

Kathryn Rose Jilek was born in Dunn County on October 29, 1933, the daughter of Carl and Margaret (Boespflug) Roshau. She grew up on the family farm north of New Hradec. She attended country school and helped out on the farm for a number of years. It was during this time that she met Ray Jilek. Kathryn and Ray were married November 5, 1952 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Dickinson. Their marriage was blessed with five children: Wanda, Randy, Raymond, Joyce and Ryan. Together they raised their family east of Dickinson, developing their farm, ranch and feedlot for over 43 years. In 1995, they moved into Dickinson. Kathryn never spent a minute on a computer so to document her family's life and important events, she started a daily diary in the early 1960's, and it became her personal search engine. As Kathryn's children grew older, she began sharing her time in volunteer work at church with St. Ann's Altar Society and as Eucharistic Minister. She was a member of Farmers Union, Homemakers Club and neighborhood craft clubs. She found great pleasure in sewing, baking, crocheting and was always tending to a beautiful flower and vegetable garden. Kathryn had a compassionate heart for animals and adopted and raised many small farm animals. She could always find a way to turn out a meal for visitors no matter how short a notice she received. Kathryn greatly impacted the lives of her family and extended family. She left a lasting impression on those who met her, and if she met you, she never forgot you. Family and Faith were the pillars of her life, and she lived by them devoutly. Her faith will be remembered as blessed encouragement for her family to live by. Kathryn is survived by her sons, Randy (Elaine), Raymond (Laura), Ryan (Kelley); daughters, Wanda Ford, Joyce (Rick Donaldson); 21 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren; brothers, Charles (Jeannie) Roshau, Robert (Sharon) Roshau, Joseph (Mary) Roshau, sisters, Frances Bullinger, Delores Franchuk and Margaret (Bob) Clark. She was preceded in death by her parents, Carl and Margaret Roshau; husband of 67 years, Deacon Ray Jilek (2020); son-in-law, Michael Ford; brothers, Harry, Ralph and Richard; infant brothers Leo and Larry; sisters, Anne Bullinger Helfrich, Pauline Sadowsky, Florence Haag and Irene Franchuk. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Deacon Ray and Kathryn Jilek Cemetery Endowment Fund at the Catholic Foundation, PO Box 1175, Bismarck.

We Are Family

*God our Father we thank you for the gift of family
We acknowledge that our image and name
as family comes from you
We believe that within our family is
a homemade holiness
We affirm that it is in this household of faith
That we experience your presence, your
forgiveness and your love*

*We thank you for the little things,
the many joys and blessings
The things we take for granted, but don't
even mention when we pray
The unexpected courtesy, the thoughtful kindly deed
A hand reached out to help us in our
time of sorrow and need*

*Help us to forgive and love each other
and know that we are equal in God's eyes
Though we are different,
teach us to see Jesus in each other
With the same kind of love our parents had for us
Each one holds a special place
that no one else can fill
And in the hearts of those who love us,
we know they always will
Because love in a family is like a rose,
it just grows and grows*

*So many times I've realized how
we've been blessed to be
In God's wonderful gift of family
Not everyone is that fortunate,
and in my heart I know
Our family is such a special one,
because you all make it so*

*I ask God to help us all, to be the light of Christ
In our families and in the world around us*

*God's Blessings to all-
by Kathryn Rose Beatrice Roshau Jilek
- June 24, 2000*

Kathryn Jilek

October 29, 1933 - October 29, 2025



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FUNERAL MASS:

Saturday, November 1, 2025, 12:00 p.m.
St. Wenceslaus Church
Dickinson, North Dakota

ROSARY & VIGIL SERVICE:

Friday, October 31, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
Stevenson Funeral Home
Dickinson, North Dakota
Deacon Bob Stockert

CELEBRATING:

Father Robert Shea
Deacon Bob Stockert & Deacon Bob Zent

MUSIC:

Pianist- Priscilla Keogh
Song Leader- Dinah Eslinger

READERS:

Kathryn Fountain & Allison Regoli

GIFT BEARERS:

Rachel Greer, Linsey Fredricksen
Sophia Larson

PALLBEARERS:

Michael Ford	Christopher Ford
Jeremiah Donaldson	Dakotah Simpson
Kristopher Biehn	Benjamin Hapip

INTERMENT:

St. Wenceslaus Cemetery
Dickinson, North Dakota

ARRANGEMENTS BY:

Stevenson Funeral Home
Dickinson, North Dakota

Lunch will be served at the church following the graveside service. Everyone is welcome.

