

### Church Schedules

#### Catholic

*Lismore— Sat. 5 p.m.*

*OLGC-Wilmont—  
Sun. 8:30 a.m.*

*St. Adrian-Sun. 10:30 a.m.*

*St Ann Sat 5 pm*

*St. Columba Sun 8 am*

*St. Mary LW—10 am*

#### Church of the Brethren

3 East, 1 South, Reading  
10:30 Services

#### Immanuel Lutheran

*Pfingsten-rural Fulda*

Sunday—8:30 am

Coffee & fellowship to follow  
worship.

September-December

Sunday School at 9 AM

Worship Service at 10 AM

(Livestream Sunday worship  
available on Immanuel's  
Facebook page)

#### Presbyterian

*Lismore -*

Sunday Service—9 a.m.

Sunday School—10 a.m.

*Reading—*

Sunday Service-9:00 a.m

Sunday School-10:15 a.m.

*Iona—*

Sunday Service 9 a.m.

2nd & 4th Sunday-Adult

Bible Study & Sunday School

Following Service

Bridal Shower in honor of Kendra Schettler,  
daughter of Jim and Sandy Schettler,  
bride-to-be of Nick Gronewold,  
son of Mark and Lillian Gronewold

Saturday, August 14th, 2021

9 am to 11 am

Fulda City Hall

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Fulda, MN 56131

The couple is registered at Target and The Hut Gift  
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Please bring a recipe to share!

#### **Friday August 13th**

##### **2nd Annual Cousins for Causes!**

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\*All proceeds will go to the Cystic Fibrosis

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\*Serving all you can eat pulled pork supper starting  
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Zan and Josie Moore of Mosier Oregon are the happy parents of a baby girl Anika Avalon born on August 5 weighing 7 lbs. 8 oz. She is much loved by older brothers Amorin-7 and Ravi-3 as well as grandparents Jim and Marcie Balster, Wilmont and Terry and Cheryl Moore, Mosier Oregon.



The photos this week are from a Wilmont businessmen banquet taken in the late 1950's. (Front to back) Left side - Joe Hebbelman, Art Wulf, Ed Probst, Mulley Voss, Jake Fath Right side - Wally Stuntebeck, Bernard Stuntebeck, Jack Probst, Fritz Balster, Fabe Scholtes, Virgil Balster



Left to right - Elmer Meyer, Ed Olson, Henry Sieve, ?, Joe Probst, Hillary Gales, ? (If anyone knows the two missing names in this photo contact me at 507-360-1136 or email aubrake@gmail.com)

In search of old Adrian, St. Adrian, or Lismore varsity jerseys for football, basketball, or baseball.

Looking for varsity jerseys from 1970 or older - Lismore and Adrian MN schools - Football, basketball, and baseball. Price will be discussed between buyer and seller after viewing the condition of the jersey.

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William P. Rigdon died on July 21, 2021 at the age of 87 years old due to the infirmities of advanced age.



A native of Gaston, Indiana, Bill attended Ball State University and proudly served in the U.S. Marine Corps. Following college graduation, he joined General Telephone & Electronics Company (GTE, later Verizon). Bill held the position of Vice-President/General Manager, N.W. - S. Area, at the time of his 30 year career retirement. Following his early corporate retirement, Bill maintained a strong work ethic and continued to work in such diverse fields as automotive sales management, hotel management and financial counseling. He finally permanently retired at age 72. During his corporate career Bill was a member of Rotary, a Jaycee President, member of several Chamber of Commerce Boards of Directors, member of the Hayden Lake Country Club and served two years as the Chairman of the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry (IACI). Later in retirement he was an active member of the Pima County Arizona Volunteer Sheriff's Auxiliary

Bill married his loving wife, Pat, in 1998. They enjoyed many happy years in retirement. They shared a special long-standing relationship with a group of Marines (and their spouses) with whom Bill (Pappy) had served. Bill and Pat were enthusiastic tennis players and played frequently until their later years. Bill maintained a longtime interest in the restoration and maintenance of antique and vintage automobiles and tremendously enjoyed the hobby. The Rigdon's maintained a very special 4:00 p.m. ritual sip and talk time nearly every evening during retirement. To say they enjoyed each other's company would be an understatement. In 2015 at age 81, Bill wrote a story of his life for the benefit of his family and very close friends entitled "The Life and Times of a Hoosier Farm Boy" chronicling his journey from a youth on the original Rigdon homestead farm to his retirement in Arizona.

