

Wilma Lucille (Zierman) Korkowski was born on January 26, 1929 on the family farm outside Cushing, MN, the daughter of William and Martha (Johanson) Zierman. She enjoyed her childhood on the farm with the Zierman and Johanson families, and attended a country school that they walked through the meadows and woods to get to. She moved to Minneapolis and worked in a dress factory before being united in marriage to Walter Joseph Korkowski on June 21, 1948, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Alexandria, MN. Together they had 7 children: Donna, Gary, Barb, Mary, Doug, Pete, and Mike. Walt and Wilma raised their children in Alexandria and were active members of their community and church. She believed being a mother was her greatest accomplishment and was very proud of her family. Wilma faced the challenges of life with courage, faith, and optimism. As a busy homemaker, Wilma sewed, gardened, canned, and baked for her growing family. She volunteered in Scout leadership for both her daughters and her sons. In later years she quilted, made ceramics, painted, and enjoyed learning. Wilma completed her GED and learned to use computers at the Senior Center. She was a great communicator through her letters to family and friends, and was always interested in learning more about others through phone conversations. Wilma was also curious about the natural world and learned about it through reading or travel. She was a member of the Daughters of Isabella and a lifetime member of the VFW Post #936 Auxiliary in Alexandria.

Wilma passed away peacefully on Sunday, October 14, 2018, at the age of 89 at St. Therese in New Hope, MN, which had been her home since 2011.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, Walter Korkowski; her parents; brothers, Frank, Oscar, and Art; sister, Florence; daughter, Donna Marie Drexler; and grandson, Kristopher Korkowski.

Wilma is survived by sons, Gary (special friend Robin Peterson) of Menomonie, WI, Doug (Linda) of Alexandria, MN, Pete (Sue) of Lino Lakes, MN, Mike (Willen) of Maple Grove, MN; daughters, Barb (Karl) Sitterle of San Jose, CA, Mary (Scott) Schoeler of Milton, WI; 13 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; sisters, Alice, Irene, and Jane; brothers, Leonard, Vernon (Norma), and Walter (Suzanne); sister-in-law, Donna, and many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

In Loving Memory of

Wilma (Zierman) Korkowski

January 26, 1929 †

October 14, 2018

Parish Prayer Service

Friday, October 26, 2018,

4:00 PM

Daughters of Isabella

Rosary

Friday, October 26, 2018,

7:00 PM



Mass of Christian Burial

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Alexandria, Minnesota

Saturday, October 27, 2018, 10:00 AM

Officiant

Father Steve Binsfeld

Pianist

Laurie Youngers

Cantor

Cathy Kinney

Pallbearers

Carter Korkowski

Andy Korkowski

Eric Sitterle

Brent Sitterle

Rory Bates

Riley Bates

Interment

St. Mary's Cemetery

Alexandria, Minnesota

Arrangements

Anderson Funeral Home - Alexandria, Minnesota

God hath not promised

Skies always blue.

Flower strewn pathways

All our lives through:

God hath not promised

Sun without rain,

Joy without sorrow,

Peace without pain.

But God hath promised

Strength for the day;

Rest for the labor,

Light for the way;

Grace for the trials,

Help from above;

Unfailing sympathy,

Undying love...