

Dear Mom,

*You mean so much to me,
more than words could ever say.
No one else could take your place
for even a single day.*

*From my earliest memories
your love has always been there.*

*Even when you scolded me
you were really saying, "I care."
You've helped me through the bad times
and shared my joy in the good.
You have given so much for me
as only a mother could.
It's a precious gift from God
to have a mother like you.
Because in your special love
I can see His love
shine through.*

In Loving Memory



Margaret Ann Kniffen

April 25, 1940 - February 13, 2023

Goglin Funeral Homes are honored to serve
the family and friends of Margaret Kniffen.



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1940 - 2023

Visitation - 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Wake with Rosary - 7 p.m.
Friday, February 17, 2023
St. Leo Catholic Church, Tyndall

Funeral Mass - 10:30 a.m.
Saturday, February 18, 2023
St. Leo Catholic Church, Tyndall

Celebrant
Fr. Joe Forcelle

Lector
Bernie Kostal

Eucharistic minister
Ron Zimmerman

Music
Kathy Koenig – organist
How Great Thou Art
In The Garden
Amazing Grace
On Eagle's Wings

Pallbearers
Marshall Kniffen, Austin Kniffen, Ethan Kniffen,
Mason Kniffen, Cole Kniffen & Justin Dragstra

Interment
St. Leo Catholic Cemetery, Tyndall

Margaret was born April 25, 1940 to Joseph and Lillian (Plavec) Varilek. She attended grade school in the country and graduated from Tyndall High School in 1958. She attended Southern Teacher's College and taught country school for one year. She was also a substitute teacher for a couple of years.

She met Jim Kniffen at a dance at the auditorium in Tyndall. They were united in marriage on July 29, 1958 at St. Leo's Catholic Church in Tyndall, SD.

Margaret was a hard worker and always had others in mind. She milked cows by hand, picked eggs, sold cream and eggs for many years. She raised and cleaned broilers. She could disassemble, clean and reassemble an International cream separator nearly blindfolded. She was active as a 4-H leader, farm wife and home maker. She may have been best known for her skill of baking, especially kolaches, which will be dearly missed. She insisted on baking her delicious buns for her grandchildren's graduation parties. She enjoyed traveling on trips to Texas, Las Vegas, Branson, MO, two trips to the Czech Republic and flew in a hot air balloon. She cherished family and especially loved her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Margaret looked forward to Czech Days every year where she celebrated her heritage with relatives and friends. She helped with Mass at the Good Samaritan Society, worked part time at Tyndall Variety for many years and volunteered at the Bargain Shoppe. She enjoyed playing cards, fishing with her grandchildren and was always willing to help wherever there was a need. Margaret was a member of the Catholic Foresters, St Leo's Altar Society, Legion Auxiliary and Czech Heritage Society.

Margaret passed away at St. Michael's Hospital, surrounded by family, on February 13, 2023 at the age of 82.

She is survived by her husband, Jim; sons, Dennis (Mary Pat) of Scotland, Nicholas (LeAnn) of Tyndall and Wayne (Kay) of Springfield; grandchildren, Megan (Zach) Schmidt, Marshall (Anna) Kniffen, Austin Kniffen, Ethan Kniffen, Katie (Justin) Dragstra, Mason (Breanna) Kniffen, Kenna Kniffen (Bill Clark) and Cole Kniffen; step-granddaughter, Megan (Austin) Campbell; great-grandchildren, Aubree Goolsby, Logan Goolsby, Jackson Schmidt, Wilhelm Kniffen and Case Dragstra; step-great-granddaughter, Jordyn Langley; siblings, Marcella (Steve) Wold, Mary Jo Bauder, Rosemary (LeRoy) Bender and Joe (Teri) Varilek; sister-in-law, Evelyn Kniffen; brothers-in-law, Larry (Marcene) Kniffen and Edward (Connie) Kniffen.

She was preceded in death by son, Ronald; parents, Joe and Lillian; sister, Georgine; brother, Wenceslaus; brothers-in-law, Edmund Bauder, Joseph Kubal, Henry Suing, David Kniffen and Louis Kniffen; step-grandson, Josh Langley and parents-in-law, Carl and Elizabeth Kniffen.