



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Martha Marie Blake

WHO WAS BORN

October 14, 1930

New Hradec, North Dakota

AND CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME

September 30, 2022

Graceville, Minnesota

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Wednesday, October 5, 2022 - 11:00 a.m.

Holy Rosary Catholic Church

Graceville, Minnesota

CELEBRANT

Father David Breu

MUSICIANS

Deb Needham, Accompanist

Arens Girls, Vocalists

CASKET BEARERS

All of Martha's Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren

INTERMENT

Graceville Consolidated Cemetery

Graceville, Minnesota

APPRECIATION

Martha's family thanks you for your presence at this service and for your many acts and words of kindness. Following the interment, please join the family for a time of food and fellowship in the Holy Rosary Parish Center.

ARRANGEMENTS BY

Mundwiler and Larson Funeral Home

Graceville, Minnesota

To Those I Love and 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,

Be thankful for our many **BEAUTIFUL YEARS.**

I gave you my love. You can only guess,

How much you gave to me in

happiness.

I thank you for the love
you each have shown,

But now it's time I traveled on alone.

So grieve awhile for me, if you must.

Then let your grief be comforted by **TRUST...**

It's only for awhile that we must part,

So bless the memories 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 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!

Martha Marie (Chalupnik) Blake was born on October 14, 1930, in New Hradec, ND, to Anton and Rosalia (Karsky) Chalupnik. She was baptized on October 19, 1930, at the Church of St. Peter and Paul in New Hradec. Martha attended school at St. Mary's Academy in Graceville and graduated with the Class of 1948.

On June 11, 1952, Martha was united in marriage with Francis Joseph "Joe" Blake at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Graceville. Together, Martha and Joe were blessed with 13 children.

Martha was a hard worker and in addition to raising her children and keeping her home, she worked as a waitress and as a housekeeper at Grace Home for 30 years. Martha was also very active in the Graceville community. She was a member of the American Auxiliary, was a 4-H leader, was a member of Prairie Action 5, and the Sweet Adelines. Martha was an avid volunteer with the Graceville Senior Center and the Daughters of Isabella. She was a faithful and active member of Holy Rosary Catholic Church where she served as a religion class teacher and sang in the church choir.

A wonderful, affectionate woman, Martha lived for her children and grandchildren, always having a long hug and treats for all of them. Her family never left her home hungry or without a pampering of one kind or another.

Left to cherish Martha's memory are her children: Elizabeth Parrow-Hawkins of Browns Valley, MN; Joseph (Cindy) Blake of Wichita, KS; Edward Blake of Browns Valley, MN; David (Cindy) Blake of Syracuse, NY; Michael (Marie) Blake of Redding, CA; Mary (Dean) Schwagel of Browns Valley, MN; Carol (Mark) Findlay of Beardsley, MN; Alice (Mike) Downing of Minneota, MN; Rose (Dan) Pasilas of Savannah, GA; Barbara (Doug) Olson of Herman, MN; Patrick (Daynelle) Blake of Fargo, ND; Karen (John) Stielow of Sauk Rapids, MN; and Tony (Karen) Blake of Fargo, ND; 24 grandchildren: Heather, Michelle, Dan, Amy, Annie, Tim, Vanessa, Ethan, Priscilla, Crystal, Francis, Mitch, Nick, Luke, Katie, Carrie, Keith, Trent, Joseph, Keegan, Emilee, Alexis, John, and Jacque; 33 great-grandchildren: brothers: George (Andree) Chalupnik; and Larry (Dagmar) Chalupnik; sisters: Henrietta Johanson; Rosemary Medbery; and Mary Jane (Richard) Tschakert; sisters-in-law: Georgiann Chalupnik; and Carole Chalupnik; along with many nieces and nephews.

Martha's guardian angels who greeted her: husband Francis "Joe" Blake; parents, Anton and Rosalia Chalupnik; parents-in-law, James and Veronica Blake; grandchildren: Tim Parrow; and Becky Parrow; sisters: Lillian (Herman) Koch; Dorothy (Richard) Fischer; Elsie Chalupnik in infancy; and Gladys (David) Steen; brothers: Anthony Chalupnik; Ludwig Chalupnik in infancy; Raymond (Betty) Chalupnik; and Donald Chalupnik; sons-in-law: Don Parrow; and Rich Hawkins; brothers-in-law: Bernard (Emma) Blake; and Vernon (Alice) Blake; and nieces and nephews.

