

Arlene Kramer, age 83, of West Fargo, formerly of Kensal, ND, died Friday, March 24, 2017, at Sheyenne Crossings, West Fargo.

Arlene Jane Gums was born September 3, 1933, in Medina, ND, the daughter of Christ and Elizabeth (Heiser) Gums. She was raised in Medina and graduated from Medina High School. Upon graduation, Arlene continued her education to become a Registered Nurse, attending Sisters of St. Michael's School of Nursing in Grand Forks. She received the Campbell Award for being the top student in her class.



On December 28, 1955, Arlene was united in marriage to Bernard Kramer at St. James Basilica in Jamestown, ND. Arlene and Bernard were blessed with seven wonderful children. Her children were her life. She put them first and her own needs last. Arlene was a homemaker and enjoyed many crafts including sewing, ceramics and cross stitching.

While her children were young, Arlene was at home during the day and worked night shifts at the hospital in Carrington for a few years before working at Golden Acres Nursing Home in Carrington. She was an RN for over twenty years there dedicating her care to the elderly. Arlene attempted to retire multiple times from nursing, but in her later years she would be drawn back to Golden Acres for shifts needing to be covered, even filling in as temporary Director of Nurses.

Arlene enjoyed life to the fullest, she was active in St. John's Catholic Church serving as a member of the Altar Society, a Mass Reader and a board member of the St. John's Catholic Cemetery. She loved to travel, having visited all 50 states, including a seven week trip that she and Bernard had enjoyed in Alaska. Arlene was so proud of her last big adventure in 2016, when she and all of her children went on a cruise together.

She was very proud of her family, she loved to spend time with children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Family was the base of her joy whether they were at home on the farm or out on an adventure. They brought all the joy in the world to her.

She is survived by her loving son, David (Colleen) Kramer, Kensal; six daughters, Susan Kramer, Diane (Randy "Spark") Rambousek, both of Bismarck, ND, Kathleen (Todd) Peterson, Tyler, MN, Teresa (Scott) Stromsodt, Bismarck, ND, Sandra (Darwin) Duval, Horace, ND, Patricia Kramer, Fargo, ND; six grandchildren: Lindsey (Kramer) Hunt, Jordan Kramer, Nicholas Stromsodt, Eric Stromsodt, Elise (Peterson) Bonilla and Ethan Duval; four great-grandchildren: Addison, Kierstyn, Mareli and Brenden; one sister Leona Daede of Jamestown and Dorothy Schaffer, cherished friend.

Arlene was preceded in death by her husband Bernard Kramer; granddaughter Lauren (Kramer) Foster; great-grandson William Stromsodt; four siblings, Viola Carlson, Vernon Gums, Joyce Olson and Christ Gums Jr.

*I have fought the good fight.
I have finished the course. I have kept the faith.
II Timothy 4:7*





Mothers Never Die

*You have never lost your mother
Though you've said your last goodbyes
Though there's heartbreak in the parting
No one's mother really dies
If you love to hear the old songs
For the memories they bring
It's because you had a mother
Who taught you how to sing
If you stop to help a neighbor
Search your heart and you will find
It's because you had a mother
Who taught you to be kind
If you go to church when weary
Seeking God to guide your way
It's because you had a mother
Who taught you how to pray
No, you never lost your mother
Though you've said your last goodbyes
Through your thoughts and deeds she's living
No one's mother really dies!*

In Loving Memory Of

Arlene J. Kramer

September 3, 1933 – Medina, ND

March 24, 2017 – West Fargo, ND

PRAYER SERVICE

Monday, March 27, 2017

Rosary 6:45PM Vigil 7:00PM
St. John's Catholic Church – Kensal, ND

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Tuesday, March 28, 2017 – 10:30AM
St. John's Catholic Church – Kensal, ND

OFFICIATING

Father John Ejike
Father Kurtis Gunwall

SPECIAL MUSIC

Kathy Johnson, Organist
Todd Peterson, Vocalist
“Let There Be Peace On Earth”
“Prayer of St. Francis”
“On Eagles Wings”
“Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory”

CASKET BEARERS

Nick Stromsodt Eric Stromsodt
Jordan Kramer Ethan Duval
Jeff Hunt Pat Foster

HONORARY BEARERS

Lindsey Hunt, Elise Bonilla, Laura Stromsodt,
Marcos Bonilla, Mareli Bonilla

BURIAL

St. John's Catholic Cemetery - Kensal, ND

Arrangements By

Evans Funeral Home – Carrington & New Rockford, ND

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