



Madonna Desrocher

January 21, 1929 - August 9, 2012

The Mass of Christian Burial for Madonna Desrocher will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, August 16, 2012 at St. Frederick's Catholic Church in Verndale with Father Arli Sowada as celebrant. Madonna passed away at age 83 on August 9, 2012, at the Lakewood Health System Care Center in Staples, MN. Madonna was born to Joseph and Anna (Ruschman) Svir on January 21, 1929 in Badger, MN. After completing her education at the Interstate Business College in Fargo, ND, she married Wilbur Horace Desrocher on June 15, 1949 in Badger. While raising their family she also worked as the City Clerk in Verndale until her retirement in 1987. When time allowed, she enjoyed gardening, shaking dice, walking, crossword puzzles, cross-stitch, and playing cribbage, cards and games, which she found especially fun to do with her family during the holidays. She was also an avid birdwatcher. Madonna was a member of Christian Mothers, the American Legion and VFW Auxiliaries, Royal Neighbors of America, Senior Citizens and the Verndale Historical Society. Many in the community may remember that for over 23 years Madonna and Wilbur owned and operated the Desrocher's Cafe on main street in Verndale, which they had purchased from Wilbur's parents. Madonna was preceded in death by her parents Joseph and Anna, daughter Anna Desrocher, and brothers Ronald and Artley Svir. She is survived by her husband Wilbur, sons Ray Desrocher of Wyoming, Tim Desrocher and John Desrocher both of Verndale, and David (Sheila) Desrocher of East Bethel, daughters Alice (Mike) Carr of Wadena, Renee

(Mike) Halland of Moorhead, and Rhea (Ken) Eickhoff of Musselshell, MT, 17 grandchildren & 18 great-grandchildren, brothers Leo (Pat) Svir of Aurora, Robert (Carol) Svir of Wendell, and Paul Svir of Moorhead; and sister Pauline Osgood of Sun City, AZ. Honorary pallbearers will be Kathy Lansing, Cari Gilbert, Amy Desrocher, Jessica Ludwig, Jacki, Kristin, & Jill Halland, Tina Desrocher, and Michelle Rousslang. Serving as pallbearers will be Mike, Cory, & Scott Carr, Roger Morrison, Matt Desrocher, Tony Desrocher, and Josh & Nick Eickhoff. Burial will be in St. Frederick's Catholic Cemetery in Verndale.

Tribute Wall

SS

“ *Such a kind and generous, lovely and giving woman. She gave from the heart and if all her good deeds and well wishes towards others had held a price tag, she would have been the richest woman I knew! So sadly missed, but never to be forgotten.*

Sally Schaffhausen - August 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ *Madonna welcomed me into the family with hug and a kiss on the cheek! I was told "call me Grandma"! Will miss watching her beat us all at dice...and her wonderful smile. Love you Grandma D.*

Stacy Carr - August 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KE

“ *Good bye to a wonderful Aunt. You will always be remembered.
With love, Kim*

Kim Svir Erdwein - August 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *To all of Madonnas family, we are so very sorry to hear of her passing. She was a very special lady. She loved to talk about all of the kids in her family and their growing families and always looked forward to having a house full of company for the holidays. I will miss visiting with her very much. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this sad time. We will miss her but know her and Marge are up having coffee laughing and talking about the old days.
*hugs**

Jim and Janell Carr - August 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family. I will cherish the memories of going to Aunt Madonna & Uncle Wilbur's house, parents here and there, cousins everywhere,,,, love you all.

Dan Svir - August 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ I am sorry to hear of Madonna's passing. I have so many fond memories of good times spent staying in Verndale with Wilbur and Donna and my cousins in my youth. My thoughts and prayers extend across the miles to Wilbur and my cousins. Love, Michele

Michele (Webber) Wilson - August 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ We were so saddened to hear of your loss. She is at peace with our loving Savior and one day, as promised, we will all be together again. We do not question why, but accept that God knows best. May you find peace and comfort in knowing that we too will be with her in time. She will be greatly missed in the community. Our deepest sympathies at your loss. Keep the memories in your hearts, she will always be with you.

Jay and Jackie and families

Jay and Jackie Perius and family - August 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ your family is in my prayers, I know she will be greatly missed

Barbara Kjono

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PD

“ *Madonna was a loving and caring lady that was so special to me. She will not only be missed by her family but also the many friends she made with her loving smile and kind heart. She truly was a wonderful woman and i am so proud to have been a part of her life. She wasn't my mother-in law she was my Mother and I am ever so grateful for that.*

Patty Desrocher - August 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Madonna was a wonderful lady, always very warm and welcoming. I will forever remember her with that twinkle in her eyes and smile on her face. She will be missed by a great number of people!*

Roger & Laurel Houselog - August 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BO

“ *Praying the Lord's presence is especially real to you today as He brings you the comfort that only He can give. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

Bill & Nancy Olson - August 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Madonna was a very special person. Always a beautiful and caring lady.
My deepest sympathy to you, Wilbur and all of your family.*

*Love,
Jeanette*

Jeanette (Svir) Marin - August 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ I'm truly sorry for the loss of Madonna. She is one nice woman. Madonna and Wilbur were so generous with their squash and pumpkins that they supplied to the Wadena County Historical Society for their Food of Our Fathers Historic Harvest Supper. They were always supporting the WCHS which we were so grateful. Last year I went to their home and enjoyed a visit with them when their son took me to the squash and pumpkin fields. I will miss Madonna. Sandi

Sandi Pratt - August 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM