

Myrene (Bitker) Hastings of Alexandria, MN, formerly of Milroy, MN, passed away peacefully on January 24th, 2020 surrounded by her loving family. Myrene was married to and survived by Wayne Hastings, her loving husband of 57 years.

Myrene loved life, sports, traveling to Hawaii and Las Vegas, and was devoted to her family. She was a dedicated mother first and foremost. She loved her children and especially loved her role as grandma to her 19 grandchildren. She made friends everywhere she went and always had a smile on her face. For over 30 years, Myrene worked or volunteered at Bethany by the Lake in Alexandria and it was a perfect match for her heart to help others.

Myrene is survived by her sisters-in-law Darline McKay and Carol Polfliet; brothers-in-law, Gordon Hastings and Patrick Hastings; children, Blaine (Tracy) Hastings, Blair (Candy) Hastings, Brian (Christine) Hastings, and Lisa (Scott Stanbra) Hastings; grandchildren, Stephen, Taylor, Noah, Sam, Vienna, Sierra, Justin, Jared, Josh, Zachary, Kirsten, Christopher (Fred), Dayton, Brittany, Shaunah, Jorden, Izaac, Kaitlyn, and Connor; great-grandchildren, Madison, Sawyer, and Beckham. Myrene was also loved and cherished by many nieces, nephews, and beloved friends.

Myrene was preceded in death by her father and mother, Kenneth and Phylis (Holst) Bitker, and brother Dennis (Eileen) Bitker.

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 his call,
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of the day.
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 savoured 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 heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.*



In Loving Memory

Myrene JoAnn Hastings

August 16, 1941



January 24, 2020

Mass of Christian Burial
St. Mary's Catholic Church
Alexandria, Minnesota
Wednesday, January 29, 2020
11 AM



Celebrant

Reverend Father Bob Kieffer

Pianist

Laurie Youngers

Cantor

Erin Takle

Pallbearers

Taylor Hastings	Christopher Hastings
Steven Hastings	Josh Hastings
Sam Hastings	Dayton Stanbra
Noah Hastings	Justin Barten

Honorary Pallbearers

Dan Larson and all of Myrene's Grandchildren and
Great-grandchildren

Interment

St. Mary's Cemetery
Alexandria, Minnesota