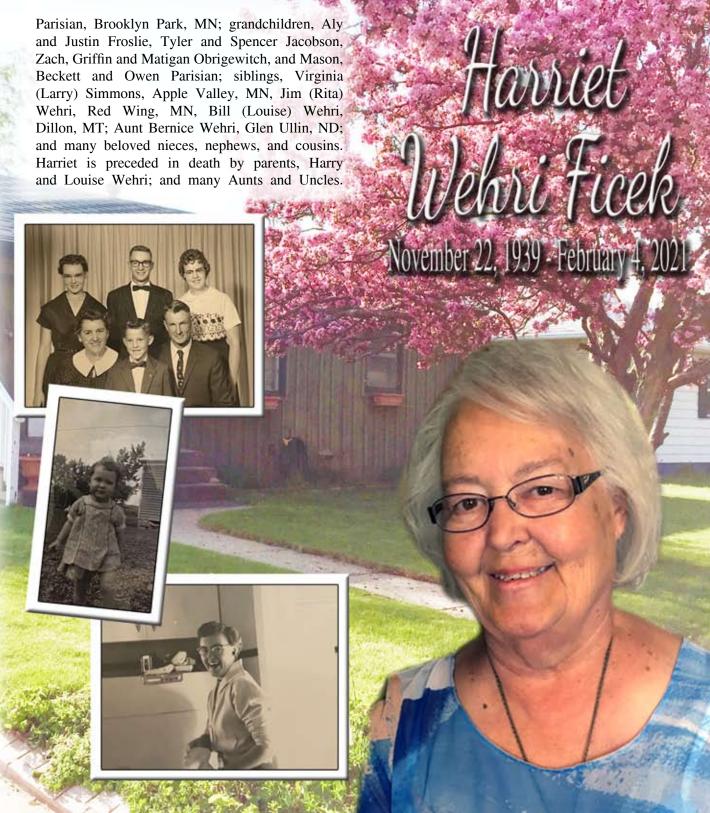
Harriet Wehri Ficek was born November 22, 1939, the daughter of William "Harry" and Louise (Duppong) Wehri. She grew up on the family farm near Haymarsh, ND, attended elementary school at St. Clements before graduating from St. Mary's High School in Richardton in 1957. She studied accounting at Dickinson State University and later studied early child development and was certified as a Family Development Specialist. Harriet married Wilfred J. Ficek on April 20, 1965. The couple was blessed with five daughters during their twenty-two-year marriage. Throughout her early work life, Harriet held bookkeeping, secretarial and sales positions in Hebron and Dickinson. She worked hard in everything she did, and was self-employed, starting her Hillcrest Suppliers business, which she operated for over thirty-five years. She gave countless hours of service at the Dickinson Domestic Violence Shelter. She was also active in St. Wenceslaus and volunteered to work on many fundraising activities for the church and for Trinity High School. She was a dedicated champion for children and families. She followed her true passion while working for Community Action Partnership Head Start as a Home-Base Visitor, beginning in 1991, where, for nearly twenty years she helped young children with the foundational support they needed to thrive and reach their full potential. She mentored parents in how to teach their own children in this vital work. Harriet was extraordinarily strong and determined to remain self-reliant through her challenge with Alzheimer's disease for well over a decade. She ultimately lost her second battle with cancer. She was always busy and enjoyed many hobbies. Gardening, sewing, embroidering, baking, canning, crafts, reading and listening to music were some of her favorite things to do. She took meticulous care of her "little green house on the corner." She loved playing outdoor games, cards and table games with family. Time spent with her children and grandchildren were her most precious times. Harriet is survived by her daughters, Jackie (Allan) Hardy, Loveland, CO, Stephanie Froslie, Moorhead, MN, Mary Jo (Jeff) Jacobson, Fargo, ND, Naomi (Scott) Obrigewitch, Dickinson, ND and Ann (Mike)





I Did Not Die

Do not stand at my grave and forever weep.

I am not there; I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that blow.

I am the diamond glints on snow.

I am the sunlight on ripened grain.

I am the gentle autumn's rain.

When you awaken in the morning's hush

I am the swift uplifting rush

Of quiet birds in circled flight.

I am the soft stars that shine at night.

Do not stand at my grave and forever cry.

I am not there. I did not die.

Melinda Sue Pacho



# Harriet Ficek

#### **FUNERAL MASS:**

Tuesday, February 9, 2021 11:00 am St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church Dickinson, North Dakota

## **ROSARY & VIGIL:**

Monday, February 8, 2021 6:00 pm Stevenson Funeral Home Dickinson, North Dakota Deacon Bob Stockert

#### **CELEBRATING:**

Father Bill Ruelle

#### **MUSIC:**

Priscilla Keogh Mary Steiner

# **READERS:**

Jon Wehri Annette Branson

#### **PALLBEARERS:**

Allan Hardy
Scott Obrigewitch
Aly Froslie
Tyler Jacobson
Zach Obrigewitch
Matigan Obrigewitch
Beckett Parisian

Jeff Jacobson Mike Parisian Justin Froslie Spencer Jacobson Griffin Obrigewitch Mason Parisian Owen Parisian

## **INURNMENT:**

At a Later Date St. Clement Cemetery Haymarsh, North Dakota

## **ARRANGEMENTS BY:**

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