

Mary Jane "Josie" Sittarich

Mary Jane Schmit was born April 22, 1931, in rural Fairmount, the youngest of eight children of Mike and Julia (Neubauer) Schmit. She grew up on the family farm attending the nearby country school and graduating from Fairmount High School in 1949.

Josie was united in marriage to Jack Sittarich on June 19, 1951, and began her farm wife career. Together they operated a dairy farm for the next 45 years near Fairmount while raising their seven children.

Josie kept busy chauffeuring her children to all their activities, attending their sporting events and involvement with 4-H. There was nothing better than the smell of freshly baked caramel rolls, chocolate chip cookies or butterhorns when climbing off the bus!!

After retirement, Jack and Josie enjoyed canning together their garden produce and cheering on their grandchildren in all their activities. At this time they also started traveling across the United States attending the annual 416th WWII Bomb Group reunions, meeting lifelong friends.

Josie was a member of St. Anthony's Catholic church in Fairmount, National Society of Catholic Foresters, St. Catherine's Court 1126, Altar Society, Christian Mothers and American Legion Auxiliary 106.

Josie is survived by her seven children: Steven Sittarich, Fairmount, Jean (Dan Baumann) Sittarich, Wahpeton, Sue (Curt) Berg, Wahpeton, Connie (Marty) Madsen, Wahpeton, Kevin (Debbie) Sittarich, Fairmount, Brian (Shelly) Sittarich, Inver Grove Heights, MN, Myron (Kimberly) Sittarich, Janesville, WI; fourteen grandchildren, Kari (Josh) Hasbargen, Aaron Madsen, Rance (Emily) Berg, Brady Madsen, Logan Sittarich, Ashley (Adam) Gill, Lauren (Mitchel) Wermerskirchen, Spencer Sittarich, Brooks (Katie) Baumann, Rachel (Cory) Upmann, Jenna (Jake) Ernst, Nicole Sittarich, Colton Sittarich and Keaton Sittarich; sixteen great-grandchildren; 1 step great-grandchild; brother-in-law, Roman Sittarich; sister-in-law, Marlene Sittarich; and many, many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband Jack of 61 years; her parents, Mike and Julia Schmit; sisters, Regina Bernard, Margaret Weber, and Catherine Bertelsen; brothers, Clarence, Gregor, Edwin, Michael and baby Mathew Schmit.





I Made It Home

I just wanted to let you know I made it home.

*Everything is so pretty here, so fresh, so new.
I wish that you could close your eyes so you could see it too.*

*Please try not to be sad for me. Try to understated.
God is taking care of me... I'm in the shelter of His hands.*

*Here there is no sadness, and no sorrow, and no pain.
Here there is no crying, and I'll never hurt again.*

*Here it is so peaceful, when all the angels sing.
I really have to go now...I've got to try my wings.*

PS...I'll be the first face you see when you get here!



In Loving Memory of Mary Jane "Jesie" Sittarich



Born

April 22, 1931 - Fairmount, North Dakota

Passed Away

November 12, 2022 - Fairmount, North Dakota

Age

91 Years 6 Months 21 Days

Mass of Christian Burial

10:30 am - Friday, November 18, 2022

St. Anthony's Catholic Church - Fairmount, North Dakota

Officiant

Msgr. Brian Donahue

Organist

Mary Jane Pauly

Cantor

Edd Goerger

Music

"Gentle Woman" - "I Am The Bread Of Life" - "You Are Mine"
"Song Of Farewell" - "Here I Am Lord"

Honorary Pallbearers

Great-Grandchildren

Active Pallbearers

Grandchildren

Rachel Upmann, Rance Berg, Brooks Baumann
Colton Sittarich, Aaron Madsen, Jenna Ernst, Brady Madsen,
Kari Hasbargen, Logan Sittarich, Spencer Sittarich
Nicole Sittarich, Ashley Gill, Lauren Wermerskirchen

Interment

Calvary Cemetery - Fairmount, North Dakota