

May the Soul of the Faithful Departed
ELIZABETH "BETTY" HARDY
February 15, 1935 ~ December 23, 2024
Rest in Peace

Rosary-Vigil Service

Monday, December 30, 2024 ▪ 6:00 PM
Parkway Funeral Service ▪ 2330 Tyler Parkway
Bismarck, North Dakota

Mass of Christian Burial

Tuesday, December 31, 2024 ▪ 10:30 AM
Cathedral of the Holy Spirit ▪ 520 Raymond St.
Bismarck, North Dakota

Interment

Tuesday, December 31, 2024 ▪ 1:00 PM
North Dakota Veterans Cemetery
Mandan, North Dakota

Scripture Readings

First Reading Isaiah 25:6a,7-9

Responsorial Psalm 63

"My Soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God."

Second Reading 2 Romans 14:7-9, 10c-12

Gospel Reading Matthew 5:1-12a

Music

Prelude *"May the Angels be Your Guide"*

Processional Hymn *"Be Not Afraid"*

Preparation of Gifts *"Softly and Tenderly"*

Communion *"On Eagle's Wings"*

Song of Farewell

Recessional *"Soon and Very Soon"*

Celebrant Fr. Jolly George

Assisting Deacon Randy Schmidt

Vigil Leader Deacon Brent Naslund

Musicians Vance Krebs and Joan Backes

Reader Deacon Lenny Fischer

Honorary Casket Bearers Grandsons: Brian Hardy, Eric Hardy,
Brandon Fischer, Tanner Fischer, Jonathan Bauer, Kyle Hardy,
Ethan Hardy, Cole Hardy and Cody Anderson

Following Mass, the family invites you to join them for lunch and fellowship at Cathedral of the Holy Spirit.



ELIZABETH "BETTY" HARDY, age 89, Bismarck, North Dakota, died, Monday, December 23, 2024 at Missouri Slope Lutheran Care Center.

Elizabeth "Betty" was born February 15, 1935, at Hague, North Dakota, to Joseph and Agatha (Fischer) Fischer. She was raised and educated in Hague and graduated from Bismarck St. Mary's High School in 1953. She attended Bismarck Junior College. On June 25, 1955 she married Virgil Dale Hardy in Bismarck. Together, Virgil and Betty raised their seven children.

Betty enjoyed many hobbies throughout her life: writing and writing poetry, going to rummage sales, needlepoint, photography, collecting depression glass and Swedish weaving were just a few. She worked for the Game and Fish Department, Spirit of Life Catholic Parish and the Office of Religious Education, among other jobs.

She is survived by three daughters, Nancy (Lenny) Fischer, Bowman, ND, Tina (Lance) Bauer, Bismarck, Sheri (John) Anderson, Lisbon, ND; four sons, Dale (Fran) Hardy, Mesa, AZ, Perry (Sheryl) Hardy, Mandan, David Hardy, Scott (Sheri) Hardy, both of Bismarck; one sister, RoseMarie Erling, Bismarck, one brother, Rodney (Carolyn) Fischer, Bismarck; two sisters-in-law, Alicia Fischer and Tillie Fischer; 18 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband; parents and siblings, William, Frances and Paul (Elaine) Fischer; daughter-in-law, Dawn Hardy; two grandsons, James and Jeremy Hardy.

To Those I Love and Those Who Love Me

*When I am gone, release me, let me go-
I have so many things to see and do.
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears,
Be happy that we had so many years.*

*I gave you my love. You can only guess
How much you gave me in happiness.
I thank you for the love you all have shown,
But now it's time I traveled on alone.*

*So grieve a while for me if grieve you must,
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a while that we must part
So bless the memories within your heart.*

*I won't be far away, for life goes on
So, if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near-
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear
All of my love around you, soft and clear.*

*And then, when you must come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile, and say
"WELCOME HOME."*

