



Elizabeth Ann “Betty” Kovarik, 89, of Burwell, Nebraska died June 3, 2023 at the Community Memorial Health Center in Burwell.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, June 9, 2023 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Burwell, Nebraska. Inurnment will be in Cottonwood Cemetery in Burwell. A memorial visitation will be Thursday from 4 – 6 p.m. at church, with a rosary at 6:00 p.m. Fr. Scott Harter and Fr. Mark Maresh will officiate. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Hitchcock Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Betty was born October 16, 1933 in Rexburg, Idaho to Henry and Mary (Jilg) Wewel. At the age of seven her family moved to Newport, Nebraska and later to Burwell. Betty graduated from Burwell High School in 1950. After graduation Betty worked at the Bank of Burwell.

On June 21, 1954 Betty married Stanley Kovarik, Jr. in Burwell. They always lived in the Burwell area. Betty was a very active member of Sacred Heart Catholic church; where she played the organ until her eyesight started to fail. She was involved in religious education, crafts and anything that was needed done at church. Faith was very important to her. She also enjoyed gardening and sewing.

Betty is survived by five children, John Kovarik and Gloria Sears of Burwell, Nebraska, Janet and Dave Erickson of Golden, Colorado, Julie and Ken Thorpe of Rolla, Missouri, Joanne and Steve Bailey of Lincoln, Nebraska and Jerry and Angie Kovarik of Alma, Nebraska. Six grandchildren, Nate Ulrich, Matt Ulrich, Eric Kovarik, Jonathan Erickson, Emilee Bailey and Teresa and Joe Lasack of Des Moines, Iowa. Two brothers, Gary and Glenna Wewel of Amarillo, Texas and Gene and Jeannie Wewel of Loup City, Nebraska.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents, husband and a sister Margaret Gerber.