

Mary Ann Kosel

Mary Ann Formaneck was born June 22, 1927, in rural Wahpeton, ND, the twin daughter of Fred and Cecilia (Schmitt) Formaneck. She lived on a farm north of Wahpeton, attended country school and graduated from Wahpeton High School in 1945. She was united in marriage to Richard Kosel on August 27, 1947 at St. Adalbert's Church, Wahpeton. The couple farmed in ND and MN. They were married for 66 years. In 1948, their only child, Linda was born.

In 2008, they retired to the city of Wahpeton. After Richard passed in 2013, Mary moved to Siena Court where she resided for over 10 years. In January 2024, she moved to St. Catherine's Living Center.

For years, Mary had been an active of St. Adalbert's Church Choir. She was known for her beautiful soprano voice. Later years, she was a member of St. John's Catholic Church, choir, and Catholic Order of Foresters. Her faith in the Lord was always strong in all stages of her life.

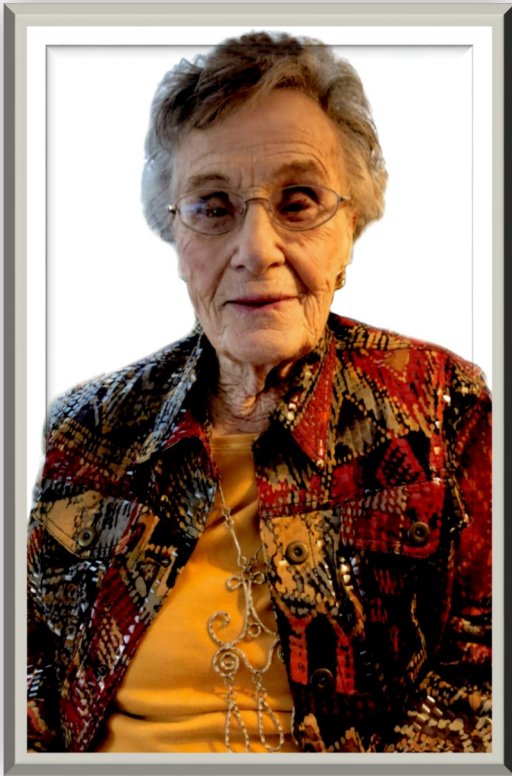
Mary's entire life can be summed up as living every day to its fullest with a positive, giving, and caring style. As a child, she enjoyed outdoor and farm related activities. Before marrying Richard, she worked at Rosemeade Pottery in Wahpeton. Years following, she enjoyed ceramics, crocheting, knitting, and gardening. In addition to these activities, she was very engaged in various farming aspects: raising farm animals, all kinds of field work (driving all kinds of farm equipment, esp. her green combine), milking cows, and of course preparing three hearty meals a day. A "good day" for Mary was one outdoor engaged in farm work. While at Siena Court, she continued to be active: Bingo, Garbage - card game, puzzles, word search, and walks. While spending many winters in the Rio Grande Valley, Texas, she enjoyed shuffleboard, ceramics, bean bag, long walks, playing cards and checking on the grapefruit orchard. Throughout her life, she always had a positive attitude that all will be alright. At Siena Court and later St. Catherine Living Center, she had many wonderful memories of the staff and the care she received. She expressed that she would not have changed a thing about her long life. Her frequent sayings were: "One day at a time" and "Take it or Leave it."

Mary is survived by her daughter, Linda Patterson; brother-in-law Roy Kosel; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Ceclia Formaneck; her husband, Richard; a brother Harold Formaneck; sister Lorene Ferguson; twin sister Margaret Pausch; and nephew Fred Pausch.

In lieu of flowers, Mary has requested that donations be made to CHI Health at Home, Carmel of Mary Monastery, or Benedictine Living Community.





In Loving Memory of
Mary Ann Kesel



Born

June 22, 1927 | Wahpeton, North Dakota

Passed Away

March 17, 2024 | Wahpeton, North Dakota

Age

96 Years 8 Months 25 Days

Mass of Christian Burial

10:30 AM | Wednesday, March 27, 2024
St. John's Catholic Church | Wahpeton, North Dakota

Officiant

Fr. Paul Kuhn

Organist

Mary Jane Pauly

Cantor

Karen Kreller

Congregational Hymns

“Amazing Grace” | “Beautiful Savior” | “Hail Mary Gentle Woman”
“Song of Farewell” | “Let There Be Peace On Earth”

Interment

Calvary Cemetery | Wahpeton, North Dakota

I MADE IT HOME

*I just wanted to let you know that I made it home.
Everything is so pretty here, so white, so fresh, so new.
I wish that you could close your eyes so you could see it too.
Please try not to be sad for me. Try to understand.
God is taking care of me. I'm in the shelter of His hand.
Here there is no sadness and no sorrow and no pain.
Here there is no crying and I'll never hurt again.
Here it is so peaceful, when all the angels sing.
I really have to go for now. I've just got to try, my wings.
P.S. I'll be the first face you see when you get here!*