Dorothy Marie Horvat was born on May 3, 1934, in Wells, Minnesota to John and Mary (Troska) Schultz. She grew up in Wells and attended St. Casimir Catholic School until 8th grade and later graduated from Wells High School. Dorothy continued her education at St. Mary's University in Rochester, MN. After earning her LPN degree, she moved to Mankato, MN where she worked at Immanuel St. Joseph's Hospital. During this time Dorothy met the love of her life, Stephen Horvat, and the two were married on April 9, 1956 at St. Casimir Catholic Church in Wells, MN. The couple made their home and started their family on a farm in rural Mankato. Over the next several decades the couple continued to farm and work in agriculture. Dorothy's main job was raising her kids, maintaining the household, and keeping herself busy with side jobs of cleaning businesses. In March of 1980, Dorothy and Steve moved to the Alexandria area and eventually retired to Lowry, MN. Steve passed away in December 2013. Dorothy continued to live in Lowry with her

Dorothy had a strong Catholic faith and was a long-time member of St. John Nepomuk Church.

She enjoyed sewing clothes for her kids when they were younger and making your common household potholders. Dorothy's favorite activities were putting together puzzles and her weekly trips to bingo. Her most cherished memories will always be the time she spent with her children and grandchildren.

Dorothy died unexpectedly on Monday, August 9, 2021 at the age of 87. She is survived by children: Jeanette Schmidkonz, Marjorie Ruud, Carmen Johnson, Bernice Anderson, Kenneth Horvat, Lenore Ellertson, and Sharon (Dale) Hiniker; grandchildren: Allen Anderson, Brian Anderson, Nicole King, Jennifer Schmidkonz, Heather Banks, Robert Schmidkonz, Alicen Johnson, Stephanie Anderson, Shaunda Hiniker, and Kyle Hiniker; 7 great-grandchildren; 2 brothers: Norbert (Margaret) Schultz and Francis (Angie) Schultz; and 1 sister: Sister Mary Florence Schultz. Dorothy is preceded in death by her husband: Steve Horvat; her parents; and 2 brothers: Phillip and Clement Schultz.

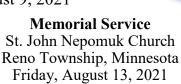
## The Day God Called You Home

God looked around His garden and found an empty space. Then He looked down upon the earth and saw your tired face. He put his arms around you, lifted you to rest. God's garden must be beautiful, for He only takes the best. It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone. For part of us went with you, the day God called you home.

In Memory of

## **Dorothy Marie** Horvat

May 3, 1934 August 9, 2021



**Officiant** Father Joe Vandeberg

2:00 PM

**Musical Selections** In The Garden Softly & Tenderly **Amazing Grace** 

## **Honorary Urn Bearers**

Allen Anderson Brian Anderson Jennifer Schmidkonz Heather Banks

"All of Dorothy's Grandchildren" Robert Schmidkonz Alicen Johnson Shaunda Hiniker Kyle Hiniker

## **Interment**

St. John Nepomuk Cemetery Reno Township, MN



