



*Celebrating the Life of*



*Millie J. Ricke*

**August 26, 1939 – October 24, 2024**

**Millie J. Ricke, 85, of Garner**, passed away Thursday, October 24, 2024, at Country Meadows in Mason City.

Mildred Jane Ricke, the daughter of Sam and Tillie (Gerber) Mogler, was born August 26, 1939, in Kossuth County, Iowa. She was raised on the family farm east of Whittemore and graduated from Whittemore High School. Millie was united in marriage to Harlan Bonnstetter at St. Paul's Catholic Church in West Bend. The couple had four children and lived on a farm north of West Bend. Millie was united in marriage to Dean Ricke on January 23, 1993, at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church in Duncan. She enjoyed being a farm wife, cooking, gardening, playing games, cards and hanging with friends. Many people enjoyed her love of baking pies, cookies and her favorite chocolate and rice Krispie pin wheels. She also enjoyed canning and making her favorite rhubarb jelly. Dean and Millie spent 27 years during the winter months in Weslaco, Texas. They were very involved in all the activities, potlucks and social times with all the winter Texans.

She was a member of St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church and Catholic Daughters of the Americas in West Bend.

Millie is survived by her husband, Dean of Garner; children, Tim (Deb) Bonnstetter of Remsen, IA, Jeff (Pam) Bonnstetter of West Bend, Kyle (McKinsie) Bonnstetter of Franklin, TN, Rhonda McCartan of West Des Moines, Randy (Lisa) Ricke of Ventura, Mark (Carrie) Ricke of Garner, Marvin (Jane) Ricke of Garner, Sandy (Kevin) Hanson of Buffalo, MN, Terry (Kristin) Ricke of Johnston, IA, and Jerry (Sandi) Ricke of Omaha, NE; 28 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; sisters, Jeanette Montgomery of Sabetha, KS, Esther Williams Day of Estherville, and Ruth (Ken) Kerber of Emmetsburg; brothers, Kenneth Mogler of Sioux City, Calvin (Joyce) Mogler of Fort Dodge and Art (Eula) Mogler of West Bend; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son-in-law, Bob McCartan; sisters, Arlene Esslinger, Verlas Meyer, Lucinda Berninghaus, and Bernice Erickson; and brothers, Marvin, Robert and Duane Mogler.

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**MEMORIAL MASS**

St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church  
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10:30 a.m., Tuesday  
October 29, 2024

**OFFICIATING**

Rev. Fr. Andrew Marr

**LECTOR**

McKinsie Bonnstetter

**MUSIC**

Mary Kopacek, Organist  
Louise Zrostlik, Cantor

**USHER**

Francis Oborny

**URN BEARERS**

Mitch Bonnstetter      Austin McCartan  
Zack Bonnstetter      Briggs Bonnstetter

**INURNMENT**

St. John's Catholic Cemetery  
Duncan, Iowa

*The family invites everyone to a luncheon in the church basement immediately following the committal service.*

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FUNERAL HOMES