

Bonnie L. Bitzan, 87, of Alexandria, Minnesota, died on Monday, November 23, 2020 at her home. She was born on January 29, 1933 to George and Opal (Tibbits) Squier in Rudd, Iowa.

Bonnie grew up on the family farm in Nora Springs, Iowa along with her 14 siblings. In 1940 the family moved to Osakis, Minnesota and then later to Nelson, Minnesota. She attended school in Nelson.

Bonnie married Bernie Bitzan of Millerville in 1956. They resided in Alexandria and eventually settled near Lake Andrew with their seven children. They belonged to the Heartland Polka Swingers and Polka Lovers Klub of America. Nearly every weekend they could be found on the dance floor whether it be around Alexandria or traveling throughout the state for polkafests in their motorhome. For many years, they also danced at the MN State Fair. Together they also enjoyed attending Concerts on the Courthouse Lawn and bowling.

Bonnie worked for 35 years at McDonalds, starting in 1978. She was loved by her coworkers and customers as she was always hard working and smiling. Outside of work and dancing, she also liked to garden and bake. The family could not get enough of her fresh bread, homemade jelly, and caramel puff corn. She was also an active member of St. Mary's Catholic Church of Alexandria.

After Bernie passed away, Bonnie moved into Arabella Manor in Alexandria. With her friends at Arabella, she spent time playing cards and board games, as well as watching polka on TV.

Bonnie Bitzan was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Bernie; infant son, Daniel; daughter, Brenda; great grandson Blake Nohre; sisters Donna Gnasdoskey, Marlene Stumm, Deloris (Tootie) Baker, Shirley Sell, Inez Bendickson, Irene Medlin; and brothers Burr Squier, Truman Squier, Roger Squier, and Wendell Squier.

Bonnie is survived by children, Kevin Bitzan of Alexandria, Becky Nohre (Mark) of Alexandria, Curt Bitzan (Jodi) of Alexandria, Doug Bitzan (Paula) of Milaca, Janice Puckett (Reese) of Lakeville, and Wanda Lillemoen of Savage; grandchildren, David Nohre, Scott Nohre, Kayla Nohre, Nick Bitzan, Starsha Froberg, Ashley Iverson, Aaron Bitzan, Jacob Warren, Cassidy Gray, Mitchell Bitzan, Rachel Hockert, Ethan Puckett, Ella Puckett, Brianna Lillemoen, and Brayden Lillemoen; great-grandchildren, Brock Nohre, Reed Nohre, Sophia Nohre, Sadie Nohre, Eva Iverson, Sterling Iverson, Sylvia Iverson, William Bitzan, Benjamin Bitzan, Joseph Froberg, John Froberg, Daemon Warren, Alex Warren, Aeva Warren, Dax Warren, and Sterling Gray; sisters Phyllis Brundell, Sandy Schulte; brothers Gary Squier and Duane Squier.

Remembering the Life Of



Bonnie L. Bitzan

1933 - 2020

***For Those I Love,
For Those Who Love Me...***

When I am gone, release me, let me go...

I have so many things to see and do.

You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears,

But let my spirit calm your fears,

I gave you my love. You can only guess

How much you gave me in happiness.

I thank you for the love you have shown,

But now it's time I traveled on alone!

So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must,

Then let your grief be comforted by trust.

It's only for a while that we must part,

So bless the memories that lie within your heart.

I won't be far away, for life goes on.

So if you need me, call and I will come.

Though you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near,

And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear

All of my love around you soft and clear.

And then, when you must come this way alone...

I'll greet you with a smile and say,

"Welcome Home."

In Loving Memory of

Bonnie L. Bitzan

January 29, 1933 † November 23, 2020

Mass of Christian Burial

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Alexandria, Minnesota

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

11:00 AM

Officiant

Father Steve Binsfeld

Honorary Pallbearers

All of Bonnie's Great Grandchildren

Pallbearers

All Bonnie's Grandchildren

Burial

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery

Alexandria, Minnesota

Arrangements

Anderson Funeral Home

Alexandria, Minnesota