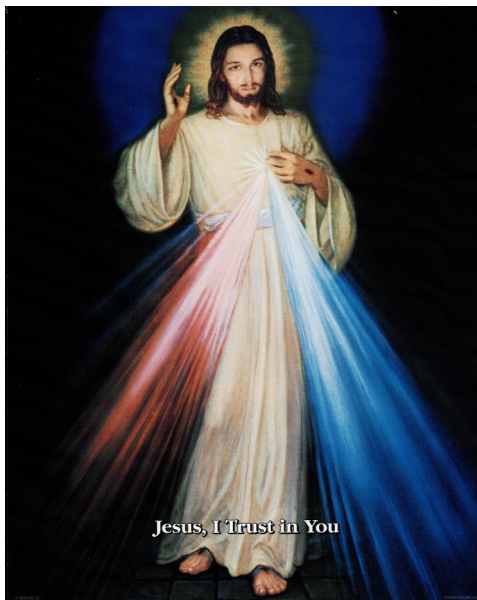




When I Must Leave You

When I must leave you for a little while
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears
And hug your sorrow to you
through the years.

But start out bravely with a gallant smile;
And for my sake and in my name
Live on and do all things the same.
Feed not your loneliness on empty days,
But fill each waking hour in useful ways.

Reach out your hand
in comfort and in cheer
And I, in turn, will comfort you
And hold you near.

And never, never be afraid to die,
For I am waiting for you in the sky!



Celebrating THE *Life* OF *Lorraine F. Woolridge*

DECEMBER 28, 1936 – JUNE 7, 2026

Services At:

St. Mary's Catholic Church - Chokio, Minnesota
Tuesday, June 16, 2026 - 11:00 A.M.

Officiating Clergy:

Father Todd Schneider

Musicians:

Ken & Linda Hodgson

Eulogist:

Kurt Juergensen

Lectors:

Rick Woolridge
Steve Woolridge

Pallbearers:

Jack Logan, Jim Logan, Chad Kolden
Cullan Woolridge, Bill Sauter, Ed Sauter

Interment:

Calvary Cemetery
Morris, Minnesota

Lorraine Frances Sauter, daughter of William and Catherine (Heinen) Sauter was born December 28, 1936 in Synnes Township, Stevens County, Morris, Minnesota. She was the eleventh of twelve children. She attended rural schools, St. Mary's School, Morris High School and graduated from Alberta High School in 1954. She was baptized, confirmed and married in the Assumption Catholic Church in Morris. On August 7, 1957, she was united in marriage to Ronald Woolridge by Father Leo Leisen. The couple made their first home in Wahpeton, North Dakota where Ronald attended the Wahpeton State School of Science. He enlisted in the United States Air Force and moved to Bergstrom Air Force Base, Austin, Texas. The following year he re-enlisted in the United States Air Force and they moved to Ramstein, Germany; Clovis, New Mexico; Las Vegas, Nevada; Tokyo, Japan and Dayton, Ohio. When Ronald retired from the United States Air Force, in 1974, the family moved back to Morris. Six children were born to this union.

Lorraine worked for the Bell Telephone Company in Morris, Wahpeton North Dakota, and Austin Texas. Later, after moving back to Morris, Lorraine worked at the University of Minnesota Morris and then spent 25 years working for Morris State Bank (Bremer). She retired in July of 2001.

Lorraine enjoyed walking, biking, traveling, gardening, making her own greeting cards, playing dominos, words with friends, and scrabble. She especially enjoyed spending time with her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and the gatherings with her siblings and their families.

She was a member of the Assumption Catholic Church, VFW Auxiliary, and the American Legion Auxiliary.

Lorraine passed away on Sunday, June 7, 2026, at The Glenn Minnetonka in Minnetonka, MN. She was 89 years old.

Lorraine is survived by her children: Richard (Pat) Woolridge of Pierre, SD, Gail Wunsch (Peter) of Golden Valley, MN, Gregory Woolridge (Jeanie Harlan) of Piedmont, SD, Stephen (Sylvia) Woolridge of Phillips, WI, and Douglas Woolridge of Zimmerman, MN; 11 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; siblings: Dolores Koplin of Morris and Rosella Juergenson of Hutchinson, MN; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband; one infant daughter, Mary JoAnn; her parents; sisters: Marie Meyer (Harold), Dorothy Meyer (Vernon), Ellie Logan (Sam), Catherine Logan, Irene Schuster (Richard), and Caroline Woolridge (Wally); three brothers: Ben Sauter (Irene), Joe Sauter, Willie Sauter (Marjorie); brothers-in-law: Jack Koplin, Perry Juergensen, and Kenny Woolridge; one sister-in-law, Corrine Flaten (Gordon).

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



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Funeral & Cremation Service

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 there proclaim:

"My God, how great Thou art!"

*Then sings my soul,
my Savior God, to thee,*

How great Thou art!

How great Thou art!