



Celebrating THE *Life* OF

Dorothy Barbara Chizek

MARCH 21, 1932 – FEBRUARY 25, 2026

Hymn of Praise

Written by Dorothy on November 1, 1992

*All creation, praise the Lord,
You who separated land from water,
Let us praise you, O Holy One.*

*For colorful and exotically designed flowers,
The showy lady's slipper, prairie rose and honeysuckle,
We thank you, O Holy One.*

*For graceful birds singing in the strong oak,
The call of the loon, flutelike notes of the meadowlark,
And the buzzy chant of the warbler,
We recognize your power, O Holy One.*

*When darkness and light exchange places,
We know you are present, O Holy One.*

*For the kernel of wheat that nourishes our bodies,
We bless you for Your greatness, O Holy One.*

*When all seems quiet and sleeping, except the gentle breeze;
We acknowledge Your mysticism, O Holy One.*

*For the greatest of all gifts from Your heavenly hand –
Mankind,*

*We glorify You for spiritual connectedness, O Holy One.
We know it is Good.*

Services At:

Assumption Catholic Church - Morris, Minnesota
Wednesday, March 4, 2026 - 1030 a.m.

Officiating Clergy:

Father Todd Schneider

Musicians:

Ken & Linda Hodgson

Pallbearers:

Dorothy's Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren
Robby Rinkenberger, Joey Rinkenberger
Will Chizek, Ely Rinkenberger
Ambrose Rinkenberger, Kyle Koehl

Honorary Pallbearers:

Dorothy's Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren
Crystal Koehl, Greta Chizek, Tara Sather
Sierra Chizek, Sydra Chizek, Jack Sather
Miller Sather, Meredith Sather, Oliver Rinkenberger
Ivy Rinkenberger, Derek Koehl, Todd Koehl
Lane Koehl, Quentin Koehl

Interment:

Calvary Cemetery - Morris, Minnesota

Dorothy (Schneider) Chizek was born on March 21, 1932 in Lidgerwood, North Dakota the daughter of Ernest and Julia (Gereszek) Schneider.

Dorothy's education culminated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree. On August 9, 1958, she married Donald Chizek in Lidgerwood, North Dakota. Along with raising her family, Dorothy worked as a teacher for five and a half years and a nutritionist with Stevens County Public Health for 18 years and other various jobs. She was a member of Assumption Catholic Church where she faithfully served and was a member of the St. Michael's Mission group. She was honored to be the first lay person in church to serve as communion minister. Serving her community was important to her along with volunteering at the DAC, the West Wind Village and serving as a Benedictine Oblate and an Associate with the Franciscan Sisters.

Dorothy attended many baseball games over the years, enjoyed gardening, playing bridge, going to the lake and visiting with family and friends, whom she loved dearly.

Dorothy died Wednesday, February 25, 2026, at West Wind Village in Morris. She was 93 years old.

Survivors include her children, Mary (Robert) Rinkenberger of Morris, Tom (Kristin) Chizek of Minnetonka and Ted Chizek of Park Rapids; grandchildren, Robby Rinkenberger, Joey (Kayla) Rinkenberger, Crystal (Kurtis) Koehl; Greta (Max Perkins) Chizek, Will Chizek, Tara (Todd) Sather, Sierra Chizek and Sydra Chizek; great-grandchildren, Jack, Miller and Meredith Sather, Ely, Ambrose, Oliver and Ivy Rinkenberger and Kyle, Derek, Todd, Lane and Quentin Koehl; sisters, Marilyn Toepfer of Denver and Charlotte Donovan of San Diego. She was preceded in death by her parents, Ernest and Julia; husband, Donald and grandson, Stefan Chizek.



Please use this QR Code to access Dorothy's online guestbook and tribute video.

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Funeral & Cremation Service

