

Only A Memory Away

Now I know it's not easy for those left behind. I meant not to hurt you this way, but when Jesus called me, I was willing to go. I'm only a memory away.

In the warm days of summer, when a breeze passes by with the sweet smell of freshly cut hay, just think of the summers that we used to share. I'm only a memory away.

When the Red Oaks and Maples let go of their leaves and fall winds decided where they lay, like thoughts of a loved one, beauty's not lost. I'm only a memory away.

As each gentle snowflake descends to the ground, they know not how long they will stay. When Winter is over and the earth takes them back, I'm only a memory away.

When the green grass and flowers return in the Spring and new life is given each day, just like the robins, I'll keep coming back. I'm only a memory away.

I'm only a memory away from you now. I'm a memory away and as long as you keep holding on to my love, I'm only a memory away. I'm only a memory away.



Catherine Mary Ford was born to Jacob and Amelia (Washburn) Drexler in Jackson County, Minnesota. She attended Lakefield Public School in Lakefield, Minnesota, graduating in 1959. She went on to Naeve Hospital School of Nursing in Albert Lea, Minnesota and graduated on June 8, 1962 with her registered nurse degree. On May 18, 1963, Catherine was united in marriage to Dennis Ford at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Lakefield. Catherine became a farm wife alongside her career as a nurse. Her nursing career spanned many years at various hospital and nursing home settings, as well as New Life Treatment Center in Woodstock, Minnesota. Catherine retired in 2006. Dennis preceded her in death in January 2022. Catherine passed away on Friday, December 5, 2025, at the Pipestone County Hospice House at the age of 84.

Catherine was a member of St. Martin Catholic Church in Woodstock until its closing. She then attended St. Leo Catholic Church in Pipestone, Minnesota. Catherine's passions included cooking, gardening, and baking. She was a gifted cook and enjoyed preparing meals for family and friends. Her cinnamon rolls made from scratch were the best! Every year she raised a garden and canned loads of produce. She especially loved growing houseplants and violets were her favorite. Catherine was a person of deep faith which guided her every day.

Catherine is survived by her four children, Diana (Kregg) Kircher of Severance, Colorado, Christine (Chad) Ford Elliott of Simpsonville, South Carolina, Robert (Angie) Ford of Lake Wilson, Minnesota, and Laurie (Chad) Bucher of Jasper, Minnesota; seven grandchildren, Laura Babb, Dylan Ford, Justin Babb, Taylor Ford, Brady Ford, Amelia Bucher, and Colin Bucher; sister-in-law, Ann Drexler of Maplewood, Minnesota; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dennis Ford; brothers, Lawrence Drexler, James Drexler, and Joseph Drexler; parents, Jacob and Amelia Drexler; sister-in-law, Darlene Ford; and brother-in-law, Bernard Ford.

In Loving Memory Of

Catherine Ford



Mass of Christian Burial

Saturday, December 13, 2025 - 10:30 AM
St. Leo Catholic Church - Pipestone, Minnesota

Officiating - Msgr. Gerald Kosse

Reader - Kregg Kircher

Eucharistic Minister - Elaine Fenicle

Altar Servers - Ethan Faber, Lucas Faber, Jack Goelz

Scripture Readings

Wisdom 3:1-6, 9 | John 3:1-2 | Matthew 5:1-12

Organist - Carol Haubrich

Cantor - Jim Baustian

Congregational Hymns

"Amazing Grace" "On Eagle's Wings"

"Alleluia" "Here I Am, Lord"

"Be Not Afraid" "Song of Farewell"

"I Have Loved You"

Casket Bearers

Laura Babb Dylan Ford Justin Babb

Taylor Ford Brady Ford Amelia Bucher

Colin Bucher

Interment

St. Martin Catholic Cemetery - Woodstock, Minnesota



Catherine's family sincerely thanks you for your thoughtful words, generous gestures, and presence during this time of sorrow. Your kindness in honoring Catherine's memory means more to them than words can express.

Arrangements Entrusted To
HARTQUIST FUNERAL HOME