

# Patricia Ann

was born September 26, 1935 in Dickinson, the daughter of Daniel Fitzlaugh, DDS of New England, ND and Lucille (Duffy) Fitzlaugh of Milwaukee, WI, serving as Daniel's dental assistant. Growing up, she attended Killdeer Public School. Following graduation, she attended University of North Dakota – SRS. of St. Joseph Nursing in Grand Forks, ND and earned her RN degree. Patricia married Donald Hedger on November 23, 1956 in Dickinson. Their marriage was blessed with three children, Daniel, Patrick, and Deborah. Patricia's RN career in care-giving took place in Phoenix, AZ, as head nurse for Head Start in Maricopa County Health, and RN school nurse in Glendale School District- grades 1-6. Patricia inherited a love of horses and horsemanship from her father, and earned the title of Killdeer Mountain Rodeo Queen in her teen years. She was very devoted to her Catholic faith and was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Killdeer. Patricia enjoyed hosting events, cooking and baking for family and friends, homemaking, spending quality time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and serving on various boards in the Killdeer community including The Hill Top Home of Comfort, Hill Top Foundation, High Plains Community Center, and Dunn Community Health. She played a vital role in forming the Killdeer and Halliday Community Health Clinics and the Hill Top Home of Comfort nursing home. Patricia worked alongside her husband Don to further strengthen the Killdeer community by starting Killdeer Mountain Manufacturing to provide steady jobs and benefits in the aerospace electronics industry. Patricia is greatly loved by her family and will be missed by all who knew her. Patricia is survived by her husband, Donald; sons, Daniel of Kerrville, TX, Patrick (Ann) of Killdeer; daughter, Deborah Hedger (Jenny Walter) of Half Moon Bay, CA; grandchildren Kristin Hedger of Kerrville, TX, Erika (Travis) Bauer of Killdeer, Mathew (Ashton) Hedger of Langdon, ND, Jessie Hedger-Walter of Half Moon Bay, CA; and 7 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Daniel "Buck" and Mary (Duffy) Fitzlaugh; and sister, Mary Sydney.



In Loving Memory

Patricia "Tricia"  
Hedger

September 26, 1935 - August 13, 2023

# The Wind & The Leaves

“Come, little leaves,” said the wind one day.  
“Come o’er the meadows with me, and play”  
Put on your dress of red and gold,—  
Summer is gone, and the days grow cold.”

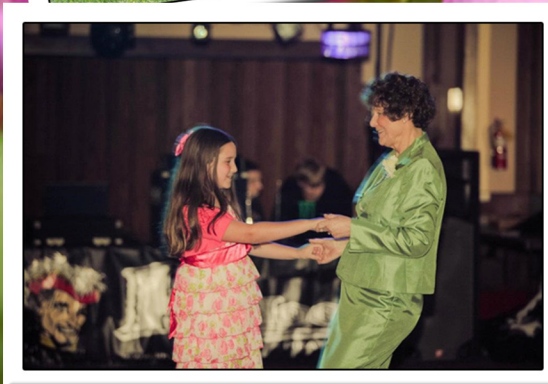
Soon as the leaves heard the wind’s loud call,  
Down they came fluttering, one and all;  
Over the brown fields they danced and flew,  
Singing the soft little songs they knew.

“Cricket, good-by, we’ve been friends so long;  
Little brook, sing us your farewell song,—  
Say you are sorry to see us go;  
Ah! you will miss us, right well we know.”

“Dear little lambs, in your fleecy fold,  
Mother will keep you from harm and cold;  
Fondly we’ve watched you in vale and glade;  
Say, will you dream of our loving shade?”

Dancing and whirling, the little leaves went;  
Winter had called them, and they were content.  
Soon fast asleep in their earthy beds,  
The snow laid a coverlet over their heads.

*George Cooper*



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## **FUNERAL MASS:**

Friday, August 18, 2023 10:00 am  
St. Joseph’s Catholic Church  
Killdeer, North Dakota

## **ROSARY & VIGIL:**

Thursday, August 17, 2023 6:00 pm  
St. Joseph’s Catholic Church  
Killdeer, North Dakota  
Deacon Dan Tuhy, Vigil  
Patrick Hedger, Rosary

## **CELEBRATING:**

Father Joseph Evinger

## **READER:**

Patrick Hedger

## **MUSIC:**

St. Joseph’s Choir      Cindy Candrian

## **MASS SERVERS:**

Andrew Fritel      Joseph Dukart

## **PALLBEARERS:**

Justin Enney      Derrick Brown  
Bryan Hanstad      Dave Welk  
Doug Fettig      Jeremy Ehret  
Curtis Strommen

## **HONORARY PALLBEARERS:**

KMM Family Members

## **INTERMENT:**

Killdeer Cemetery  
Killdeer, North Dakota

## **ARRANGEMENTS BY:**

Stevenson Funeral Home  
Killdeer, North Dakota

*Lunch will be served at the High Plains Community Center following the committal. Everyone is welcome.*