



Ethel Kilde

December 13, 1921 - June 1, 2022

The Mass of Christian Burial for Ethel Kilde will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 7, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Clarissa. Visitation will be held at the church in Clarissa on Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the Mass.

Ethel, peacefully left this world to sing with the angels on Wednesday, June 1, 2022, at the Central Todd County Care Center, Clarissa, MN. She was 100 years of age.

Ethel Doris (Bailey) Valley Kilde was born on December 13, 1921 to Samuel and Margaret (O'Brien) Bailey in Shovel Lake, MN. She grew up on her parent's farm just outside the Shovel Lake and Swatara, area. She was proud to have had the opportunity to graduate from Aitkin High School in 1939. On November 11, 1943 she enlisted in the U.S. Army and honorably served her country during WWII as an air traffic controller, based at March Airbase in Riverside, CA. On July 10, 1945 she married David Eugene Valley in Los Angeles, CA. They had five children. Following David's death, she married Arvid Kilde in 1975. They did not have any children together, but she took in Arvid's four children as her own.

Following her time serving in the military Ethel returned to MN to raise her family. She resided in Hill City, Coleraine, Fergus Falls, Baudette, and for the

last 11 years at the Care Center in Clarissa, MN. Throughout her life she held various roles. She was a nurse's aide in Grand Rapids, owned the diner in Hewitt, MN, and was a cook in a restaurant in Bertha. She always had an incredible garden which included strawberries, cucumbers, and beautiful perennials.

Ethel had a love of dancing and shared that she was never a wallflower. Along with her love of dancing she loved to sing, watch baseball (Go Twins), cook, and she crocheted beautiful blankets. Ethel will be remembered as a genuinely kind and caring individual, who loved her family, especially her grandchildren.

Preceding Ethel in death were her parents Samuel and Margaret (O'Brien) Bailey; husbands: David Valley and Arvid Kilde; son, Thomas Valley; sisters: Helen Bjerkness, Margaret "Peggy" Zaffke Graton, Thelma Klennert, and Beth Bailey; brothers Robert, Thomas, and John Bailey.

Ethel is survived by her children, Beverly Davis of Longville, MN; son, David (Lynn) Valley of Blackfoot, ID, Samuel (Margaret) Valley of Swan Creek, IL, and John (Sherry) Valley of Howard Lake, MN; stepchildren: Vickey (Mike) Kilde Goeden of Underwood, MN, Debbey (Curt) Kilde Johnson of Hoffman, MN, Lonnie Kilde of Fergus Falls, MN, and Kristi (Wes) Kilde Anderson of Jordan, MN; along with 33 grandchildren, 67 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

Her ashes will be laid to rest beside her husband David Valley, in Hill City at a later date.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 7. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church - Clarissa
105 John Street S
Clarissa, MN 56440

Service

JUN 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MT

“ *I went to school with Lonnie and John. I lived just outside Hewitt and remember the family fondly!!! So sorry for your loss! Mary Wallner Tumberg*

Mary Tumberg - June 10, 2022 at 10:07 AM

GD

“ *Gene & Mary Denny lit a candle in memory of Ethel Kilde*



Gene & Mary Denny - June 08, 2022 at 03:51 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Ethel Kilde.*



June 03, 2022 at 05:59 PM

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“ *Ethel was the kindest person I knew and took us kids (Arvids) in as her own, she was always there to listen to whatever was bothering us...never judged us and you could tell she LOVED with all her heart, and she had a big Heart! So happy she was able to be our StepMom, really MISS the "Back in the Days", but know she was ready to go see her true Father in Heaven! We LOVED you Ethel and Thanks for all the beautiful Memories and for putting up with our Dad...that was a struggle, but she never gave up,,just wasn't in her MAKEUP to quit...*

Debbey (Kilde) Johnson & Husband , Curt

Debbey (Stepdaughter) - June 03, 2022 at 05:13 AM

BC

“ *Sharon Cottrell and all family, What an amazing lady Ethel sounds like! We didn't have the privilege of knowing her but Sharon!...you must get your "always going, never sit still long" personality from her! :-) And an Army Air Traffic Controller?! Wow! Our thoughts go out to all of you as you adjust to her being gone from this earth. Sounds like she's probably singing and dancing a bit even in heaven!*

Beth & Mike Cottrell - June 02, 2022 at 11:17 AM

BD

“ *Bob And Kathy Derby lit a candle in memory of Ethel Kilde*



Bob and Kathy Derby - June 01, 2022 at 11:05 PM

SC

“ *Grandma Ethel was the best grandma a girl could have! She loved fiercely with her whole heart! She loved her family and she was so loved!* ”



Sharon (Valley) Cottrell - June 01, 2022 at 10:50 PM

DK

“ *Ethel was a great lady. I had many visits with her though the years. Always thoughtful of others. May Ethel RIP* ”



Dennis kilde - June 01, 2022 at 08:59 PM

VG

“ *I'll carry my love for you as long as I live thank you for being the best step-mother our family could of possibly had. A job well done now you can rest. Give Dad a hug from me, can you?* ”

Vickey & Mike Goeden - June 01, 2022 at 06:33 PM



“ *With Distinction was purchased for the family of Ethel Kilde.* ”



June 01, 2022 at 06:24 PM