Bill is survived by his wife, Patricia(Foley), daughter Cathy Ann Ackerman, daughter Kathi Jo Spaulding, grandson Tyler Spaulding, his partner Julianne and great granddaughter Cassidy, stepson Scott Reese, wife Mary, granddaughters, Ashley, Jaclyn and Hailey, and stepson Jeff Reese, wife Lindsay and extended family along with Bill's former wife Marlene Rigdon. At Bill's request, no services are planned. He donated his body to Midwestern University for the benefit of medical research, training and education. Semper Fi.

His wife, Patricia and her family grew up in the Wilmont area.

#### Photo From the Past

Since the last Wilmont Shopper, I received a call from Jim Slater who provided some information about the airplane photos. The 3 photos of Wilmont residents, standing by airplanes, was taken at an air show at the Worthington Airport when it was located on the west side of Hwy. 59. Ray Slater, Emil Johanning, and Jiggs Becker took flying lessons at Worthington on the GI bill. One of the feats at the air show was where a plane landed on a car going 60 mph. The car had some kind of flat platform on top of it that the plane landed on.

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- 4) 4 x 6 family pictures for the Wilmont area family photo album
- 5) Obituaries of Wilmont area people
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Purchase tickets online at:

<https://luvacf.ejoinme.org/LuverneHospiceAuction>

Anyone can bid on the Online Silent Auction Aug 21 - 26. Call 507-283-1805 for Cash Prize Raffle & Quilt Raffle chances or more info. Proceeds stay local to support the hospice program/The Cottage.

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Wilmont Community Center

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On another note. Frank Diekmann's memorial will be Aug. 28th. The VFW will be doing a gun salute around 1:30 that afternoon outside of the Wilmont VFW. We want the residents of Wilmont to know this so they don't become concerned when they hear the shots.

### FRANK GEORGE DIEKMANN

June 9, 1956 – August 31, 2020

Frank died on Aug. 31, 2020 of Covid-19. He was much loved by friends and family and is greatly missed. We've waited a year and are now ready to celebrate Frank's life. There will be an open house from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the VFW Hall in Wilmont, Mn on Saturday Aug 28, 2021. There will be a prayer service and military honors starting at 1:15 pm. After please join us in the Hall for some R & R (refreshments and reminiscing). Please come and visit and share your "Frank stories".

Frank was born to Ted and Salome (Hoffman) Diekmann on June 9, 1956 in Adrian, Mn, the sixth of seven children. He grew up on a farm near St Kilian, Mn and attended school in St Kilian and Adrian, Mn, graduating from Adrian High School in 1974.

He enlisted in the US Army and served from 1976-1979. Proud of his service, he was in the 17th Air Cavalry/82nd Airborne Division. His military commendations included an Expert Weapons Qualification Badge in Rifle and Grenade. He achieved the rank of Sergeant and was a Crew Chief on an OH-58 Helicopter (Aero-Scout). He was stationed at Fort Knox - KY, Fort Rucker - AL, Fort Benning - GA, and Fort Bragg - NC.

After discharge he attended Winona Technical College for airline mechanics. He moved to Houston TX and worked first as a helicopter mechanic and then for Continental Airlines. He moved back to Minnesota and worked for Northwest Airlines and then Delta Airlines. He worked for Delta until his retirement Aug 9, 2020.

He is survived by his children, Nichole Diekmann of Seattle WA and Joel (Angie) Diekmann of Farmington MN and grandchildren Mason and Lyla of Farmington MN. Other survivors include his siblings - Stephanie Diekmann of Minneapolis, Terry Hopkins of Minneapolis, Dan (Marian) Diekmann of Lismore, Marcie (Jim) Balster of Wilmont, Randy (Sylvia) Diekmann of Zion, IL, and Mark (Kim) Diekmann of Chanhassen as well as 3 generations of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Ted and Salome Diekmann of St Kilian.

Frank lived large and enjoyed many things in life. Above all he relished the time he could spend with his children and grandchildren. His love of life didn't end with his death. His children and grandchildren will continue to honor his legacy.





