

Order of Service

Processional Hymn: # 706—Hail Mary: Gentle Woman

Opening Prayer: Father John Paul Knopik

Readings:

Old Testament: Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9 Cassandra Cyril

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23 Cassandra Cyril

New Testament: Revelation 14:13 Lesley Browen

Alleluia: John 11:25a, 26 Lesley Browen

Gospel: John 6: 37-40 Father John Paul Knopik

Homily: Father John Paul Knopik

Petitions: Thomas Schuster

Preparation of Gifts Hymn: # 438 Be Not Afraid

Gift Bearers: Ben Evenson, Gabe Evenson, Jesse Kladek
Sean Kladek, Dylan Schuster

Communion:

Eucharist Ministers: Deanna Evenson, Marcia Kladek

Communion Hymn: Ave Maria Jane Gibson
Tribute To Mom Deanna Evenson

Closing Prayer: Father John Paul Knopik

Rite of Committal: Father John Paul Knopik

Song of Farewell: #832

Final Prayer: Father John Paul Knopik

Recessional Hymn: # 488—Just As I Am

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Rita Mae Schuster

May 11, 1928 — May 4, 2023

Services At:

St. Mary's Catholic Church — Chokio, Minnesota

Friday — May 12, 2023 — 10:30 a.m.

Celebrant:

Father John Paul Knopik

Organist:

Amy Blackwelder

Special Music:

Jane Gibson & St. Mary's Church Choir

Tribute To Mom:

Deanna Evenson

Urn Carrier:

Marcia Kladek

Urnbearers:

Ben Evenson, Gabriel Evenson, Lesley Browen
Jesse Kladek, Sean Kladek, Cassandra Cyril, Dylan Schuster

Honorary Urnbearers:

Bailey Evenson, Brodey Evenson, Cambell Evenson, Sidney Evenson
Avery Browen, Morgan Browen, Olivia Browen, Cooper Browen
Tori Kladek, Jemma Schuster, Vayda Schuster, Schoubert Cyril
Bryson Cyril, Veronica Cyril, Wakeen Cyril, Kingsley Meza

Interment:

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery
Chokio, Minnesota

Rita Mae (Billiet) Schuster was born May 11, 1928, at Holy Trinity Hospital, the fourth of five children of Frank and Sarah (Myers) Billiet. She was baptized and confirmed at Holy Rosary Church in Graceville, Minnesota. Rita attended school at District 11 for eight years and graduated from high school in 1946 from Graceville Public School. After graduation, she worked as a bookkeeper for Ammerman Plumbing & Heating in Graceville until September of 1948. On September 11, 1948, she was married to Dean Schuster at Holy Rosary Church in Graceville. They had three children: Deanna, Marcia, and Tom. They farmed and milked Jersey cows near Chokio until they retired from farming in January 1963. At that time, Rita went to work as a billing clerk for Federated Telephone in Chokio until 1967 when she went to work as a secretary for Dean at the Schuster Agency for Farmers Union Insurance in Morris. In 1988, she retired from the insurance agency. Throughout all of this time, Rita was a devoted homemaker. After retirement, Rita and Dean spent fifteen winters at Valhalla Park in Edinburg, Texas, where Rita began some well-deserved years having a good time polishing her golf game and entertaining friends, old and new. From the time of their marriage, Rita and Dean lived on the farm east of Chokio until they sold that home and moved to Eastside Acres in January 2012.

Rita thoroughly enjoyed her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandson. Her favorite time was playing golf with Dean and she filled many, many hours with knitting, counted cross-stitch, crossword puzzles, reading and cards. She enjoyed attending ballgames for Tom, and subsequently for his children, Cassandra and Dylan, and made many baptism and graduation gifts and cakes for her family.

Living in Chokio brought great enjoyment to Rita, where she had a wonderful circle of friends. Throughout the years, she participated in Jolly 10 Homemakers, was chairman of St. Mary's Guild, and was President of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Rita passed away Thursday, May 4, 2023 at West Wind Village in Morris, Minnesota, one week before her 95th birthday.

She is survived by her husband: Dean Schuster of Chokio; three children: Deanna (David) Evenson of Detroit Lakes, Marcia Kladek of Chanhassen and Thomas (Betty) Schuster of Wheaton; seven grandchildren: Ben (Lisa) Evenson, Gabriel (Melissa) Evenson, Lesley (Andrew) Browen, Jesse Kladek, Sean (Samantha) Kladek, Cassandra (Romel) Cyril and Dylan (Krista) Schuster; 15 great-grandchildren: Bailey Evenson, Brodey Evenson, Cambell Evenson, Sidney Evenson, Avery Browen, Morgan Browen, Olivia Browen, Cooper Browen, Tori Kladek, Jemma Schuster, Vayda Schuster, Schoubert Cyril, Bryson Cyril, Veronica Cyril and Wakeen Cyril; one great-great-grandson: Kingsley Meza and one brother: Harold Anthony (Clarice) Billiet of Shoreview. She was preceded in death by her parents: Frank and Sarah Billiet; two brothers: Luke (Julia) Billiet and Raymond (Kathy Stotesbery) Billiet and one sister: Dorothy (Clarence) Kleindl.

In Loving Memory Of



Rita Mae Schuster