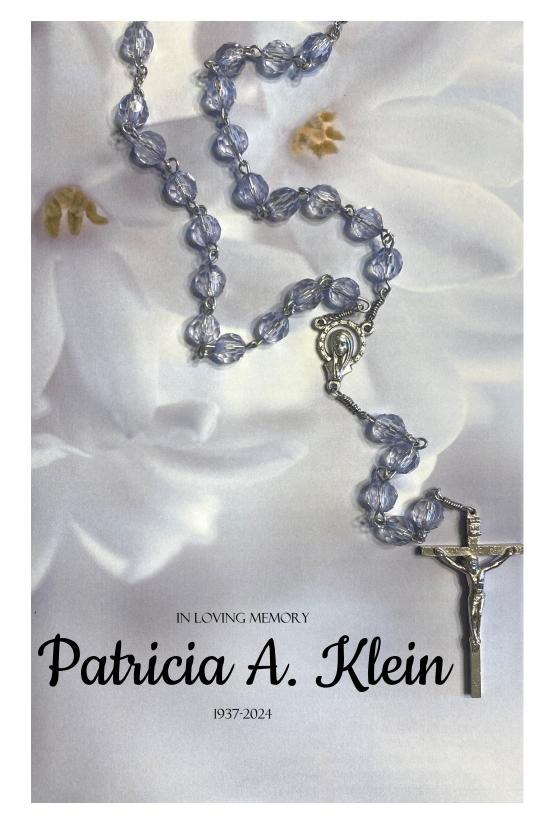
She died as she lived, everyone's friend.

In our hearts a memory will always be kept,

Of one we loved, and will never forget.









**Patricia A. Klein**, 87, of Mandan, North Dakota passed away on Monday, September 16, 2024 after a brief hospital stay surrounded by her family.

Pat was born Patricia Ann Koffler on July 26, 1937 in Dickinson, ND, the daughter of Valentine and Katherine (Mosbrucker) Koffler. She was raised and educated in Dickinson graduating from Dickinson High School. Upon graduation, Pat went into nursing and earned her LPN license. She worked as a nurse at the hospital in Dickinson

and St. Alexius in Bismarck. Pat would later lend her nursing skills to help additional organizations throughout her life.

In the spring of 1957, at a school dance, she met the love of her life, Joseph Klein. It did not take long for the two of them to realize that they were meant to be together, marrying a few short months later in August. For a short time, the newlyweds farmed on the family farm before moving to Bismarck where they began to grow their family. The family became her primary focus and she dedicated her time to them. In 1969, Joe started their family business and Pat became Joe's secretary/bookkeeper . In October 1977, the couple moved their family to Mandan.

Pat was an active member of St. Joseph Catholic Church as well as contributing to other charitable causes in her community. One notable contribution was how instrumental she was in the development of AID, Inc., Self-Help Center and Thrift Shop, in Mandan.

When Pat wasn't fishing with Joe, she spent her time reading, crocheting, embroidering, and painting ceramics at JK Ceramics in Mandan, which she owned for a couple of years. While wintering their early retirement years in Texas, Pat learned the art of Swedish Weaving. She brought the craft back and taught family and friends. Pat enjoyed sharing her creations she made with her family, making sure no one was left without, if she made one she made multiples ensuring everyone had their unique version.

Pat is survived by her children: Leon (Cindy), Mandan, Gerard (Ellen), Bismarck, Allison (Greg) Schumacher, Bismarck, Alan (Kristi), Mandan, Jennifer (Keith) Merkel, Bismarck, Amanda (Chad) Vinchattle, Bismarck; 14 grandchildren, 3 step-grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren, 3 step-greatgrandchildren, one sister, Polly Messer of Hugo, CO and sisters-in-law Genevieve Klein, Carpentaria, CA, Cecilia Milisch Greenfield, WI and Rosemary (Alvin) Glaser, Bismarck, ND

Pat was preceded in death by her husband Joe, parents and an infant brother; her parents-in-law Leo Sr. and Teresa (Schumacher) Klein; brother-in-law Clarence Messer; sisters and brothers in-law Ann and Jack Kathrein, Amy and Pius Schmaltz and brothers and sisters in-law John and Rose Klein, Leo Jr. and Alberta Klein and brother-in-law Al Milisch; a granddaughter in-law Ashley Plante Schumacher.

Catholic Daughters Rosary Parish Vigil Vigil Presider Funeral Liturgy

Thursday | September 19, 2024 | 7:00 PM Buehler-Larson Funeral Home | Mandan, ND Deacon Randy Frohlich Friday | September 20, 2024 | 9:30 AM St. Joseph Catholic Church | Mandan, ND

Celebrant Musicians Fr. Josh Waltz Kate Garcia & Gene Mosbrucker

Opening Song

"Christ Be Our Light"

## Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading Wisdom 3:1-9
Responsorial Psalm Psalm 23

"The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want."

New Testament Reading

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:1-13

Homily

## Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of Gifts Songs Presentation of Gifts

Allison Schumacher Jennifer Merkel Amanda Vinchattle

"Ave Maria"

Eucharistic Prayer Communion Song Communion Meditation Final Commendation Closing Song

"Hail Mary, Gentle Woman"
"Panis Angelicus"
"Song of Farewell"
"Lead Me, Lord"

## **Casket Bearers**

Steve Klein | Matt Klein | Mike Schumacher Ben Schumacher | Timothy Merkel | Nathan Vinchattle

**Graveside Service** 

**Mandan Union Cemetery** 

Following the burial, the family invites you for food and fellowship at the Mandan Moose Lodge, 111 11th Ave NE.