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The next Wilmont Shopper is scheduled for Thursday August 26th (may be late). Please send information by Tuesday August 24th by 5 pm. Information can be sent to [judy@wilmontshopper.com](mailto:judy@wilmontshopper.com), [dchristi185@gmail.com](mailto:dchristi185@gmail.com) (New) or call evenings 472-8412 or mail to 19503 160th St. Wilmont 56185

If you submit something, please look to make sure I have it included. Judy Christians



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Do you need a location for a family or community event? Check out the Wilmont Community Center. Call the City Clerk at 507-926-5235 to check available dates!

**Years Ago—By Audrey Brake Thanks for the many memories!**

Taken from March 4 & 11, 1943 Wilmont Tribune

Wilmont

Leo Kuhl Writes of Training Course at Amarillo, Texas - Dear Pete, (editor) This is to acknowledge that I have been receiving the weekly issue of the Wilmont Tribune. I notice all the fellows here look a lot happier when they read about the news in their home town papers which most of them are getting and I feel the same way. We have several months to go in our training course yet before we will go out to Air Force Air Bases around the world and see to it that the Flying Fortresses get into the air and stay there until the last of the Axis gangsters go down in flames. The weather down here really is ideal for flying and school work. No snow and sunshine about 99 percent of the time. However, it does get kind of windy and dusty sometimes, but that's more desirable than snow banks and blizzards, I think. Thanking you and the V.F.W. for their efforts toward the boys in the service and pulling for a winning ball team this year for Wilmont. I am yours truly. Pvt. Leo O. Kuhl

The Chapel at Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania was the scene of a lovely wedding Saturday morning, February 20th at 9:45 when Miss Lorraine Mary Biren, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Biren of Iona, became the wife of Cpl. Arthur Raymond Hoffman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hoffman of Wilmont. The ceremony was performed by Father Kenny E. Lynch. A service of pre-nuptial music was presented before the ceremony. Ave Marie was sung by one of the soldiers. The bride chose a light blue suit with accessories to match. Her flowers were a corsage of white and pink carnations tied with a white satin ribbon. The bridesmaid was Mrs. Rudolf Asendorf of St. James, Minn., a friend of the bride, who wore a brown suit with tan accessories. She also wore a corsage of white and pink carnations tied with a pink and white ribbon. The bridegroom's attendant was Pfc. Rudolf Asendorf, who is stationed at the same camp as the bridegroom. Both men wore Army suits. A dinner was served for the bridal party at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The bride has been at home with her parents in Iona. The bridegroom has been in the service since December 1, 1941. he is a wheel vehicle mechanic in the Armoured Division, now stationed at Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania. At present Cpl. and Mrs. Hoffman will make their home at 1332 Derry St. Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Congratulations to the happy couple.

Johnny Albersman left for Fort Snelling Monday morning.

Clarence W. Hurlbut, son of Mrs. C. Hurlbut, was promoted from Private First Class to Corporal. Clarence enlisted May 26, 1942.

Pvt. John Timm arrived here Saturday afternoon from Miami, Florida to spend his furlough with his mother and friends here.

Orrin Hurlbut returned to Seattle, Washington Monday after attending the funeral of his father, Clarence D. Hurlbut.

Pfc. Al Bremer of Kodiak, Alaska arrived home Thursday to spend his furlough with his mother, Mrs. Anna Bremer, and other relatives.

Pvt. Clarence Penning of Camp Maxey, Texas is spending a furlough at the home of his brother, Ray Penning and family.

Pvt. Norbert Springman of Sioux Falls is spending a few days at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Springman.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Enright received a letter from their son, Francis, stationed at Fort Sill, Okla., saying he was fine and had been put into a different division, so he sent his new address. He enjoys receiving the Wilmont Tribune and don't like to miss a copy of it. He wishes to thank the V.F.W. and Pete for the paper.

Aux. Teresa Schettler W.A.A.C. of Albany, N. Y. came Saturday to spend a furlough with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Schettler, and other relatives.

Received a nice letter from Pvt. Orville Schlichte last week. He is stationed at Camp Howze, Texas. Fat says he is cooking and likes it and the Army fine. The weather is nice there, but he prefers good old Minnesota.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Spartz went to Grand Island Thursday where they will live during the time the former is employed in defense work there.

