

After retiring, she volunteered tirelessly at St. John's Church and School. She often traveled with her daughter and son-in-law, including in Europe.

She was an enthusiastic and faithfully engaged Democrat throughout her life, frequently volunteering in local Legislative campaigns in both North Dakota and Minnesota

She and her family were deeply appreciative of the care she received at Rivers of Life Memory Care, and Brighton Hospice in the Twin Cities.

Bertha was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Clifford, and 2 of her children, her daughter, Mercedes Ann Baumer and her son, Clifford Steven Baumer, as well as a sister, Minnie, and a brother, Bennie.

She is survived by her daughter, Roxanne Mindeman of Burnsville, MN, and 3 grandchildren, Kennedy Clifford Mindeman (son of Roxanne and David Mindeman of Kansas City, Kansas), John Clifford Baumer, of Plymouth, MN, and Jessica Marie Baumer (children of Clifford S Baumer and Sheryl Schmidt). She is also survived by 4 great grandchildren, Klaira, Harper, and Henry, and their half-brother Austen, of Plymouth, MN.



In Loving

M E M O R Y



Bertha Baumer

1929 - 2026

Bertha Baumer



Born

March 3, 1929 | Jud, North Dakota

Passed Away

May 14, 2026 | Savage, Minnesota

Age

97 Years | 2 Months | 11 Days

Mass of Christian Burial

1:00 PM | Monday, May 18, 2026

St. John's Catholic Church | Wahpeton, North Dakota

Officiant

Fr. Robert Foertsch

Music

Organist | Mary Jane Pauly

Cantor | Brian Olsen

Congregational Hymns

"On Eagles Wings" | "Prayer of St. Francis"

"Panis Angelicus" | "Song of Farewell"

"Let There Be Peace On Earth"

Active Pallbearers

Kennedy Clifford Mindeman | John Clifford Baumer | Jessica Baumer

Klaira Ruth Baumer | Harper Baumer | Henry Clifford Baumer

Austen Brian Simmons | David Hicks | Steven Hicks

Interment

Calvary Cemetery | Wahpeton, North Dakota

Bertha was born in Jud, in LaMoure County, North Dakota, on March 3, 1929, to her mother Emma Helfenstein and her father Johannes (John) Bossert. Her father's family, including her grandparents Johann and Katherine Bossert immigrated to North Dakota from , Russia, near Odesa, on the Black Sea, in what is now part of Ukraine.

Bertha graduated from Jud High School and began working in a local creamery, where she soon lost her fingers on her left hand in an industrial accident that changed the course of her life. As a result of the injury, she was afforded the opportunity to go to college. She attended the North Dakota State School of Science in Wahpeton - now the North Dakota State College of Science - where she graduated in 1951 with a degree in Home Economics.

While attending NDSSS, she met and married a local farmer, Clifford Charles Baumer. They lived briefly in Casper, Wyoming, where Cliff worked in the oil fields for Chicago Bridge and Iron. In 1953, they returned to Wahpeton and purchased Cliff's family farm from his parents. They farmed until the mid 60s when both of them took jobs at the newly opened Leach Retirement Home.

Bertha and Cliff had 3 children who kept Bertha busy as a parent volunteer at St John's Catholic School, where their children attended, and also as a local Girl Scout leader for many years. She was also a longtime active member of the Legion and VFW Auxiliaries, where Cliff was an active chapter member from the end of WWII until his death in 1989.

Bertha worked for Min-Dak when the sugar beet plant opened in Wahpeton. When 3M opened its facility in Wahpeton in 1980, she took a manufacturing position and worked there until she retired in 1994.