

Donna Mae Kalkbrenner was born on February 28, 1938, in Mountain Lake, Minnesota, the daughter of Raymond and Beulah (Smith) Starrett. She grew up in Buffalo Lake and graduated from Buffalo Lake High School in 1956. On January 23, 1957, Donna was united in marriage to Donald A. Kalkbrenner at St. Louis Catholic Church in Paynesville. They lived and farmed in Union Grove Township prior to purchasing a farm in Harrison Township in 1959. Donna kept very busy as a farm wife and homemaker. She was a longtime member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church and active in ladies circle. She was a current member of Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church. Donna enjoyed cooking and baking for her family and friends.

Donna passed away Thursday evening, March 17, at Vista Prairie at Copperleaf in Willmar at the age of 84.

She is survived by her five children, Mark (and Diane) Kalkbrenner of Spicer, Julie Kalkbrenner (and Tom Van Tassel) of Willmar, Cheryl (and Dave) Hoffenkamp of Atwater, Scott (and Amy) Kalkbrenner of Spicer and John (and Tracey) Kalkbrenner of Atwater; fifteen grandchildren and twenty-seven great grandchildren. Also surviving are two brothers, Douglas (and Sharon) Starrett of Hutchinson and Michael Starrett of California and one sister-in-law, Jane Starrett of Thornton, Colorado, besides other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Donald in 2009; one grandson, Lucas; one brother, Donald; one niece, Stacey; two nephews, Troy and Joel and one sister-in-law, Gladys.

## *Celebrating the Life of*



*Donna M. Kalkbrenner*

*1938 - 2022*

# An Angel

An angel lived among us,  
A gift from God above.  
She showered us with kindness  
And shared with us her love.  
She cherished every moment  
With the man who was her life;  
Walking hand in hand together,  
Facing life with all its strife.  
She loved her children dearly,  
Each one a different way,  
Nestled close within her heart.  
Though, now, she's far away.  
She's gone to live with Jesus.  
But, she's here with us, today,  
Smiling down on every one of us,  
And telling us she's O.K.

Arrangements By  
*Peterson Brothers Funeral Home*  
"Celebrating A Life Remembered"

In Loving Memory Of

## Donna M. Kalkbrenner

February 28, 1938  
Mountain Lake, Minnesota

March 17, 2022  
Willmar, Minnesota

### Mass of Christian Burial

Friday, March 25, 2022 - 10:30 a.m.  
Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church  
Spicer, Minnesota

### Celebrant

Fr. Steve Verhelst

### Music

Pianist: Mary Pieh  
Vocalists: Tim Pieh & Eric Kalkbrenner

Gathering Song: *"Here I Am Lord"* – sung by congregation  
Responsorial Psalm: *"Shepherd Me O God"* – led by Tim Pieh  
Preparation of the Gifts: *"I Can Only Imagine"* – solo by Eric Kalkbrenner  
*"The Lord's Prayer"* – solo by Eric Kalkbrenner  
Communion: *"On Eagles Wings"* – solo by Eric Kalkbrenner  
Song of Farewell: *"The Hand of God Shall Hold You"* – led by Tim Pieh  
Going Forth: *"Amazing Grace"* – solo by Eric Kalkbrenner

### Honorary Casketbearers - Granddaughters

Jamie Pieper   Jennifer Montbriand   Sacha Gravley   Brooke Heilman  
Kali Gravley   Baily Kalkbrenner   Dana Kalkbrenner   Shauna Keller   Jayde Smith

### Active Casketbearers - Grandsons

Tyler Kalkbrenner   Dylan Kalkbrenner   Logan Kalkbrenner  
Nathan Kalkbrenner   Dain Kalkbrenner   Jeremy Hoffenkamp

### Interment

St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery  
Kandiyohi, Minnesota