

*God saw she was getting tired
And a cure was not to be.
So He put His arm around her
And whispered, "Come with Me."
With tearful eyes we watched her suffer
And saw her fade away.
Although we loved her dearly,
We could not make her stay.
A golden heart stopped beating,
Hard working hands to rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.*





Esther Wenger of Mandan passed away on April 23, 2020, the morning of her 90th birthday at Prospera Community on Sunset Drive, Mandan.

Esther Chyles was born April 23, 1930 to Bill and Ann (Dvoracek) Chyles in Mandan. She grew up on the farm south of Mandan and went to country school through the eighth grade. At a very young age Esther began working as a cook at Vi's Café. She worked as a cook for

many years including at the Mandan Elks Club and later for Mandan Public Schools.

On January 29, 1949 she married the love of her life, Edward Wenger. They made their home in Mandan where they shared 51 years together and raised their family. Esther and Edward loved to dance and go on fishing trips. She was known for having a huge garden and loved to can her produce. Her favorite times were spent with family, especially at the family picnics.

Esther was a member of the Eagles Auxiliary in Mandan since 1982 and held office for nine years. She was Mrs. Eagle in 1992 and in 2009 as well as being named Mother of the Year in 2002.

She is survived by her loving children, Ron Wenger, Mandan, Julie (Roger) Schaff, Bolingbrook, IL, Loretta (Richard) Paul, Grand Forks, Westley (Pam) Wenger, Bismarck, Cindy (Steve) Wember, New Leipzig, and Sherrie (Jerome) Johnson, Mandan; son-in-law, Bruce Zander, Mandan; along with 15 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Esther was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Edward, in 2000; daughter, Carla Zander; and her siblings, Vi Dietrich, Ann Popelka, Lillian Lantz, infant sister Marie, Bill Chyles, and Frank Chyles.

To sign the online register book and share memories of Esther please visit www.BuehlerLarson.com.

Funeral Liturgy

Friday, June 19, 2020; 2:00 PM

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Mandan, North Dakota

Celebrant

Fr. Patrick Ojedeji

Deacon

Randy Frohlich

Musicians

Anne Kesler & Gene Mosbrucker

Opening

“Be Not Afraid”

Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9

Responsorial Psalm 23

“The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.”

New Testament Reading

1st Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel Reading

John 14:1-6

Homily

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Presentation of Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion Song

“Here I Am, Lord”

Final Commendation

“Song of Farewell”

Closing Song

“On Eagle’s Wings”

***Committal will take place at Mandan Union Cemetery
immediately following the funeral service.***

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