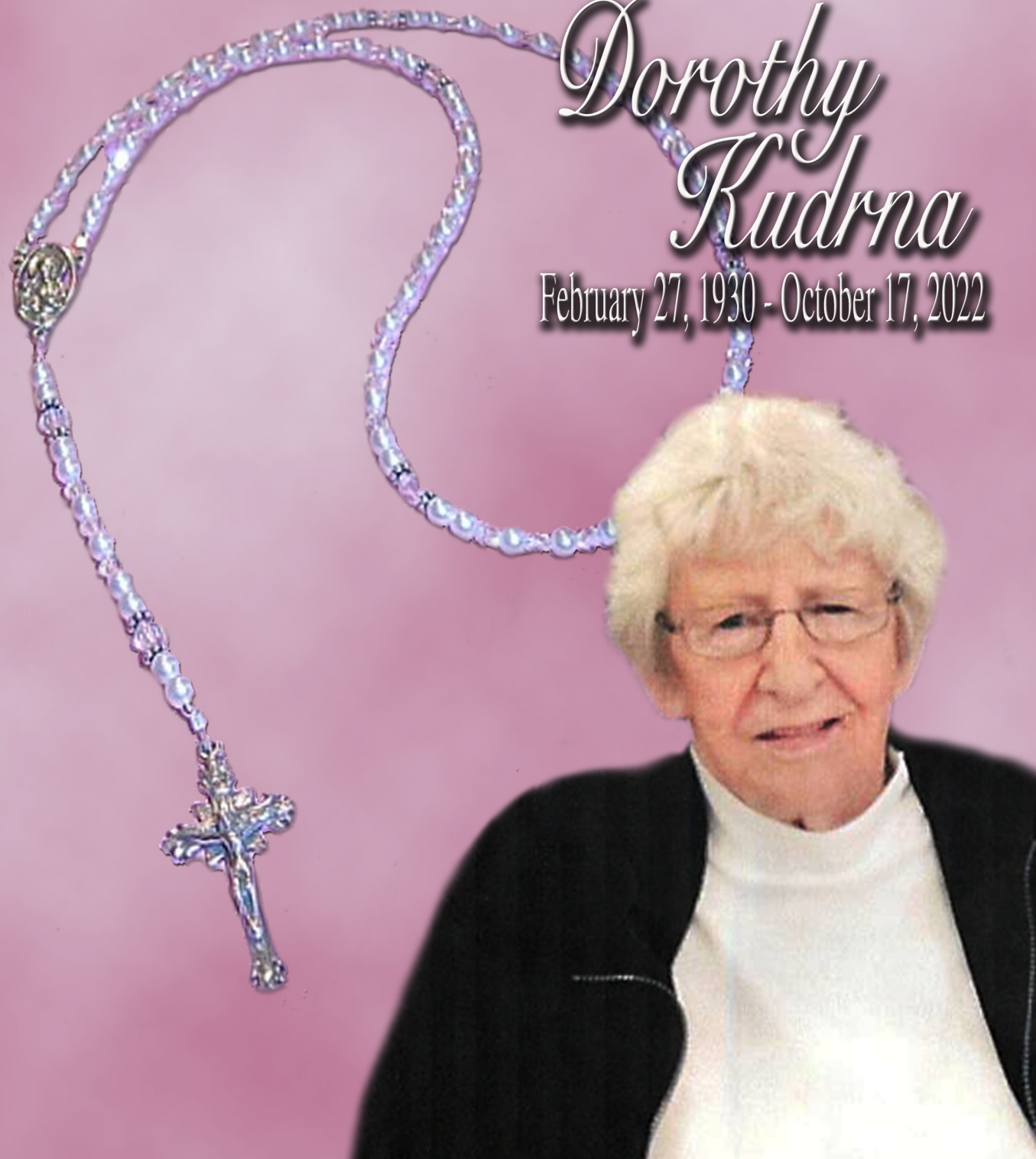


Dorothy E. Kessel was born on February 27, 1930 in Dickinson, the daughter of Joseph and Ottilia (Herauf) Kessel. She was the 11th child of 13th born to the Kessel family. She attended school, graduating from Dickinson High School in 1948. She went to college, continuing her education for two years. Dorothy married Laudie Kudrna on June 20, 1949 in St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Dorothy and Laudie loved to roller-skate and dance. They were often identified as exceptional dancers and they jitter-bugged with the best of them. They spent many years enjoying good times together, as they were regulars at the Hi-Way Inn in Dickinson. They especially liked Czech music and her hubby Laudie played and sang many years for the 'Dakota Czechs'. They enjoyed a good life of dancing and romancing together. She worked 40 years as a consumer ledger clerk for MDU (Montana Dakota Utilities), always known as a numbers person and an excellent clerk. She got Laudie his job at MDU where he also worked for 39 ½ years. When not working, they liked to dance, fish and enjoyed camping. The love of their life was their only son, Terry Kudrna. He was their stronghold and lived many years in Lake Tahoe, where they visited Terry and his wife Sandy (Ehli) many times. Laudie passed away December 7, 2001 and then her son, Terry passed away August 27, 2019. Dorothy was a member of the German-Hungarian Lodge, St. Anthony Club, VFW Auxiliary and the American Legion Club. Dorothy is survived by her sister, Ludy Kostelecky of Spokane WA; and brother, Erv (Marilyn) of Dickinson. She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Ottilia; brothers, John, Frank, Ted, Christ, George, Ed and Jerome Kessel; sisters, Margaret, Katie and Judy.

*Dorothy
Kudrna*
February 27, 1930 - October 17, 2022





Dorothy Kudrna

FUNERAL MASS:

Friday, October 28, 2022 10:00 am
St. Joseph's Catholic Church
Dickinson, North Dakota

ROSARY & VIGIL:

Thursday, October 27, 2022 6:00 pm
Stevenson Funeral Home
Dickinson, North Dakota
Deacon Al Schwindt

CELEBRATING:

Father Justin Waltz

MUSIC:

Sandy Tibor Christopher Uhler

READERS:

Paul Kessel Jodene Kessel

GIFT BEARERS:

Nancy Wasem Karen Uhler

PALLBEARERS:

David Kessel Dennis Kessel
Ron Koffler Mike Koffler
Casey Uhler Jackson Uhler

INTERMENT:

North Dakota Veterans Cemetery
Mandan, North Dakota

ARRANGEMENTS BY:

Stevenson Funeral Home
Dickinson, North Dakota

*There will be lunch served in the Pine Room
following the Funeral Mass.
Everyone is welcome.*

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 him call.

I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day.

To laugh, to love, to work or play.

*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've savored 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 hearts and share with me.

God wanted me now;

He set me free.