IN LOVING MEMORY OF Bernadine Nakrayko

May 24, 1934 - March 20, 2023

Memorial Service

1:00 p.m. on Monday, March 27, 2023 St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Wadena, Saskatchewan

> *Officiating* Father Jerome Ogunleye

> > Cross Bearer Neil Syrota

Scripture Readers Brenda Nakrayko & Donna Nakrayko

Gift Bearers Deacon Bigstone & Chris Drummond

> *Organist* Donalda Walters

Guitarists Rosanne Denomie & Yvonne Linnen St. Mary's Roman Catholic Choir in Attendance

> *Guestbook Attendants* Kole & Ryley Ward-Fogg

Eulogists Lillian Nakrayko & Heather Nakrayko

Urn Bearers Brett, Tony, Garry, and Dwayne Nakrayko

Honorary Pallbearers All of Bernadine's Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren & Godchildren

Interment

(At a later Date) Good Hope Cemetery, Kuroki, Saskatchewan

Announcement

Please join the family for a time of fellowship and refreshments in the church basement following the memorial service

Bernadine Mary Nakrayko, nee Stewart was born May 24, 1934 and passed peacefully on March 20, 2023. She was the third child of William and Mary Stewart . Their home was located northeast of Kuroki and was later moved to a location further north just off Highway 38. Kuroki was considered their hometown and they attended St. Helen's church. Bernadine grew up with 2 brothers, Frank and James and one sister Marguerite. She attended Scofield school where she made lifelong friends and received awards for her beautiful handwriting. She and her sister Marguerite learned the skills of cooking, baking and cleaning at an early age as their mother became ill. As a young lady she worked at Gray's Drugstore serving her customers swiftly and always with a smile. Bernadine met the love of her life, Steve Nakrayko, and they were married in November 1953. After they were married, they made their first home at Steve's parents, Mike and Catherine Nakrayko. Motherhood and homemaking came naturally to Bernadine and she busied herself with snuggling babies and utilizing her God-given talents of baking, cooking and cleaning. The couple raised seven beautiful children, Brett, Anthony, Marilyn, Garry, Kathryn, Dwayne and Cheri. Bernadine was known to her family and to the community as a hard-working, kind and generous woman who loved to prepare delicious meals for her family and friends. She loved spending quality family moments around the table and even batting the cleanup position in family ball games! She loved her family deeply and cherished all their visits and phone calls. Bernadine's generosity and talents touched so many hearts. Her exquisite cake decorating, perogies and cabbage rolls, infamous brown sugar candy and Christmas cakes became a tradition in many homes both family and community alike. Her musicality was infectious and generated so much joy in the world. She had a very deep faith and was very connected to her church. Her steadfast faith eased the pain of so many heartbreaking losses. She was a godmother to many family members and friends over the years. Her classic goodbye wave in the window will be etched in our hearts forever.

Bernadine was pre-deceased by her mother and father, William and Mary Stewart, her brothers, Frank, and James Stewart, her grandson, Joey, her husband, Steve, and daughters, Cheri and Kathy.

Bernadine is survived and lovingly remembered by Brett (Donna) and family Brooke, Kelly, Molly and Owen, B.J. Tess, Madison and Maisy; Anthony (Brenda) and family Jared, Megan, Jack, Jona, Noha, Britlyn, Jacs, Mandy, Gordie and Hadley, Paul, Sheila and Calvin; Marilyn (Emil) and family Karrie Ann, Albert, Brenna, Luke, Erinn, Devin and Quinn; Garry (Lillian) and family Garry Jr., Angela, Rylie, and Cole, Lisa, Nathan, Joey, Beckam. Katelyn and Daniel; Kathy's family Neil, Nicole, Chad, Mallory, Greg, Zane, and Jacob; Dwayne (Heather) and family Kristin, Ashton, Brighton, Colette, Tyler, James, Jessica, Brooks, Kalli and Brennen; Cheri's family Dave, Mario, Jaiden, Kayla, Orrin, Tenley and Henry.

She's in the sun. the wind, the rain, she's in the air you breathe with every breathe you take. She sings a song of hope and cheer, there's no more pain, no more fear. You'll see her in the clouds above hear her whisper words of love, you'll be together before long, until then listen for her song.

Acknowledgement

On behalf of Bernadines' family, we wish to express our sincere thanks and gratitude for the comfort and kindness shown through your thoughts, prayers, friendship and attendance of the funeral; as well as the friendship and kindness shown to our mom throughout the years.

We are eternally grateful for the compassionate care Mom was given by Wadena Home Care, Wadena Hospital, Lanigan Central Parkland Lodge and St. Paul's Palliative Care in Saskatoon.

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