

## *Remember The Life ....*

Dorothy Marie (Dierickx) Gunderson, 96, of Vining, MN, passed away Saturday, June 29, 2024 at Battle Lake Good Samaritan Center (resident since 2017).

Dorothy was born August 8, 1927 to Edward and Mary (Van Keulen) Dierickx in Ghent, MN. When she was baptized at St. Eloi Catholic Church, her mother told her aunts to make sure that her middle name be Mary but when they returned, Dorothy had a second middle name of Rose. She was also confirmed at St. Eloi Church.

She attended St. Eloi Catholic School for eight years and then attended Marshall High School where she graduated in 1945. Following graduation, she worked at Farmers & Merchants Bank in Minneota as a teller and later president's secretary. Dorothy received special training at night banking school in Marshall. She ended her career after 13 years when she got married. Back then women were not allowed to work at the bank if they were married.

One winter storm day heading to work, her car got stuck and a gentlemen stopped by to help. Later she married that guy, George W. Gunderson of Minneota May 10, 1957. She jokingly said that "she married him for all of his overdrafts!". They honeymooned at Yellowstone and got stranded in a snowstorm without anything in the glove compartment to eat. George said, "The next stop we're stocking up". Two children were born to this union: Janet and George E. (the 3rd).

Dorothy worked for Gunderson Construction Co. in Minneota as bookkeeper/ secretary until they moved in 1980 to their East Battle Lake lakehome near Vining. She continued being bookkeeper for Geo. W. Gunderson Const. for many years.

She enjoyed reading, being outside in her gardens and feeding birds; did crotcheting and sewing; and was known for her canned pickles. She was a good cook and baker especially her apple and lemon meringue pies. Dorothy made traditional Belgian waffle cookies as Christmas gifts to friends.

Her Catholic faith was strong, she attended mass and rosary at Good Sam. She was a member of St. Eloi Church in Ghent and St. Edward's Catholic Churches in Minneota and Henning.

Dorothy was active in Minneota with Bridge Club, Country Club Golf Course, St. Edward's Church, doing ceramics and was a Boy Scout Den Mother; and in Vining she helped tie quilts at Vining Lutheran Church (known as "The Catholic Quilter"), Vining Watermelon Days and meeting the gals for coffee.

Preceded in death by her parents: Edward and Mary Dierickx; in-laws: George B. and Emma Gunderson; husband: George W. in 2012; siblings and spouses: Mildred (George) DeCramer and Harold (Gwen) Dierickx; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law: Korrine (Clinton) Rasmusson, Phyllis (Kern) Donaldson, EmmyLou Hanson and Darlene Gunderson.

Survived by her children: George E. Gunderson of Vining and Janet (Steve "Woody") Widness of Clitherall; fur grandkids: Finn, Molly and Sophie; brothers-in-law, Richard Hanson of Stillwater and Jon R. Gunderson of Ottertail; many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

## *In Memory Of*



*Dorothy Marie  
(Dierickx) Gunderson*

August 8, 1927 • June 29, 2024

~ Special Poem ~

This poem was written by Dorothy's brother-in-law, Richard Hanson especially in her memory



6-30-24

*Dorothy*

*Sisters-in-law can be fun  
Also smart, get things done  
Concern for others, many ways  
Cause happiness for our days*

*Including people, show them love  
Silent message from above  
Foods delicious, hearts to share  
Feel the warmth, kind loving care*

*Blessings flow to George and Janet  
Times we share on this planet  
Woody, too with fun thoughts  
How large the fish last you caught?*

*George in Heaven spirit wise  
Smile that brightens sun at the rise*

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~ Funeral Service ~

Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 12 noon  
Visitation at 11 a.m.

St. Edward's Catholic Church of Henning, MN

~ Officiating ~

Father George Michael

~ Reader ~

Richard Miller

~ Music ~

Paul Malecha, Organist and Soloist

"How Great Thou Art"

"In The Garden"

"Ave Marie"

"Amazing Grace"

~ Urnbearer ~

John DeCramer  
Dorothy's Godson

~ Gifts ~

Don and Barb DeCramer  
Dorothy's Nephew and Wife

~ Burial ~

St. Edward's Catholic Church Cemetery in Henning, MN

~ Appreciation ~

Dorothy's family is grateful for your attendance at this service. Your many expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Please join the family for lunch and fellowship following the service.

~ Arrangements ~

Glende-Nilson Funeral Home & Cremation of Battle Lake, MN