

*Irene Ann Sykora* was born January 7, 1936, the daughter of Laudie and Bessie Sykora. She grew up on the family farm east of Dickinson and attended school at Versippi, later graduating from Marmarth in 1956. After graduation, Irene worked at Green Drug, KC, Eagles, and the St. Joseph Hospital. She met George Kessel and the two were married October 5, 1959 in Dickinson. Their union was blessed with 3 girls, Danita, Janet, and Renae. Irene continued to make Dickinson her home. Irene enjoyed flowers and doing yardwork. You could often find her singing with her sing-along group or watching her grandkids and grandpets. Irene was a member of the Eagles Auxiliary, St. Pius, AARP, RSVP, and the American Legion Am Vets. Irene will be remembered for her bright smile, volunteering, singing, and her jokester personality! Irene is survived by her daughters Danita (Jeff) Harris of Dickinson, Janet (Jim Mellmer) Wock of New England, and Renae (Marc) Kobriger of Richardton; sisters Georgie Hibl and Bernice Ballweber; sister-in-law Lorraine Sykora; 4 grandchildren Michael, Jamie, Makayla, and Jesse; and 2 great-grandchildren Hailey and Raidynn. She was preceded in death by her husband, George Kessel; her parents Laudie and Bessie Sykora; brother Laudie Sykora Jr.; brother-in-law Roger Ballweber; and great-granddaughter Kianna.



In Loving Memory  
*Irene Kessel*  
January 7, 1936 - December 5, 2022





# Irene Kessel

## FUNERAL MASS:

Thursday, December 8, 2022 10:00 am  
St. Joseph's Catholic Church  
Dickinson, North Dakota

## ROSARY & VIGIL:

Wednesday, December 7, 2022 6:00 pm  
Stevenson Funeral Home  
Dickinson, North Dakota  
Deacon Al Schwindt

## CELEBRATING:

Father Justin Waltz

## MUSIC:

Angela Reiter                      Galen Hibl

## READER:

Connie Knopik

## PALLBEARERS:

Jamie Wock                      Jesse Wock  
Hailey Hollis                      Jeff Harris  
Marc Kobriger                      Jim Mellmer

## HONORARY PALLBEARERS:

Makayla Jevne                      Raidynn Jevne  
Michael Kessel

## INTERMENT:

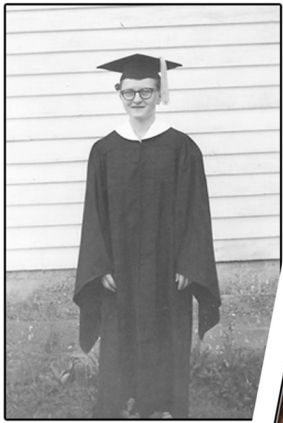
Thursday, December 8, 2022 3:00 pm CT  
North Dakota Veterans Cemetery  
Mandan, North Dakota  
Monsignor Gene Lindemann

## ARRANGEMENTS BY:

Stevenson Funeral Home  
Dickinson, North Dakota

Lunch will be served in the Pine Room  
immediately following the Funeral Mass.

Everyone is welcome.



*God looked around his garden  
And he found an empty place  
He then looked down upon his earth  
And saw your tired face.  
He put his arms around you  
And lifted you to rest  
God's garden must be beautiful  
He always takes the best.  
He knows that you were suffering  
He knew you were in pain  
He knew that you would never  
Get well on earth again.  
He saw the road was getting rough  
And the hills are hard to climb.  
So he closed your weary eyelids,  
And whispered "Peace be Thine"  
It broke our hearts to lose you  
But you didn't go alone  
For part of us went with you  
The day God called you home.*