Notice - Men born on or after July 1, 1924 and on or before December 31, 1942, also for the registration of men as they reach the 18th anniversary of the date their birth on or after January 1, 1943, may register at the Wilmont Tribune office with P. J. Wagner as Chief Registrar.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Probst are happy over the arrival of an 8 1/2 pound girl at their home on Tuesday, March 2nd.

The Sister of Our Lady of Good Counsel parish visited Sunday at Currie.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Michels and daughter, Mary Ann, of Waunakee, Wisconsin arrived here to visit a few days at the Anna Bremer and Matt Michels homes.

The COF basketball team was defeated Friday night at the school gym by the Lismore team.

Leo Spartz and Ed Carlson of Adrian left Monday morning for Grand Island, Nebraska where they will seek employment.

I have a six-room house with 2 1/4 acres of land in Wilmont. Anybody interested, write to, Mrs. Kunie Heling, Pennock, Minn.

Winners at the card party given at the school gym last Wednesday evening were: In 500 Mrs. Ed Balster, first and Mrs. Al Scheuring, second. Men's first Mrs. E.M. Goethe and Frank Balster, second. In pinochle, ladies first, Mrs. Conrad Sasse and Alice Vortherms, second. Men's first, Mrs. Wm. Gaul and Conrad Sasse, second.

Mrs. Louis Rasche was taken to a Worthington hospital Saturday night for a reduction of a left leg ankle fracture, suffered in a fall. She narrowly escaped further injuries, when a car driven by her father, John Schettler, swiped sides with one driven by O. C. Halsne, between here and Reading. The Halsne car rolled over. Mrs. Halsne suffered painful chest injuries. Glaring headlights were blamed for the accident.

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On Monday, March 8th, the firemen will hold their annual firemen's dance at the Wilmont school gym. Music will be furnished by Tiny Little and his band. The ladies will serve lunch for this dance. Plan now to attend this dance as it will be for a worthy cause. The admission will be 75 cents for gents and 25 cents for the ladies.

The Shelquist families here received the news of the birth of a son born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carefree of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Mrs. Carefree is the former Audrey Shelquist, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Shelquist, former Wilmont residents. The Carefree child is the second great grandchild Al Shelquist.

Red Cross - We will do Surgical dressings at the Public school on Wednesday afternoon, March 17th, from 1:30 to 5:00. We must make up a large number of surgical dressings, 2 by 2 at once. Everyone who can fold gauze is requested to come and help. This is an urgent call and must be done at once. This is what you are to bring, in a box or paper; large apron or a dress which you can change into before going to work; large towel to cover hair completely. Please remove all fingernail polish before coming.

Farmers were busy this past week exchanging places. Wm. Broich moved to the Remackel farm which was formerly farmed by Isadore Einck; Mr. Einck moved on the C. W. Becker farm which was tenanted by Louie Sieve; Mr. Sieve moved on the farm he purchased last summer west of St. Kilian. Pete Einck will start farming on the Tietenberg place, formerly farmed by Wm. Broich. George Sieve moved on the S. John farm which he purchased some time ago, south of St. Kilian. Bill Sieve moved on the place vacated by George Sieve. Gerrit Mensen moved on a farm which he purchased last summer in Larkin Township. Barney Finke moved on a farm near Worthington and Woodrow Webb moved on the Finke place. Sievert Lund moved on the place he purchased last summer north of Lismore. Frank Ross moved to a farm on mile south of Reaching. Andrew Clauson of Sibley, Iowa moved on the Hans Rabenberg place east of town. Ben Diekmann moved north of Lismore.

Lismore

On Thursday, March 4th, there will be a card party and dance at Lismore, sponsored by the Holy Name Society. Ralph Loosbrock and his band will furnish the music for dancing.

#### St. Kilian

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hobrigh and family of Woodstock were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Wagner. While there they were sponsors for the baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wagner, who was named Lois Earlene at the St. Kilian Church.

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November 6-Fey-Klosterman wedding

November 13-Marine Corp Ball

November 20-Schettler-Groenwold

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Make sure you Like the Wilmont VFW Facebook page.

The family of Vic Slater wishes to thank everyone for the cards, memorials and kindness shown. A special thank you to Father Colletti and Deacon Vern for the Celebration of Life.

