

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

# *Lenore 'Ole' Kaley*

OCTOBER 16, 1931 - JULY 14, 2022

Services At:

St. Mary's Catholic Church - Chokio, Minnesota  
Friday - July 29, 2022 - 11:00 a.m.

Celebrant:

Father John Paul Knopik

Organist:

Amy Blackwelder

Special Music:

St. Mary's Church Choir

Soloist:

Jane Gibson

Urnbearers:

Tyler Tubbs, Lyndsay Tubbs, & Erik Bjornsen

Honorary Urnbearers:

Kaley Johnsen & Sadie Maubet

Interment:

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery  
Chokio, Minnesota

I'd like the memory of me

To be a happy one,

I'd like to leave

an afterglow of  
*smiles*

when life is done.

I'd like to leave an echo

Whispering softly down the ways,

Of happy times and laughing times

And bright & sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those who grieve,

To dry before the sun  
Of *happy memories*  
that I leave behind

When life is done.

Lenore Esther Kaley was born in Morris, Minnesota, to Carl and Esther (Leuthard) Wade on October 16, 1931. With her little round face, her Dad lovingly called her “Ole” and the name stuck throughout her life. Ole was raised on the family farm near Chokio, where she was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary’s Catholic Church. She received her education in Chokio, graduating with the high school class of 1949. Following high school, she moved to Minneapolis to attend the Franklin School of Nursing and obtained her LPN degree. She moved to Granite Falls for a short time before moving back to Chokio. At a local dance, she met William Kaley, a young man from Chokio. The two began their courtship and were married one week after her 20th birthday, at St. Mary’s Catholic Church. They made their home on a farm near Chokio and started their family, welcoming five daughters. They made their home on the farm until 2005 when the couple moved into Chokio and then in 2020, they moved to Alexandria to be closer to family.

Lenore was a member of St. Mary’s Catholic Church and was active on the Ladies’ Guild. Ole was a very social being, she was very generous of her time and loved making connections with friends. She and Bill wintered to Florida for 25 years and she was very active in the Ladies’ golf league and bridge club. She continued these friendships and many others for years, and also had many ‘telephone friends!’ Most of all, Ole cherished all the times that her family came to visit, and her daily coffee and treats with Bill.

Ole died at her home on Thursday, July 14, 2022, she was 90 years old.

Ole is survived by her husband of 70 years, Bill of Alexandria; her daughters: Ann (Bob) Benson of Stillwater, Sandy (Dave Robley) Tubbs of Alexandria, Rose Kaley of Fort Meyers, FL, Barbara (Joe Staebler) Kaley of Winthrop, WA, and Mary (Tom) Bjornsen of Winthrop, WA; 5 grandchildren: Tyler (Christin) Tubbs of Denver, CO, Lyndsay Tubbs of Fort Lauderdale, FL, Kaley (Tyler) Johnsen of Winthrop, WA, Sadie (Jo) Maubet of Anchorage, AK, and Erik (Marine) Bjornsen of Winthrop, WA; 3 great-grandchildren: Sawyer Lynn Tubbs, Carter and Brody Johnsen; sister, Pat Quackenbush of Morris; brother, Bob Wade of Glenwood; and brother-in-law, Ray Keeler of Chokio. She is preceded in death by her parents: Carl and Esther Wade; brother, Roger, at the age of 2; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: Don Quackenbush, Doreen Wade, Kathy Keeler, and Marion and Smokey Sorenson.

# *In Loving Memory*



*Lenore Kaley*