

Adeline Agnes (Van Watermulen) Dykhoff, age 84 of Perham, MN passed away on December 24th, 2024 at Northwinds Memory Care at Perham Living. Despite her memory loss she was always gracious with those around her and had a welcoming smile for her family. She will be deeply missed by her family, friends and all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Adeline was born on January 3, 1940 in Butler Township to Charles and Anne (Hofland) Van Watermulen. She was the third oldest of their thirteen children. The family lived in the Butler area until 1947 when they moved to California. After three years, they moved back to rural Perham. Adeline graduated from Perham High School in 1957.

Adeline was united in marriage to Lawrence Dykhoff on May 8th, 1958 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Perham. They made their home in rural Perham at St. Joe's Corner. They were married 63 years and raised five children. She was a loving and supportive wife and mother. She showed her love with her actions and was always willing to help in any way.

Adeline had great ingenuity and creativity at solving most any problem. She was an incredibly skilled seamstress and made custom clothing for her family and others. She enjoyed deer hunting and ice fishing with family. Lawrence and Adeline spent many years camping with their children and grandchildren creating treasured memories. She was a loving and patient grandmother and took pleasure in time spent with her grandchildren who have fond memories of baking bread and playing games with her.

Adeline retired from United Community Bank after 25 years. During their retirement, Lawrence and Adeline enjoyed the winter months at their Texas home.

She was preceded in death by her husband Lawrence Dykhoff. Adeline is survived by her five children Kevin (Jerri) Dykhoff of Perham, Bryan (Lynette) Dykhoff of Delano, MN, Pam (Ken) Guck of Perham, Brenda (Joseph) Steffl of St. Michael, MN, and Jana (Jim) Rutherford of Darwin, MN; her grandchildren and great-grandchildren; her siblings Larry Van Watermulen, Leonard Van Watermulen, Marian Thompson, Ed Van Watermulen, Ken Van Watermulen, Yvonne Hennen, and Allen Van Watermulen.

I N L O V I N G
Memory



Adeline Agnes Dykhoff

January 3, 1940 - December 24, 2024



Sacrifice (In Time) *by Joseph Steffl*

Addy was a strong and gentle soul,
caring for those she knew,
In life she mastered many skills,
some old ways and some new.

She rarely spoke her heart aloud,
she was private in that way,
kindness just flowed out from her,
in more ways than one could say.

Her love was in her dancing steps,
her laughter and her smiles,
the love sewn into her children's clothing,
could not be denied.

The way she spoke so kindly,
to those met along the way,
friend or stranger introduced,
her concern in full display.

Whether baking bread with grandkids,
or camping with a crew,
the giving of herself was special,
which everybody knew.

We make this world a better place,
by giving ourselves away,
Those who do it all the time,
they know of what I say.

Addy cared for us through little things,
sewn garments better than new,
pickles and Apple Danish,
we all enjoyed them too.

Those schooled in the art of giving,
gain more than they give,
building up eternal treasures,
in faithful habits that they live.

She who taught us so very much,
still teaching when we knew,
her skills began to falter,
but faithful habits kept her true.

She faced this burden like her others,
with her usual grace,
though her memory was faltering,
she kept her smiling face.



She taught us that true wisdom,
isn't found in earthly things,
but by staying true to her Lord,
her Master and her King.

Adeline's legacy will be,
in the patience that she showed,
in her dignity and beauty,
and the love that from her flowed.

In acceptance of the setbacks,
with a faithful servant's eye,
she knew her yoke would end one day,
the day her soul would fly.

Adeline learned this lesson well,
oft lost on some mankind,
that LOVE (in the eternal),
requires sacrifice (in time).

When eternal LOVE came to earth,
To found his holy Church,
He showed the way to eternal life,
Dying for us and giving it birth,

Christ said to be worthy of him,
we all must bear our cross,
for love of Him if we carry them,
nothing will be lost.

The gain will be eternal,
if we heed his clarion call,
do not take the wider path,
where we stumble and we fall.

What Love's message teaches,
it would do well for all to heed,
that selfless sacrifice for others,
is just what this world needs.

So fitting that on Christmas eve,
our Lord came for Adeline,
and taking her gently by the hand,
freed her soul from time.

Funeral Mass
Friday, January 3, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.
St. Henry's Catholic Church
Perham, Minnesota

Officiants
Father Omar Guanchez
Deacon Richard Quistorff
Deacon Randy Alstadt

Musicians
Tina Grewe
Isaiah Blickenstaff

Musical Selections
"Litany of the Saints"
"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"
"Only in God"
"In Christ Alone"
"What Wondrous Love is This"
"Song of Farewell"
"Go In Peace"

Readings
Wisdom 3: 1-6,9
Psalm 27
1 John 3:14-16
John 14:1-6

Casket Bearers
Cory Dykhoff - Kyle Dykhoff - Riley Kunkel
Jonathan Steffl - Matthew Steffl - Samuel Steffl

Interment
St. Henry's Catholic Cemetery
Perham, Minnesota