



## **SHE IS GONE**

You can shed tears that she is gone  
or you can smile because she has lived.  
You can close your eyes and pray that she'll come back  
or you can open your eyes and see all she's left.  
Your heart can be empty because you can't see her  
or you can be full of the love you shared.  
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday  
or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.  
You can remember her and only that she's gone  
or you can cherish her memory and let it live on.  
You can cry and close your mind,  
be empty and turn your back  
or you can do what she'd want:  
smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

-David Harkins

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

# ***Burnys Maude Koch***

WHO WAS BORN

November 18, 1924

Taylor Township, Traverse County, Minnesota

AND CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME

December 31, 2018

Graceville, Minnesota

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Saturday, January 5, 2019 - 10:30 a.m.

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Chokio, Minnesota

CELEBRANT

Fr. John Paul Knopik

MUSICIANS

Amy Blackwelder, Organist

St. Mary's Catholic Church Choir

CASKET BEARERS

Travis Drewicke Mike Steussy Sheldon Steussy Doug Koch

Tom Koch Charlie Murray Nick Murray Dallas Johnson

HONORARY BEARERS

All of Burnys' Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren

INTERMENT

Graceville Consolidated Cemetery

Graceville, Minnesota

APPRECIATION

Burnys' family is grateful for your attendance at this service.

Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Following the Mass, please join the family for lunch and fellowship in the church dining room.

ARRANGEMENTS BY

Mundwiler and Larson Funeral Home

Graceville, Minnesota

**B**urnys Maude (Armbruster) Koch was born on November 18, 1924, in Taylor Township of Traverse County to Bernard and Georgia Doris (Krevinghaus) Armbruster. She attended District #44 School, a one-room school, in Taylor Township until graduating from the eighth grade. The family moved to a farm near White Rock, SD, in 1940.

After graduating from school, she worked as a domestic. She later worked at Power's Produce in Wheaton, MN.

She married Peter Joseph Koch, Jr. on September 25, 1945. The ceremony was held in Wheaton, MN, at the Ave Maria Catholic Church and was celebrated by Father Henry Steichen. The couple lived at Peter Koch Sr.'s former homestead near Dumont, MN, for the first two years of marriage. Then, they purchased their own farm outside of Collis.

Life was packed with things to do from dawn until dusk. The farm, at various times, had cows, pigs, geese, ducks, a horse, and, of course, many, many chickens. There were clothes to sew, all the baking was done from scratch, gardens to tend, and nine children to raise.

In 1977, the farm was sold and they moved to Graceville. Burnys baked in the school cafeteria until she retired. After the death of her husband, she sold the house and moved to an apartment in Chokio. There, she continued her hobbies of crocheting, sewing, cooking, and flower gardening.

Burnys is survived by her children: David (Cheryl) Koch of Maple Grove, MN; Terri (George) Drewicke of Frazee, MN; Rose (Dave) Steussy of Alexandria, MN; Steven (Mary) Koch of Chokio, MN; Julia (Dave) Murray of Mahtomedi, MN; Joan (Mark) Johnson of Alberta, MN; Alan (Michelle) Koch of Litchfield, MN; Kay (Gary) Taffe of Grand Junction, CO; and Lori (Gary) Rice of Fargo, ND; grandchildren: Timothy (Sarah) Koch, Nicole (Scott) Davis, Lindsay Koch (partner, Zak Freidt), Cimarron (Renee) Drewicke, Travis Drewicke, Michael (Faith) Steussy, Cindy (Randy) Roos, Sheldon (Melissa) Steussy, Douglas (Denise) Koch, Thomas Koch, Charles Murray, Nicholas (Jennifer) Murray, Dallas Johnson (Kate Campbell), Hannah (Greg) Zimmer, Elizabeth (Travis) Shufelt, Elana Koch, Mina Rice, and Anya Rice; 24 great-grandchildren; and sister, Doris (Donald) Gilsdorf of Graceville, MN.

Preceding her in death is her husband, Peter J. Koch Jr. in 1992; her parents; infant daughter, Lorraine; granddaughter, Bella Rice; brothers: Marvin and Donald (Gladys) Armbruster; and sisters: Joyce (Leo) Beyer, June (LeMoyne) Bock, and Fern (Joseph) Koch.

