

Eleanor "Shorty" Josephine Kilwein

was born March 19, 1934 to Frank and Matilda Schaff. She was raised and educated in Dickinson. Eleanor married Leroy Kilwein on June 3, 1953. They raised their nine children in New England where Leroy farmed. In her later years, Eleanor worked at the Golden West where everyone lovingly referred to her as "Grandma Shorty." Eleanor showed us how to be humble, work hard, and have lots of fun. She enjoyed visiting with friends and grandchildren who were always welcomed at her home. Eleanor also enjoyed bowling, golfing, dancing and slipping off to the casino. She will always be known for her delicious homemade dill pickles, chokecherry jelly, and German potato salad. Two cherished family memories are the celebration of Leroy and Eleanor's 50th wedding anniversary, and Eleanor's surprise 80th birthday party... "We pulled one over on you Shorty!" Eleanor is survived by her eight children, Ray (Pam) Kilwein, Dickinson; Sandy (Bob) Barnes, South Heart; Patti Frank, New England; Tom (Lauren) Kilwein, Gilbert, AZ; Denise Kilwein, Topeka, KS; Brenda Harrier, Dickinson; Cheryl Urlacher, New England; and Mark Kilwein, New England; 16 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren; sisters, Laura Carter, JoAnn (Ivo) Schoch, Bernie (Seb) Dukart, Mary Jean Schaff; sister-in-law, Linda Schaff; brothers, Don (Chinda) Schaff, Bill (Margaret) Schaff. In addition, she is survived by her in-laws, Vivian Kilwein, Berdene and Ralph Flyberg, Marcella (Mel) Flyberg and Mary Eva Pope. She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Matilda Schaff; husband, Leroy Kilwein; son, Leroy Kilwein Jr.; sons-in-law, Brad Fullerton, Don Frank, Dudley Harrier; great-grandson, Jonathan Kilwein; brothers, Bob Schaff, Ray Schaff; sister, Isabelle Peters; in-laws, Frank Kilwein, Pauline Roberson, Hank Pope, Ed and Delores Rodriqueus. Eleanor was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and belonged to St. Mary's Alter Guild. Her favorite hymn was 'How Great Thou Art:'

When Christ shall come,
With shout of acclamation
And take me home,
What joy shall fill my heart.

Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,
And then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art.
"Grandma Shorty", you are now home with Dad. We love you.

*Eleanor
"Shorty"
Kilwein*

March 19, 1934 - November 30, 2021



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FUNERAL MASS:

Thursday, December 9, 2021 10:30 am
St. Mary's Catholic Church
New England, North Dakota

ROSARY & VIGIL:

Wednesday, December 8, 2021 6:00 pm
Stevenson Funeral Home
Dickinson, North Dakota
Deacon Victor Dvorak

CELEBRATING:

Father Dennis Schafer

MUSIC:

Julie Opdahl Mike Madler

READERS:

Jessica Eisenbarth Kaylee Eisenbarth
Anna Eisenbarth

GIFTBEARERS:

Destiny Urlacher Amber Harrier

URNBEARERS:

Nicole Rebel Joe Rebel
Aidan Rebel

INURNMENT:

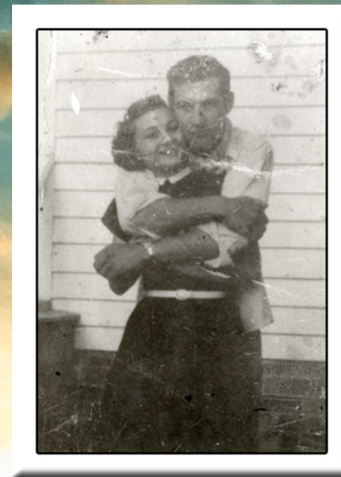
St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery
New England, North Dakota

ARRANGEMENTS BY:

Stevenson Funeral Home
Dickinson, North Dakota

*Lunch will be served in the Parish Hall
following the graveside service.*

Everyone is welcome.



As I Sit in Heaven
And watch you every day
I try to let you know with signs
I never went away
I hear you when you're laughing
And watch you as you sleep
I even place my arms around you
To calm you as you weep
I see you wish the days away
Begging to have me home
So I try to send you signs
So you know you are not alone
Don't feel guilty that you have
Life that was denied to me
Heaven is truly beautiful
Just you wait and see

