



Valeria Butkowski

May 12, 1937 - April 10, 2016

The Mass of Christian Burial for Valeria Butkowski of rural Parkers Prairie, will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 14, at the St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Bertha, with Father Matthew Crane as celebrant. Visitation will be held on Wednesday at the Domian-Anderson Chapel in Bertha from 4:00 until 8:00 p.m. with Rosary at 5:00 and Prayers at 7:45p.m. Visitation will resume at the church on Thursday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of Mass. Valeria Butkowski of Woodside Township rural Parkers Prairie, MN entered into eternal peace after her courageous fight with breast cancer at CentraCare Health in Long Prairie on Sunday, April 10th, 2016 at the age of 78.

Valeria was born at her parents' home, May 12th, 1937 to Alois & Cecelia (Skudlarek) Lahr in St. Joseph, Stearns County, MN. One of five children, Valeria grew up on a farm in St. Joseph. Valeria attended District 11 Country School through the 8th grade.

Growing up on the farm in St. Joseph was an adventure. Valeria loved the farm animals and spending time training her two pet collies, Grubby & Sporty. She trained them with harnesses and taught them how to pull a sled. Valeria also enjoyed riding horses on the farm so much so she even trained a dairy cow for riding. When she was old enough to work outside of the home she became a nursing assistant and thoroughly enjoyed the work of taking care of the elderly. There was always music in the Lahr home and Valeria taught

herself to play the guitar, harmonica, and accordion in addition to being a talented yodeler.

Valeria was united in marriage with Claude Warzecha on May 14th, 1956 at St. Stevens Catholic Church. Claude and Valeria built their home in West Port, MN and had a large dairy operation. They were blessed with eight children.

After the death of her first husband, Claude, Valeria married Harold Butkowski, February 14th 1972. They sold the farm in West Port and relocated their family to a farm in Baudette, MN. Valeria gave birth to two beautiful daughters and balanced out her family with 5 boys and 5 girls. Valeria and Harold farmed and raised their family in Baudette until 1980, when they sold their farm and retired to a small hobby farm in central Minnesota.

Throughout Valeria's life her passions included baking, photography, gardening, picking blueberries, traveling, fishing, feeding her birds, trying her luck at casinos, spending time with family and most important priority being prayer and her faith in the Lord. Valeria enjoyed baking everyone's favorite pie or "Granny Cake" for family events or as a way to say thank you to someone special. At family picnics, Valeria was always found photographing her family. She loved her children unconditionally and was very proud of the "large" gatherings she was responsible for creating. During the summer months she spent much of her time in her vegetable and flower gardens and would often be found dropping by your home with a bag of her prized produce as a gift of thanks.

After the passing of both of their husbands, Valeria and her sister Bridget leaned on each other for friendship and support. Over the past ten years Valeria was able to enjoy many travel adventures, so much laughter and new friendships with her sister & best friend, Bridget.

Valeria was preceded in death by her parents Alois and Cecelia Lahr; spouses Claude Warzecha and Harold Butkowski, brother Sidney Lahr; and daughter in-law Sandy Warzecha.

She is survived by sons Ralph Warzecha of Eagle Bend, MN, Ronald Warzecha of Sauk Rapids, MN, Raoul (Theresa) Warzecha of Becker, MN, Ernie (Julie) Warzecha of Wheatridge, CO, Alois Warzecha of Princeton, MN; daughters Cecelia (Steve) Knutson of Elk River, MN, Mary (David) Phillippe of Fergus Falls, MN, Theresa (Mike) Dorman of Browerville, MN, Kimberly (Todd) Martin of Staples, MN and Dawn (Sebastian) Scepurek of Randall, MN; brother Jim Lahr, Blackduck, MN, sister Bridget Dobmeier, Blackduck, MN, brother Jerry Lahr, St. Joseph, MN, 20 grandchildren, 8 step-grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren and 10 step-great-grandchildren.

Honorary Pallbearers will be grandsons, Joseph Hedtke, Jimmy Warzecha, Alexander Phillippe, Orion Butkowski, Colton Zins and Tucker Dorman.

Pallbearers will be grandsons, Claude Warzecha, Wayne Warzecha, Bradley Warzecha, Clinton Warzecha, Spencer Warzecha, William Hedtke.

Interment will be at St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery in Bertha, MN immediately following the service.

Valeria's family wishes to express gratitude to the medical staff at CentraCare Health in Long Prairie, MN and the Central Todd County Care Center for the loving care received during her stay at each of the healthcare facilities.

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Cemetery Details

St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery - Bertha

43815 County Road 1
Bertha, MN 56437

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 13. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Domian-Anderson Chapel
309 2nd Avenue NW
Bertha, MN 56437
(218) 924-4000

Visitation

APR 14. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church - Bertha
205 Cherry Street NW
Bertha, MN 56437

Service

APR 14. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church - Bertha
205 Cherry Street NW
Bertha, MN 56437

Tribute Wall



“ Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Valeria Butkowski



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - April 13, 2016 at 11:31 AM

KZ

Dawn I am so sorry to hear about your Mother's Passing, this was a Beautiful tribute video to her and her family. May you and your family find comfort in each other and enjoy all the beautiful memories you have, God has your Mother in his arm's and you all in his care don't forget to lean on him. Lots of Love to you and yours.

Kathleen Zirbes - April 14, 2016 at 11:45 PM

SP

“ Our sympathy, we learned of Valaria, thru stories from Ron Warzecha, a wonderful woman, she will be missed. Richard and Sheri Pfau, Sartell, Mn.



