Bernice (Metzger) Kinnischtzke was born February 14, 1931 in Glen Ullin, ND, the daughter of Christ and Elizabeth (Scheck) Metzger. She grew up southwest of Glen Ullin and attended school nearby. Bernice helped her parents on the farm; taking care of her family when her mom became ill. She also spent time working as a waitress at Hermes Restaurant and it was there that she met her future husband, Leroy Kinnischtzke. The couple was united in marriage on July 20, 1950 at Sacred Heart Church in Glen Ullin. To this union four children were born: Linda, Brenda, Faye and Darren. Together, Bernice and Leroy rented the Sebastian and Schneider farms near Glen Ullin where they raised their family. In 1969, the family moved to the Kinnischtzke homestead north of Glen Ullin which they operated until Leroy's passing. Bernice moved to Glen Ullin in 1995 and has made it her home ever since. Bernice enjoyed spending time in her kitchen; cooking and baking and was well known for her German Potato Salad. Bernice spent many hours at the bowling alley competing with her team members for over 35 years. She loved to play a variety of games including Pinochle, Yahtzee, and Bunco as well as completing puzzles and listening to Polka music. Bernice could often be found working on quilting projects, tending to the flowers in her yard, helping out at the nursing home, and watching Days of Our Lives. She was a member of St. Clements Catholic Church in Haymarsh until moving to Glen Ullin where she attended Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Bernice was a devoted member of the Christian Mothers for many years. Bernice is survived by her son, Darren (Cindy) of Tacoma, WA; daughters, Linda (David) Speed of Brainerd, MN, and Brenda Kinnischtzke of Bismarck; son-in-law, Mike Slaybaugh of West Fargo; grandchildren, Jason Mendenhall, Tracy Kinnischtzke, Cody Miller, Melissa French, Chad Miller, Jessica Villarreal, Joseph Gaede, Heather Joshua-Kinnischtzke, and Brittany Kinnischtzke; 18 great-grandchildren; brothers, Ray Metzger of Lead, SD and Gary Metzger of Bismarck; sisters, Helen Sailer of Bismarck and Florence Zimmerman of Bismarck; brother-in-law, Albert Rebel of Weippe, ID; sisters-in-law, Alvina Metzger of Renton, WA, Diana Metzger of Lead, SD, Clara Metzger of Summerset, SD, Virginia Wilson of Dover, NH, and Joanne Fischer of Prior Lake, MN. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; daughter, Faye Slaybaugh; and siblings, Eleanor, Ervin, Clarence, Herbert, Levi, Geraldine, Darlene, Erna, Alvin, and Henry.



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God saw she was getting tired And a cure was not to be, So He put His arms around her And whispered, "Come with Me."

With tearful eyes we watched her suffer And saw her fade away, Although we loved her dearly We could not make her stay.

A golden heart stopped beating Hard working hands to rest, God broke our hearts to prove to us He only takes the best.

Berníce Kínníschtzke

FUNERAL MASS: Friday, March 8, 2019 11:00 a.m. CT Sacred Heart Catholic Church Glen Ullin, North Dakota

ROSARY & VIGIL SERVICE:

Thursday, March 7, 2019 6:00 p.m. CT Sacred Heart Catholic Church Glen Ullin, North Dakota Deacon Lance Gartner

> **CELEBRATING:** Father Jeff Zwack

MUSIC: Pianist: Sandy Gerving Glory & Praise Singers

READERS: Dennis Sailer & Bill Duppong Jr.

GIFT BEARERS: Keilee Joshua-Kinnischtzke Dayton Kinnischtzke

PALLBEARERS:

Cody Miller Tracy Kinnischtzke Rodney Kinnischtzke Jason Mendenhall Chad Miller Joseph Gaede

HONOR GUARD:

Catholic Daughters Women of Sacred Heart

INTERMENT:

Spring Burial Sacred Heart Catholic Church Glen Ullin, North Dakota

ARRANGEMENTS BY:

Stevenson Funeral Home Glen Ullin, North Dakota

Lunch will be served at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall following the Funeral Mass. Everyone is welcome.