Rochester's Mayo Clinic has been ranked number one for Adult GI and GI Surgery nationwide by U.S. News and World Report in its "Best Hospitals" rankings. This is the 32nd consecutive year they have received this ranking. Dr. Amanda (Lynn) Johnson, daughter of Jeff and Denise Lynn of Lismore, is a Gastroenterologist with a focus in inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) at Mayo. Amanda lives in Rochester with her husband, Justin and their son, Jonah. Kudos to Dr. Lynn and Mayo for this continuity of excellent care!



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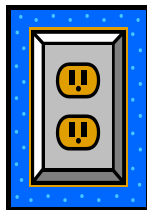
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In Memoriam-Linda Mae (Klenken) Mahan, was born May 14, 1952 in Slayton, MN, the daughter of Raymond and Verna Klenken. She graduated from Worthington Senior High School in 1970. Linda married Dennis Echternach On November 22, 1969. They had two children. They later divorced, but always remained close friends.

Linda worked as a housekeeper at the Best Western in Worthington, MN, in the evenings she also worked at the Daily Globe in Worthington, MN. She also worked at Campbells Soup in Worthington, MN. In the early 2000's she moved to Missouri where she worked for a small printing company in Joplin, MO.

Linda loved to travel. She has been to California, Nevada, Utah, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri and Chicago, IL. Linda enjoyed spending time with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She liked to sit around the campfire with them and tell stories from the past and lots of jokes. Linda enjoyed going to concerts at her favorite casino, Buffalo Run Casino and Resort in Miami, OK. She enjoyed a good blackjack table and sometimes a slot machine.

Linda passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, July 4, 2021 at the age of 69.

Linda is survived by her two children and their spouses, son, Craig Echternach (Tanya) of Worthington, MN, daughter, Stacey Thom (Dean) of Fairmont, MN, seven grandchildren, Andrew of Round Lake, MN, Erica of Adrian, MN, RJ of San Diego, CA, Katherine of Sioux Falls, SD, Shania of Worthington, MN, Tyler of Fairmont, MN, Christian of Fairmont, MN, two great grandchildren Reagan and Harper of Adrian, MN, two siblings and their spouses, Marilyn Samp (Wayne) of Worthington, MN, Gary Klenken (Roberta) of Wilmont, MN.

Linda was preceded in death by her maternal and paternal grandparents, her parents Raymond and Verna Klenken, her brothers Robert Klenken and Ronnie Klenken.

Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, August 28, 2021, from 1pm-4pm at 32185 290th St. Worthington, MN on Ocheda Lake.

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DUANE DOUGLAS GRUIS, age 69, of Worthington, passed away Tuesday, August 3, 2021, at the Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls, SD. He was born December 20, 1951, in Adrian, to Frederick and Shirley (Behrens) Gruis. Duane attended school in Reading, MN until the eighth grade and then finished high school in Worthington graduating 1969. After high school, he attended college at Worthington Community College and the Medical Institute of Minnesota.

Duane married Barb Rezac on March 31, 1984, at the St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Worthington. After their marriage, the couple moved to their family acreage outside of Worthington. Duane worked at Bedford Industries, Nobles County Co-Op Oil, New Vision Co-Op, and MNSP.

He was a member of St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Worthington. Duane grew up on a farm near Reading, MN and never forgot his roots. He had a passion for John Deere tractors of all sizes. He spent countless hours mowing hay, baling, and frequently roaming around the neighborhood on his four-wheeler to visit and joke with everyone in sight. Duane enjoyed camping, biking, playing softball, and especially loved spending time with his granddaughters and the rest of his family. He also loved to give tractor rides in the summer and sleigh rides in the winter.

Duane is survived by his wife, Barb Gruis, Worthington; two daughters, Lindsey (Charlie) Lee, Bismarck, ND; and Kathy Gruis, Worthington; two granddaughters, Emerald and Olive Lee; brother, Daryle (Rachelle) Gruis, Worthington; three sisters, Marlys Monahan, Waseca; Barb (Gene) Reker, Lismore; and Joanne (Ron) Fricke, Jackson; and sister-in-law, Gail Gruis.

He is preceded in death by his parents; and brother, Ron Gruis. In memory of Duane, we ask you to drink a Budweiser with olives, or tell a dirty joke to a friend.

