



## Wilma Wallner

August 24, 1932 - March 27, 2009

The Mass of Christian Burial for Wilma Wallner was held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, March 31, 2009 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Bertha with Father Dan Walz presiding. Wilma passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family, at her home at the age of 76 years on Friday, March 27, 2009 after a courageous 8 year fight with cancer. Wilma Joyce Wallner was born on August 24, 1932 at Britt, Iowa to Frank and Mary (Geneva Ruhl) Kearney. She was united in marriage with Paul Edward Wallner in Redfield, South Dakota on October 31, 1955. He brought her back to Bertha where they operated a dairy farm west of town. After selling their cows in 2000, she had the pleasure of having Paul spend more time around the house. Together they enjoyed gardening, bird watching as well as indoor activities such as quilting, crocheting, knitting and collecting many things like stamps, coins, bears, birds and horse figurines. She enjoyed traveling and spending time with family and friends talking and sharing stories. In the community, Wilma was an active member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Bertha, Christian Mothers, Mission Group, Homemaker's and Caring Friends Clubs. Wilma was preceded in death by her husband Paul, who passed away on March 13, 2004; parents Frank Kearney and Mary Kearney-Kingsly; and sister Jean Kearney. She is survived by her sons Peter (Joan) of Bertha, Steven (Lucinda) of Wahpeton, ND, Richard (Kathy) of Chanhassen, MN, and Thomas (Patty) of Canton, SD; daughters Mary (Warren) Stokes of Wadena, Cathy (Kevin) Perish of Clarissa, MN and Judith Sauer of Byron, MN; and 19 grandchildren and 4 great-

grandchildren. Honorary pallbearers were Heidi Stokes, Jenny Harnack, Maggie Wallner, Kassie Wallner, Amanda Wallner, Tia Wallner, Kelly Sauer, Lance Parker, Jennifer Haldeman, Ashley Perish, Jaclyn Perish and Devin Perish. Pallbearers were his grandsons Michael Stokes, Justin Wallner, Matt Sauer, Jeremy Wallner, Andrew Wallner, Patrick Perish and Tate Wallner. Interment was in the St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery in Bertha Township, Minnesota.

# Tribute Wall

DS

“ I remember events at the country school and your Mom's involvement with those types of activities. My condolences to you all.

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**Dan Skolte** - March 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ My Sincere Condolences to all the Family. You are in my Prayers in your time of need. I will always remember your Mom and my Cousin Wilma at the Family reunion and our conversations. Also, when my brother and I went to Bertha for the Auction at the Farm. That was a special day for me to meet more of my relation.

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**Dale Huling** - March 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ Mrs. Wallner was helpful in several projects. She was positive and gave great ideas. I also was in classes with Judy and Steven. My thoughts are with you and your families.

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**Carolyn G. Decker** - March 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ Sorry to hear about your mom. You are in our thoughts and Prayers during this difficult time.

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**Kathy Kokesh** - March 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ Our prayers are with your family.

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**Pat and Dick and Todd Wilker** - March 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ Sorry to hear of your Mom passing away, you are in our prayers!

Mike & Tammy Lewis - March 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Our deepest sympathies to all of Wilmas family. She was a beautiful lady. Right when we met her she made us feel like family. Making us onion toast sandwiches and helping out on the farm. Remember the good times because im sure you all will be talking about them for a long time to come because there were so many good times. take care Love Gene & Dawn

dawn & gene donaldson - March 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Wallner family as you celebrate the life of Wilma. I believe everyone is a little better person for meeting and sharing time with her. "This is It" what a great tribute to a great mother, grandmother and friend. South Dakota sends you all a big hug and everyone be safe in your travels.

Steve & Shawn Sandnes - March 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM