

*Katherine A. "Karen" Murtha* was born on June 22, 1934 in Dickinson to Vincent and Susanna (Volmer) Miklautsch, the seventh of eight children. She was raised in Dickinson and attended Dickinson High School. She furthered her education at Marquette University and became a Dental Hygienist and later worked in the family law office. Karen married Thomas F. Murtha, on June 19, 1967 at the home of her sister, Marianne in Hales Corners, WI. Together Tom and Karen raised their four boys in Dickinson, ND. Karen will be fondly remembered by her family and friends. She was an active and dedicated member of her church and could be seen playing the organ at weddings and most Sunday services. She was also generous with her time volunteering often playing daily mass at the local nursing homes or serving oversight at a local election. Karen loved music and gardening. She was an avid reader and an intense sports fan. However, her greatest love was her family. She enjoyed watching her grandkids and attending family events. Karen was an inspiration of love and devotion to her family and was especially fond of her many nieces and nephews. Karen is survived by her children Thomas F. IV (Janilyn) of Dickinson, J. Patrick (Dana) of Northfield, MN, Daniel (Sarah) of Plymouth, MN and William of Dickinson and her ten grandchildren, Katherine, Thomas F. V, Gwyneth, Rhiannon, Chase, Gabrielle, Brooklyn, Oscar, Maxwell and, Hazel, her sisters, Eleonore, Cecile, and Agnes. She was preceded in death by her husband of 49 years who died in January of this year, as well as her brother Thomas, sisters Marianne, Theresa, Mary, and daughter Mary Katherine.



*Karen  
Murtha*  
June 22, 1934 - November 10, 2017



# Karen Murtha

## **FUNERAL MASS:**

Saturday, November 18, 2017 10:00 a.m.  
St. Joseph's Catholic Church  
Dickinson, North Dakota

## **ROSARY & PRAYER SERVICE:**

Friday, November 17, 2017 7:00 p.m.  
Stevenson Funeral Home  
Dickinson, North Dakota  
Deacon Kris Ringwall

## **CELEBRATING:**

Father Patrick Ojedeji

## **MUSIC:**

Angela Reiter

## **READERS:**

Katie Murtha & Chase Murtha

## **GIFT BEARERS:**

All of Karen's Grandchildren

## **PALLBEARERS:**

William G. Murtha      Daniel J. Murtha  
Thomas F. Murtha IV    J. Patrick Murtha

## **INURNMENT:**

At a later date  
St. Patrick's Cemetery

## **ARRANGEMENTS BY:**

Stevenson Funeral Home  
Dickinson, North Dakota

Lunch will be served at the Pine Room  
following the Funeral Mass.  
Everyone is welcome.



Every blade in the field  
Every leaf in the forest  
Lays down its life in its season  
As beautifully as  
It was taken up.

*-Henry David Thoreau*