

Katherine (Trink) Gilronan, 97, a longtime resident of Alexandria peacefully left this world to live with the Lord on March 8, 2020.

Katherine was born to Jacob and Clara (Nordgren) Floren on February 10, 1923. She was the third of four siblings to be born in the family home at Pennock, MN.

At age 5 she enrolled herself in the 1st grade. Several years later the family moved to Kerkhoven where she continued to be the youngest student in her class. Growing up she was involved in Girl Scouts, 4-H and cheer leading. She was an active member of the Lutheran church where she was confirmed.

After high school she attended St. Cloud State for 1 year then transferred to Winona State Teacher's College where she obtained her teacher's certificate. Her teaching career took her to Murdoch, MN and Carlton, MN.

On June 21, 1949 she married Michael Gilronan. This is when she joined the Catholic church. The couple had 2 children, John and Ann.

After several moves the family settled in Alexandria. She began teaching at St. Mary School in 1961. At this time, she was the only lay teacher. She returned to St. Cloud State to earn her bachelor's degree.

Her hobbies included sewing, any form of crafting and bowling. Although she came close several times, she never did bowl the perfect game.

After retiring she had the opportunity to travel, including 2 trips to Europe. She took up quilting, making many beautiful items while she could still see.

She is preceded in death by her husband Mike, sister and brother-in-law Arda and Marvin Bodum, brother and sister-in-law Curtis and Cora Floren, sisters-in law Elaine Floren and Marianne Floren, brother-in-law and sister-in-law John and Pearl Gilronan, sister-in-law MaryLou Gilronan, sister-in-law and brother-in-law JoAnn and Ward Fennell, son-in-law Eric Loose.

She is survived by son John, daughter Ann Loose, grandson Jeremy Ahlbrecht, brother Clavin and many nieces and nephews.

*For I am convinced
that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present,
nor things to come,
nor powers,
nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us
from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Romans 8:38-39

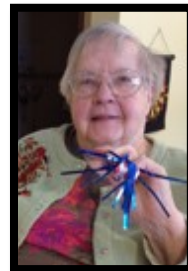
In Memory of

Katherine Emma Gilronan

February 10, 1923



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Funeral Service

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Alexandria, Minnesota

Saturday, March 14, 2020

10:00 AM

Officiant

Reverend Steve Binsfeld

Casket Bearers

Jerry Ahlbrecht

Jim Hamilton

Karen McCabe

Chuck Fennel

Tom Fennel

Robb Olson

Interment

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery

Alexandria, Minnesota