

Remembering the precious life of...

Mary M. Kraft, 83 of Devils Lake ND passed away on Sunday, August 27, 2023 at CHI, St. Alexius Health, Devils Lake Hospital.

Mary, the daughter of Arnold and Regina Martinson was born on March 21, 1940 at Cando, North Dakota. She grew up and was educated in Devils Lake.

Mary was united in marriage to Lawrence Kraft on April 15, 1958 at St. Joseph Catholic Church. They made their home in Devils Lake where Lawrence was manager of Central Ready Mix and Mary was the sales manager. For most of Mary's working life, she was an insurance agent for Combined Insurance. Lawrence died on September 23, 1985. Mary continued to call Devils Lake home until her death.

Mary was a devoted wife and mother. In her younger years, Mary was a Boy Scout Leader and enjoyed playing darts. Mary was a "people person" and loved time at church and church activities, going to the casino to visit with old friends and make new ones. She was known for her delicious brownies and made sure she had them as a treat whenever she had company or at family events.

Mary faced the challenges in her life with faith in the promises of her Savior. She was widowed at a very young age and mother to 5 children. She always did her best to encourage them, provide for them and love them unconditionally.

Mary's loving family that survive are her two sons Kurtis Kraft and Kevin Kraft and his wife Kim all of Devils Lake; daughter-in-law Brenda Kraft, Devils Lake; son-in-law Kirk Broughton; ten grandchildren Kenneth Kraft: Kevin (Talice) Kraft Jr., Michael (Jessica) Kraft, Nathan (Tanya) Kraft; Chelsi (Ryan) Schroeder, Courtney (Connor) Schmidt; Stephonie (Justin Feist) Broughton, Kimberly (Josh) Anderson; Jolea Kraft, Addison Kraft; twelve great grandchildren Kole and Khloe Kraft, Ariana and Braylon Longie; Amelia, Oscar and Leona Kraft; Lilly and Ellie Kraft; Maggie Anderson; Madilynn Schroeder and Brody Kraft; several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Lawrence, son and daughter-in-law Keith and Laurie Kraft, daughter Kristina "Tina" Kraft Broughton, son Karl Kraft and in-laws Joseph and Julia Kraft.

In Loving Memory



Mary Kraft

*Beloved Mother, Grandmother,
Great Grandmother, Aunt, Friend, Child of God*

Mary M. Kraft

HER BIRTH

March 21, 1940

Cando, North Dakota

HER DEATH

Sunday, August 27, 2023

Devils Lake, North Dakota

ROSARY AND SCRIPTURE SERVICE

Gilbertson Funeral Home Chapel

Devils Lake, North Dakota

Thursday, August 31, 2023 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Led by Reverend Mr. Ken Severinson, Deacon

FUNERAL SERVICE

Gilbertson Funeral Home Chapel

Devils Lake, North Dakota

Friday, September 1, 2023 ~ 10:00 a.m.

CELEBRANT

Reverend Paul Schuster

Pastor, St. Michael's Catholic Church

SPECIAL MUSIC

Tom Burckhard, Vocalist

Audrey Myklebust, Pianist

URN BEARERS

Mary's Grandchildren

Kenneth Kraft ~ Kevin Kraft Jr. ~ Michael Kraft ~ Nathan Kraft

Chelsi Schroeder ~ Courtney Schmidt ~ Stephonie Broughton

Kimberly Anderson ~ Jolea Kraft ~ Addison Kraft

EARTHLY PLACE OF REST

St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery

Devils Lake, North Dakota

WHEN I AM GONE

To those I have loved and to those who loved me.

When I am gone, release me, let go.

I have so many things to see and do.

You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears,

be happy that we had so many years.

I gave you my love, you can only guess,

how much you gave to me in happiness.

I thank you for the love you each have shown,

but now it's time I traveled on alone.

So grieve a while for me if you must,

then let your grief be comforted by trust.

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

so keep the memories 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 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 welcome you home.