Funeral Service was held at St. Mathew Lutheran Church, in Worthington with burial in the Worthington Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

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In Memoriam-Betty Czepa, the daughter of Henry and Margaret (Odenbrett) Pollak, was born on August 9, 1937 in Worthington, MN. She grew up on a farm east of Avoca, MN and attended St. Gabriel's Catholic School in Fulda and then graduated from Fulda High School in 1955. She then worked at the Citizen's State Bank in Fulda. Betty met the love of her life, Emil Czepa Jr., in August of 1957, shortly after he returned from the U.S. Navy. They married on April 4, 1959 at St. Gabriel's Catholic Church. She continued working at the bank until April of 1961 and then stayed at home as they started raising their family. During that time, she performed alteration services for Haar's Men's Clothing Store, and for others in need of such services. Betty also taught 10th grade release for the Catholic Faith Formation program for 15 years. In September of 1978 she began working for Dr. George Brockway DDS, and after 5 years of employment, she decided to attend dental school in Canby to become a Dental Assistant, which she did until her retirement in 1998. Betty kept busy serving her community as well as her faith. She was an EMT for the Fulda Ambulance for 10 years; Head Judge for election days; chairman of the local Boy Scout Troop; treasurer of the VFW Auxiliary for 20 years; member of the St. Gabriel's FCCW, rotating through positions of treasurer, secretary and chairman; Communion Eucharistic Minister; Minister of Hospitality; made up commentator notes and prayers of the faithful for 20 years; quilted with the ladies on Monday mornings; and visiting new members to the parish for 24 years. Betty also had many hobbies, but especially enjoyed baking, sewing, quilting and gardening, and she loved to share all the fruits of those labors with her family. What she loved most of all was being with her children and their families, which included many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandson. Betty enjoyed attending all their various events throughout the years. They were her pride and joy and she gave selflessly to all of them. She also had a very close relationship with her sister, Maxine. Betty passed away on Sunday, August 8, 2021 at the Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls, SD at the age of 83.

Survivors include her husband of 62 years, Emil Jr. of Fulda, MN; 7 children, Doug (Julie) Czepa of Papillion, NE, Laurel (Mike) Pap of Sioux Falls, SD, Lisa (Tom) Diekmann of Lismore, MN, Bob (Martha) Czepa of Woodbury, MN, Jeff (Jodi) Czepa of Rogers, MN, Jerry (Debbie) Czepa of Proctor, MN and Cory (Sarah) Czepa of Prior Lake, MN; 17 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-grandson; sister, Maxine Pollak of Fulda, MN; brother-in-law, James Czepa; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. She is preceded in death by her parents and brothers and sisters-in-law, Walter Czepa, Francis & Gladys Czepa, Lester & Genevieve Czepa, Dorothy & Clair Springman and Bonnie Czepa.

### **Funeral Services**

St. Gabriel's Catholic Church Fulda, MN at 10:30 AM on Saturday, August 14, 2021 with Msgr. R. Paul Heiting officiating. The organist is Judy Andrews. Special music provided by Sheila Crowley and Lloyd Winter. The pallbearers are her grandchildren. Interment at St. Gabriel's Cemetery Fulda, MN.

Visitation will be Friday from 4 to 7 PM at St. Gabriel's Catholic Church in Fulda and one hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday. The Totzke Funeral Home in Fulda is assisting the family with arrangements.

August 13-Cousins for Causes fundraiser, Iona, all you can eat supper starting 5 pm, street dance  
August 14-Bridal Shower in honor of Kendra Schettler, bride to be of Nick Gronewold, 9 am-11 am, Fulda City Hall  
August 21-Lismore Fire Department Fundraiser, 5-9 pm  
August 25-SW MN Opportunity Council Red Cross Blood mobile—10 am-4 pm, SMOC Office Worthington  
August 25-Lanesboro Amish Tour/Shopping-call Yvonne to book at 507-372-2543  
August 26-Sanford Luverne hospice dinner & auction fundraiser  
August 28-Youth rummage sale, 9 am-3 pm, St. Ann's, Slayton  
August 28-Memorial Service for Frank Diekmann, formerly of St. Kilian, 1-4 pm, Wilmont VFW  
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