

Theresa Tarpo was born September 4, 1928 to August P. Krenz and Lillian (Bilges) Krenz and was raised on the family farm near DeSart, North Dakota. She graduated from New England high school in 1946. Following graduation, Theresa received her teaching certificate from Dickinson Teachers College and then taught country school for two years in Carroll Township. In the spring of 1947 she met the love of her life, a handsome army air corp pilot, Chris Tarpo, Jr. They married on June 1, 1948 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in New England. They made their home in New England and welcomed four children, Dena, Pat, Doug and Paul. Theresa can best be described as a daughter of the North Dakota prairies as she loved walking and riding through the farmlands and buttes of southwest North Dakota to appreciate the fields of grain, wild life, open skies and beauty of nature. She was a woman of strong faith, work ethic and boundless energy. Her talents and interests were numerous: hunting, fishing, gardening, canning, yard work, card playing, sewing, card making, tatting, crafting, buying and refinishing antiques and old houses. She had a passion for local, regional and family history. We would describe her as "lucky" at cards, bingo, raffles and gambling. Theresa and Chris enjoyed many opportunities to travel throughout the United States, Hawaii, Canada, Italy and Greece. She loved to entertain and host gatherings for family and friends. Her front porch and swing were always open and welcoming to visitors. Theresa was a lifelong member of St. Mary's Church and a founding member of the foundation board. She was active in the Altar guild, the American Legion Auxiliary, the Jolly Eight Homemakers and many bridge and pinochle clubs. Theresa is survived by her children, Dena (Michael) Lenhardt, of Bismarck, Pat (Dan) Whitman of Fargo and son, Doug Tarpo of New England, five grandchildren, Jennifer (James) Miller, Mick (Torie) Lenhardt, Tom (Amber) Lenhardt, Scott (Dun Wang) Whitman, Anne (John) Graham and thirteen great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Chris, son, Paul C Tarpo; parents August and Lillian Krenz; brothers Milo, Harvey, Hubert, Robert and her sister, Ruth Williams; one great grandson, Aidan James Miller.



In Loving Memory

Theresa Tarpo

September 4, 1928 - August 4, 2022



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FUNERAL MASS:

Friday, August 12, 2022 10:00 am
St. Mary's Catholic Church
New England, North Dakota

ROSARY & VIGIL:

Thursday, August 11, 2022 6:00 pm
Stevenson Funeral Home
Dickinson, North Dakota
Deacon Vic Dvorak

CELEBRATING:

Father Dennis Schafer

MUSIC:

Jeanie Jankowski Mike Madler
Terrie Schoch

READERS:

Jennifer Miller Scott Whitman

GIFT BEARERS:

Mick Chris Lenhardt
Thomas Tarpo Lenhardt

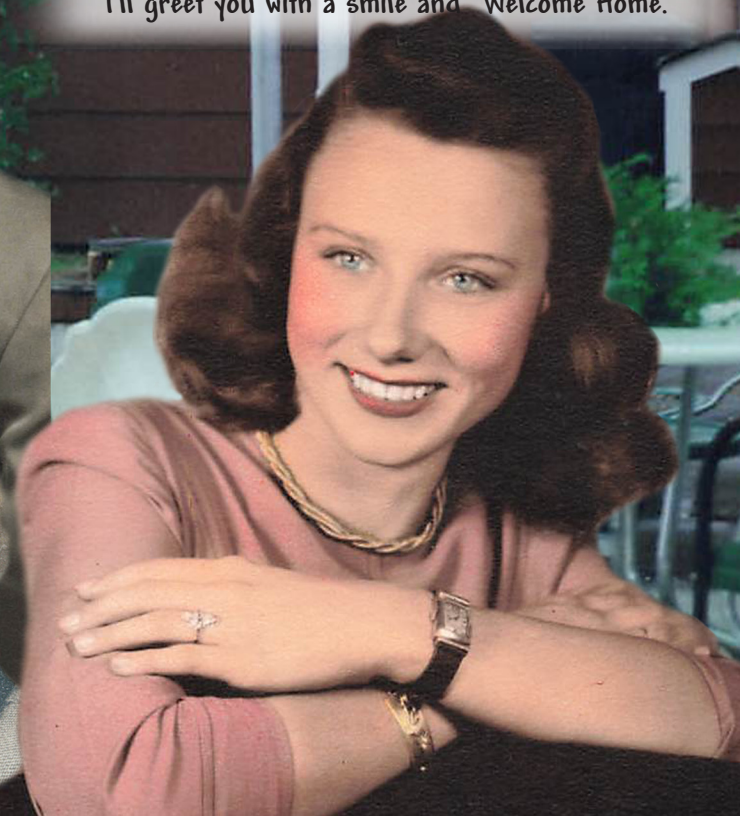
INURNMENT:

St. Mary's Cemetery
New England, North Dakota

ARRANGEMENTS BY:

Stevenson Funeral Home
Dickinson, North Dakota

*Lunch will be served at Memorial Hall
following the committal service.
Everyone is welcome.*



For those who I love
For those who love me...

When I am gone, release me, let me 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 love. You can only guess
How much you gave me in happiness.
I thank you for the love you each have shown,
But now it's time I traveled on alone!

So grieve awhile for me, if grieve you must.
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for awhile that we must part.
So bless the memories that lie 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 me 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 Home."