Sheri Pfau - April 15, 2016 at 10:05 PM

DB

“ *Debbie Blaskowski lit a candle in memory of Valeria Butkowski*



Debbie Blaskowski - April 14, 2016 at 01:36 PM

BW

“ *BILLY F WOLF purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Valeria Butkowski.*



BILLY F WOLF - April 13, 2016 at 10:22 PM

RS

“ *I worked on their farm when I was 16 years old, for a whole summer and got my driver license driving their nice 1957 chevy hardtop. I WILL KEEP MY COUSIN IN MY PRAYERS. RON S*

ron skudlarek - April 13, 2016 at 09:20 PM

BW

“ *My deepest condolences and sympathy to all of you.*

Billy Wolf and family



Billy Wolf - April 13, 2016 at 08:37 PM

MC

“ So sorry to hear...I will miss my special cousin. Sorry I am not able to be there to give our condolences but be happy for her as she is in God's hands and at rest. My prayers are with you all, Mary & Louis Counter

mary counter - April 13, 2016 at 07:10 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Valeria Butkowski.



April 13, 2016 at 02:47 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Valeria Butkowski.



April 13, 2016 at 02:17 PM



“ 37 files added to the album Life Tributes



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - April 13, 2016 at 11:26 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Valeria Butkowski.



April 13, 2016 at 11:12 AM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Valeria Butkowski.



April 12, 2016 at 07:36 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Valeria Butkowski.*



April 12, 2016 at 02:13 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Photos of Val*



tilly - April 12, 2016 at 12:26 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Valeria Butkowski.*



April 12, 2016 at 12:15 PM



“ *3 files added to the album Photos of Val*



tilly - April 12, 2016 at 12:15 PM

CT

“ *CENTURY 21 New Horizons Realty, Inc Team purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Valeria Butkowski.*



CENTURY 21 New Horizons Realty, Inc Team - April 12, 2016
at 11:46 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Valeria Butkowski.*



April 12, 2016 at 11:11 AM



“ *Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Valeria Butkowski.*



April 12, 2016 at 09:38 AM

AN

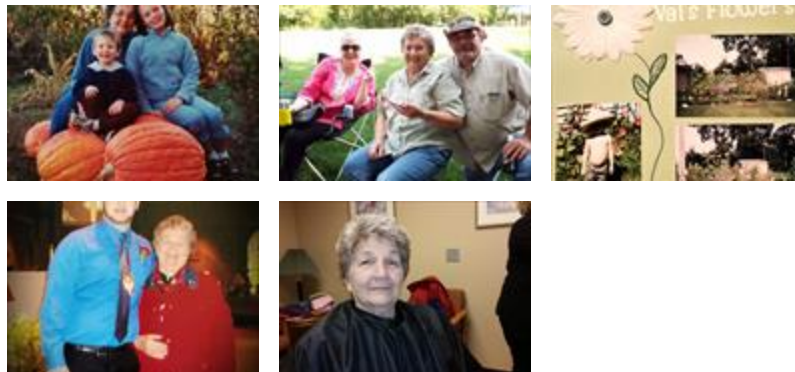
“ *Annette lit a candle in memory of Valeria Butkowski*



Annette - April 12, 2016 at 09:28 AM

MP

“ 9 files added to the tribute wall



Mary Phillipe - April 12, 2016 at 07:36 AM

TI

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you Kim,
Celena and family.
Lakewood Health System - Nutrition Services
Team



Tiffany - April 12, 2016 at 06:52 AM

TI

“ 1 file added to the album Photos of Val



Tilly - April 12, 2016 at 05:29 AM

DS

“ David , Hope and Noah Stout purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Valeria Butkowski.



David , Hope and Noah Stout - April 11, 2016 at 10:52 PM

DS

“ *The Weaving*

*My life is but a weaving, between my God and me;
I do not chose the colors, He worketh steadily.
Oft times He weaveth sorrow, and I in foolish pride
Forget He sees the upper, and I the under side.
Not til the loom is silent, and shuttles cease to fly
Will God unroll the canvas and explain the reason why
The dark threads are as needful in the skillful Weaver's hand
As threads of gold and silver in the pattern He has planned.*

God Speed Valeria....

*David, Hope and Noah Stout
Fargo, N.D*

David Stout - April 11, 2016 at 10:17 PM

CF

“ Clarence Blommel & Family lit a candle in memory of Valeria Butkowski



Clarence Blommel & family - April 11, 2016 at 09:25 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Valeria Butkowski.*



April 11, 2016 at 08:47 PM



“ *Dear family, so sorry for your loss. She was so beautiful, inside and out. A very special aunt.*

Judy Erickson - April 11, 2016 at 05:57 PM



“ *We are so sorry for the loss of your mother, life can be dreadful and sometimes even more. Thoughts and prayers are with you all Elmer & Louise*

Elmer & Louise - April 11, 2016 at 05:52 PM



“ *Very sorry for your loss of this great lady. She made a pecan pie every spring she could for Ralph's Baudette turkey hunters, Rocky and Pete. Never had one better!!! Pete Peterson*

pete Peterson - April 11, 2016 at 05:48 PM



“ *Jill Semrau (Corrigan) Valerias Godchild lit a candle in memory of Valeria Butkowski*



Jill Semrau (Corrigan) Valerias Godchild - April 11, 2016 at 11:39 AM