

Dorothy Anna Cihlar, the daughter of Edmund and Clara (Klimek) Roers, was born in Leaf Mountain, MN on December 2, 1925. Dorothy attended country school through the eighth grade and then helped her uncle at his store in Urbank, MN. She worked at a restaurant in Alexandria before she met Henry Cihlar one evening at a local dance. They were united in marriage on November 13, 1944 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Urbank, MN. Eight children were born to this union: Rodney, Larry, Mary Louise, Jerry, Irene, Rosalie, Annette, and Veronica. They lived on a farm near Lake Mary before moving to Alexandria. Dorothy stayed home to raise her children and tend to all their needs. When her youngest children reached their teens, Dorothy returned to the workplace working at Holiday grocery store where people loved to come in and get her delicious Dorothy's donuts.

Dorothy was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Alexandria and she was active with the Daughters of Isabella. She liked to play the guitar in her younger years and enjoyed listening to country music. She liked to play cards, embroider, and visit with her brothers and sisters. Dorothy loved her family, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Her kind and gentle nature endeared her to all that met her. Many of her caregivers and regular visitors viewed her as one of their favorites. She will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Dorothy A. Cihlar died on Monday, November 2, 2020 at her home at Edgewood Vista in Alexandria at the age of 94 years old. She is survived by her son, Larry (Kathy) Cihlar of Carlos; daughters, Mary Louise Cihlar of Alexandria, Rosalie Kessler of Bergland, MI, Annette (Greg) Retzlaff of Miltona, and Veronica (Roger) Baas of Long Prairie; grandchildren, Michael (Janet) Cihlar, Jill (Cory) Cihlar, Robert Keife, Stephen (Christy) Keife, Richard (Justin) Keife, Christine Cihlar, Pamela Cihlar, Misty (Dylan) Folkestad, and Nicholas (Billie) Retzlaff; great grandchildren, Ethan, Everett, William, Seren, Tiegan, Caleb, Conner, Lilyanna, Nathan, Claire, Otto, Oliver, Augustus, and Anndelle; son-in-law, Bob Keife of Houma, LA, brothers, Conrad Roers and Rollie (Jenny) Roers; sister, Adeline (Ronnie) Gust; sisters -in-law, Viann Roers, Gertrude Roers, and Elreen Roers.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Henry Cihlar; daughter, Irene Keife; sons, Rodney Cihlar and Jerry Cihlar; grandson, Scott Retzlaff; brother; sisters; and son-in-law, Joe Kessler.

***For Those I Love,
For Those Who Love Me...***

When I am gone, release me, let me go...

I have so many things to see and do.

You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears,

But let my spirit calm your fears,

I gave you my love. You can only guess

How much you gave me in happiness.

I thank you for the love you have shown,

But now it's time I traveled on alone!

So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must,

Then let your grief be comforted by trust.

It's only for a while that we must part,

So bless the memories that lie within your heart.

I won't be far away, for life goes on.

So if you need me, call and I will come.

Though you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near,

And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear

All of my love around you soft and clear.

And then, when you must come this way alone...

I'll greet you with a smile and say,

"Welcome Home."

In Memory of
**Dorothy Anna
Cihlar**

December 2, 1925



November 2, 2020



Mass of Christian Burial
St. Mary's Catholic Church
Alexandria, Minnesota
Friday, November 6, 2020 11:00 AM

Officiant
Reverend Steve Binsfeld

Casket Bearers
(Dorothy's Grandchildren)
Robert Keife Stephen Keife
Richard Keife Michael Cihlar
Jill Cihlar Nick Retzlaff
Misty Folkestad Christine Cihlar
Pamela Cihlar

Interment
St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery
Alexandria, Minnesota