



## *God's Garden Must Be Beautiful*

*God looked around the garden,  
And found an empty space.*

*He looked down upon the earth,  
And saw your tired face.*

*He put His arms around you  
And lifted you to rest.*

*God's garden must be beautiful  
For He only takes the best.*

*He knew that you were weary,  
and He knew you were in pain.*

*He knew that you would never  
be well on earth again.*

*He saw the roads were getting rough,  
and the hills were hard to climb.*

*So He closed your weary eyelids,  
and whispered peace be thine.*

IN LOVING  
MEMORY



Betty Hilfer passed away peacefully on Thursday, January 13, 2022 at Prospera Community in Mandan.

Betty (Heinert) Hilfer was born on September 7, 1930 in Odense, ND to Jacob and Margarita (Judt) Heinert. She grew up in Odense where she attended Country School to eighth grade until she moved to Mandan with her parents in 1946.

Betty met the love of her life in George Hilfer and they were married on May 24, 1949 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Mandan. They lived in Odense until

1953 when they moved back to Mandan. Betty worked at several cafes before she went on to work at Ben Franklin's general store for 20 years, retiring in 1985. She was a member of the Catholic Daughters, Mandan Eagles Auxiliary, and the Mandan Golden Age Club. She spent her retired time volunteering at the Mandan Golden Age Club utilizing her passion for crafting by recycling cards.

Betty is survived by her daughters, Joyce (Dr. Stanley) Gallagher of Wheaton, MN and Karen Hilfer of Mandan; two grandchildren, Kristin Gallagher of Concord, NC and Brad Gallagher of Wheaton, MN; and three great-grandchildren, Jesse, Georgia, and Gracie Jo Gallagher.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jacob and Margarita Heinert; husband, George Hilfer; brothers, Albert, Joe, Jack, and Matt Hilfer; sisters, Matilda Wetsch, Magdalen Schmidt, Rose Corbert, and Antonia Schnur; and four sisters-in-law, June Heinert of Mandan, Kathleen Heinert of Billings, MT, Noreen Hilfer of International Falls, MN, and Elizabeth Gangl of Mandan.

***Following the burial the family invites you for lunch and fellowship at the Mandan Eagles Club.***

In Loving Memory of

# Betty Hilfer

September 7, 1930 — January 13, 2022

**Parish Rosary/Vigil**

**Sunday, January 23, 2022; 7:00 PM**

**Weigel Funeral Home**

**Presider**

**Deacon Randy Frohlich**

**Funeral Liturgy**

**Monday, January 24, 2022; 1:30 PM**

**St. Joseph Catholic Church**

**Celebrant**

**Father Josh Waltz**

**Musicians**

**Phil Horn & Karen Cicha**

Prelude

*"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"*

*"Wings of a Dove"*

Opening Song

*"Be Not Afraid"*

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### Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 25:6a,7-9

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23

***"The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want."***

New Testament Reading

Romans 5:5-11

Gospel Reading

Matthew 11:25-30

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### Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of Gifts Song

*"Only a Shadow"*

Presentation of Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion Song

*"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"*

Communion Meditation

*"Shelter Me, O God"*

Final Commendation

*"Song of Farewell"*

Closing Song

*"How Great Thou Art"*

### Casket Bearers

Dennis Hilfer ~ Ronald Gangl ~ Monty Gangl

Earl Heinert ~ Brad Gallagher ~ Jess Gallagher

**Graveside Service**

**Mandan Union Cemetery**

Mandan, North Dakota