

Ann Basaraba was born August 20, 1936, on a farm in the Snow Community of Billings County, North Dakota. She was the 11th child born to Pete and Mary (Kordonowy) Kanski. Growing up she attended Indian Springs Grade School in Billings County and graduated from Dickinson's Model High School with the class of 1954. That fall, Ann met Roy A. Basaraba and they were united in marriage on November 6, 1954 at the St. Demetrius Ukrainian Catholic Church. Their marriage was blessed with nine children: Teresa, Donald, Bernadette, Kiki, Stephanie, Patricia, Yvonne, Kathy Jo and Roy. Together they farmed and ranched, raising their family northwest of Fairfield on Magpie Creek Road until 1987. Roy and Ann were the 2nd family generation to operate the ranch, which is now run by their son Donald and his family. Ann worked alongside Roy on the ranch and was a great support. She enjoyed gardening, baking and she was a master of Ukrainian embroidery (which also included blouses for dancers, shirts and scarves) and crocheted little angels were her specialty. The Ukrainian Festival quilt was an important piece of Ann's history. Ann and Roy were Malanka couple in 1991 and inducted into the ND Ukrainian Hall of Fame in 1998. They were featured in the: "From the Wellsprings: Faith, Soil, Tradition" book published in 1997 by the ND Council on the Arts. Ann was selfless, caring, loving, a quiet person but strong-willed, and she led a very faith based life. She taught First Communion Class for many years. Her Ukrainian culture and her Ukrainian Catholic Church were very important to her. Her devotion to the Holy Rosary was passed on to her children. Ann was so much more than just a daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Her faith, family, and Ukrainian heritage leaves a legacy for her family to cherish forever. Ann is survived by her husband of 66 years, Roy; her children: Teresa (Anthony) Kessel of Belfield, Donald (Carol) Basaraba of Fairfield, Bernadette Basaraba of LaPorte, CO, Kiki (Jeff) Haich of Dickinson, Stephanie Klym of Belfield, Patricia (Gary) Malkowski of Dickinson, Yvonne (Jason) Wock of Mud Butte, SD, Kathy Jo (Wayne) Cline of Beulah, Roy M. Basaraba of Beulah; 29 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren; sister, Betty Haverluk; brother, Harry Kanski. She was preceded in death by her parents, Pete and Mary Kanski; son-in-law, Roger Klym; brothers, William, Sam, Brother John CSSR, Pete Jr., Nick, Steve, Fred, infant Nicholas; sisters, Helen Malkowski, Josephine Klym, Sister Rose Margaret Kanski SSMI, Irene Klym; in-laws, Mike and Pearl Basaraba and their family members.



Ann Basaraba

August 20, 1936 - October 3, 2021



Thank You,
Mother



*Thank you for the sacrifices
you have made for me.
Thank you for all you've
given me and all you've
done for me.*

*I know there have been
times that, had it not been
for your unselfishness, my
life would have been
different: not as balanced,
not as happy.*

*Thank you for giving me
life. Thank you for your
example. Thank you for
being my mother. I wouldn't
trade you even if I could.
I love you so much.*

— Donna Fargo



Ann Basaraba

DIVINE LITURGY OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Friday, October 8, 2021 10:00 am
St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church
Belfield, North Dakota

PARASTAS

Thursday, October 7, 2021 6:00 pm
St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church
Belfield, North Dakota
Parastas will be followed by an all night vigil.

CELEBRATING

Father Martin Nagy

CANTORS

St. John the Baptist Choir
St. Demetrius Choir

PALLBEARERS

Jon Klym	Ethan Beckler
Riley Basaraba	Nathan Malkowski
Chris Klym	David Basaraba
Kevin Kessel	

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

All of Ann's Grandchildren
& Great-Grandchildren

INTERMENT

St. Josaphat Cemetery
Billings County, North Dakota

ARRANGEMENTS BY:

Stevenson Funeral Home
Dickinson, North Dakota

*Lunch will be served St. Bernard's Parish Hall
following the Divine Liturgy
of Christian Burial.
Everyone is welcome.*