

Catherine “Katie” Dolechek was born October 23, 1937, on the family farm of her parents, John & Mary (Messer) Urlacher, near Reeder, ND. Katie was the second daughter of seven girls to John & Mary. She grew up on the family farm and attended Ott Country school in Hettinger County, ND through 8th grade. Katie and her sisters worked very hard on the farm growing up as they had no brothers to help their father with chores. On May 28, 1957, she married Ralph Dolechek at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in New England, ND. To this union nine children were born: Kathleen, Dale, Daniel, Mary Kay, Carol, Alvin, David, Renee and Patrick. Ralph and Katie farmed and ranched with her parents near Reeder, ND from 1957 to 1963 when they moved to Dickinson, ND. Katie was busy as a homemaker raising seven children. She loved to cook, bake, sew and do embroidery projects. Ralph and Katie raised a large fruit and vegetable garden and planted many flowers every year. Katie canned and preserved many of those items and her pickle recipe and canned beets were a family favorite. Katie loved to bake from scratch, her specialty was her homemade bread along with her caramel rolls. She baked and decorated her own cakes for Ralph and all the kids’ birthdays. Katie loved the Christmas holiday and baked numerous Christmas cookies and treats every year. She loved to prepare and cook the large holiday meals for her family and guests. Raising seven children was challenging at times, especially with four boys, but her home was always clean and spotless, and she always kept herself busy. One word everyone used to describe Katie was “sweet”. She had such a mild, polite, and caring demeanor. Her personality shined with a big smile for all, even up to the time of her passing. Ralph, her children and grandchildren were truly blessed having such an amazing wife, mother, and grandmother. After her children finished high school Katie went to work at Dickinson State University in Selke Hall. She retired in 2000 after 20 years of dedicated service. Katie was a lifelong member of St. Patrick’s Catholic Church. Her faith was very important to her. Her strength and patience came from God and the Blessed Virgin Mary whom she adored. Katie was a dedicated prayer warrior at the Eucharistic Adoration every Monday afternoon for many years

at St. Patrick’s. Katie rarely missed Sunday mass and if she did, she would tune into a mass on cable tv. At home Katie would read from her bible and numerous prayer books daily along with praying a rosary before bedtime. As her children married and moved out of state, Ralph and Katie enjoyed vacationing and traveling to visit them and the grandkids. Her favorite pastime was watching and listening to polka and waltz music. Her favorite shows were the Big Joe Polka show and the Mollie B Polka Party. Katie’s husband Ralph passed away in 2017, and she continued to live on her own. Her health began to fail in 2024, and she moved into the Country House Residence in February 2025 where she resided until she passed. She will be greatly missed. Katie’s family expresses thanks to Country House Residence and their staff for the compassionate care their mother received while living there. Katie is survived by her sons, Dale of Dickinson, Daniel of Killdeer, Alvin from Wasilla, Alaska, and David of Dickinson; daughters, Mary Kay (Kevin) Hondl of Dickinson, Carol (Alan) Klatt of Dickinson, and Renee (Kelly Olheiser) of Dickinson; Her sisters, Sr. Hildegard Urlacher of Bismarck, Margaret Miller of Mandan, Celestine Praus of Dickinson, Frances (Ernie) Praus of South Heart, Clementine (Bernard) Steffan of Bismarck; 19 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Katie was preceded in death by her parents John and Mary Urlacher, husband Ralph, infant children Kathleen and Patrick, her sister Maria Weinberger and daughter-in-law Jody Dolechek.

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October 23, 1937 - October 14, 2025



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## FUNERAL MASS

Thursday, October 23, 2025 9:00 am  
St. Patrick's Catholic Church  
Dickinson, North Dakota

## ROSARY & VIGIL

Wednesday, October 22, 2025 6:00 pm  
Stevenson Funeral Home  
Dickinson, North Dakota  
Deacon Ron Keller

## CELEBRATING

Father Brandon Wolf

## MUSIC

Priscilla Keogh

## READERS

Tia Dolechek      Brianna Papineau  
Kodi Brown

## GIFT BEARERS

Nevaeh Olheiser      Brook Maxner

## CARNATION CARRIERS

Kelli Graham      Kelsea Kruger  
Mikayla Maxner

## PALLBEARERS

Cory Hondl      Josh Dolechek  
Casey Klatt      Jessen Dolechek  
Brett Dolechek      Jayden Dolechek  
Destin Dolechek      Taryn Dolechek

## INTERMENT

North Dakota Veterans Cemetery  
Mandan, North Dakota

## ARRANGEMENTS BY

Stevenson Funeral Home  
Dickinson, North Dakota

*Brunch will be served at Stevenson Funeral  
Home following the Funeral Mass.  
Everyone is welcome.*



*God saw she was getting tired  
And a cure was not to be,  
So He put His arms 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.*

