



Theresa Gorghuber

May 9, 1924 - June 3, 2009

The Mass of Christian Burial for Theresa Gorghuber of Bertha was held at 11:00 AM on Monday, June 8, 2009 at the Christ The King Catholic Church in Browerville. Father Dan Walz of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Bertha and Father Al Holmes of the St. Cloud Hospital in St. Cloud celebrated the mass assisted by Father Mike Kellogg and Father Peter Kirchner. Theresa passed away at the age of 85 years on Wednesday, June 3, 2009 at the Knute Nelson Memorial Home in Alexandria. Theresa was born on May 9, 1924 to John and Ella Kaluza at Browerville. She was united in marriage with Jerome Gorghuber on September 9, 1950 in St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Browerville. Together, they bought the bakery in Bertha and operated it from 1955 until 1977. After closing the bakery, she worked for a time at the First National Bank of Bertha/Verndale (now Star Bank, NA) in Bertha. Theresa was a member of St. Joseph's Church in Bertha, Christian Mothers, American Legion Auxiliary, VFW Auxiliary, Rural Mail Carriers Association Auxiliary, Senior Citizens, Historical Society and volunteered at the Central Todd County Care Center in Clarissa. She enjoyed card playing, traveling, volunteering, working with service organizations, reading, camping and crocheting. With a ready smile, she loved spending time with family and friends. Theresa was preceded in death by her husband Jerry in 1990; parents John (in 1949) and Ella (in 1950); brothers Al Kaluza, Robert Kaluza, Peter Kaluza and Jerome Kaluza; and sisters Kathern Gmyrek and Sophia Gonsior. She is survived by her sons Bruce (Carol) of Wadena, Mark (Katie) of Duluth, Dennis (Reeny) of

Waconia and Kevin (Mary) of Alexandria; daughters Carol (Walter) Hart of Sauk Rapids, Jean (David) Hummel of Minneapolis and Julie (Jeff) Randel of Bakersfield, CA; 13 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren; and sisters Rose Kaluza of Minneapolis and Helen Barnes of Richmond, MO. Pallbearers were grandsons Eric Gorghuber, Aaron Hart, Kiel Hart, Steven Gorghuber, Daniel Gorghuber and Joseph Gorghuber. Burial was in the St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery in Bertha.

Tribute Wall

JM

“ I was hoping to play cards when I will be visiting Minnesota in a couple weeks, guess God had other plans! I feel so special sharing all our travels and life experiences. The best was when you placed some special items in the "safe"!

Jo Ann Macko - June 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Her smile could light up a room and her laugh was worth a million! We are so sorry for all of you and know how you must be grieving but celebrating as well. Your Mom was a special person and one that we will always remember. When we moved back to Bertha, we were some of the best bakery customers. Your mom always had a taste of a roll or a cookie for the kids as we visited. No matter where she was and what she was doing she always had time to chat a little and share a kind word. She loved life and it showed! She will be greatly missed by many. Our sympathies, Bill and Mary

Bill and Mary Ward - June 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ To all of the family,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you mourn the loss of your mom and also celebrate her going to heaven!

I absolutely loved working with Theresa in the Bertha Bank. Never a day went by that she wasn't bubbly, outgoing and had an amazing attitude. If you asked her how everything was going, the answer was "just wonderful". We can all learn a lesson from her life and the attitude and love she had towards others.

So sorry we were unable to make it to Bertha to see all of you.

God's blessings to each of you!

Karen Amundson - June 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ Dennis, Jean and Gorghuber family, I had a special visit with your Mom at Christmas and she was full of joy and fun. She was excited about the holidays and the fun of getting together with all of you. She was a special person and she is now an Angel in Heaven.

Carolyn G. Decker - June 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ I must let Theresa's passing be a lesson to "do it now". I regret that we allowed years to pass without keeping in touch and just "taking" the time. My memories of time spent with her and her family and friendships between our children are priceless. May the support of all those who knew and loved her be a source of peace at this sad time. LaVonne

LaVonne Drayna - June 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

QW

“ Julie and Family,

We are thinking of you and keeping you in our prayers.

Quinton and Julie Wood - June 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *My wife never met Theresa but her warm heart will surely be missed by the two of us. One could not ask for a more loving Aunt.*

James and Barbara Gorghuber - June 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

FR

“ *Julie and Family,*

You are in our thoughts and prayers.

We send you our love as you honor your Mom and celebrate who she was and her being with your Dad and Jesus Christ.

Fred and Marilyn Randel - June 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ *Deepest sympathy in the loss of your mother. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. I wish I could be there to convey my sympathy in person but unfortunately I can't.*

Donna Preston - June 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GK

“ Blessings to you all during this time. Theresa was a boundless spirit - and truly carried an energy with her. Some of my best memories are, of course, from high school - visiting after school events or on weekends. But the best is when she met Gary and so seriously commented on how handsome he was. I can still see the look on her face - totally Theresa. I'm not sure what she thought when the radiator fell out of his car in the alley behind Theresa & Jerry's home! I will remember Theresa for always telling it like it is, her beautiful silver hair and her passion for life.

Gary & Laurie Kern - June 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ What a lady and mother! She was my second mom and I loved her dearly. Her energy and laugh is how I will remember her. When I'd stop in and visit, the first words out of her mouth would be "what can I get you"? She wanted to feed me and get me something to drink! Well I do like to eat and drink! She loved and lived the social life. She made us smile just by being around her positive and upbeat personality. I'll miss you Mother Theresa!

Cindy (Truax) Muzetras - June 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Grandma Theresa,

For about the last ten years or so, you have welcomed Tyler and I so warmly into your home many times and really made us feel like part of such a great Gorghuber family and tradition. I know I speak for both of us when I say that we love you so much and appreciate how selflessly devoted you were to God, your family and your friends. I think you led by example and taught us all to be caring and humble in everything we do. I know you are in a better place now, I just wanted to pay tribute by thanking you for making the earth a better place for all who knew you while you were here and for welcoming us with open arms into your wonderful family.

Love,

Stuart

Stuart Randel - June 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ *Just wanted to let you know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Theresa was a very special person and always had time to stop and talk. She was always fun to be around. She will be missed by everyone.*

Lloyd and Jolayne Elgin - June 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *Theresa was a wonderful person who enjoyed life to the full. Even though I haven't seen her in awhile, I can just hear her say how blessed she was to have lived such a long, healthy life and be able to do so much for so long. My prayers are with the family. It's still hard to lose someone so dear. I worked with Theresa at the bank in Bertha.*

Charlene (Quance) Skala - June 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ We just wanted to let you know that we are thinking of the entire family and praying that God holds you near at this time. Theresa, what an awesome lady who loved life and lived it to the fullest. We are all fortunate and better people for knowing her. We will never forget her kind heart.

Love & Sympathy,
Darrell & Lisa Hoemberg

Lisa Hoemberg - June 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ I am so sorry about the death of your wonderful mother. I am so glad I got to see her and talk to her Monday night and to tell her I loved her because I truly did.

I always told her "When I grow up, I want to be just like Theresa". She would always laugh about that. The trips were great we had together. I will never forget this wonderful woman that I cherished for a friend. She is in a wonderful place now, with her beloved husband. God Bless you all.

Sandy& Ray South - June 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM