



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

*Barbara M. Burley*

January 19, 1923 - January 12, 2026

*Mass of Christian Burial of  
Barbara Burley*



**Introductory Rites**

Greeting  
Sprinkling of the Holy Water recalls Baptism  
Processional Hymn: For All the Saints, #718 in Missal  
Opening Prayer

**Liturgy of the Word**

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 3:1-15 "A Time for Every Purpose"  
Responsorial Psalm 23 R. The Lord is my shepherd  
Second Reading: 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 4:6-8 "I Have Run the Race"  
Gospel Reading: John 14:1-6 "There Are Many Rooms"  
Homily  
Prayers of the Faithful

**Liturgy of the Eucharist**

Presentation and Preparation of the Gifts:  
Hymn during Preparation: We Remember, #486 in Missal  
The Eucharistic Prayer  
The Communion Rite: Catholics, who are in a state of grace  
(free of mortal sin) are welcome to receive  
Holy Communion  
Communion Hymn: The Supper of the Lord, #338 in Missal  
Communion Hymn: "Words of Remembrance: Terri Harrington"

**Final Commendation**

Song of Farewell: Irish Blessing, #395 in Missal  
Prayer of Commendation  
Incense is used to reverence the body and a sign of our prayers  
rising to heaven.  
Recessional Hymn: We Shall Rise Again, #605 in Missal

*The Roses (1 Red and 8 White) at the altar represent in loving  
memory, Barbara's husband, Gale, sons, Scott and Steven,  
sons-in-law, Bob, Merlyn, and Jim and grandsons,  
Jesse, Corby and Eric.*



## **Remembering Barb.....**

Barbara M. Burley died at Elim Health Care of Fargo, at the wonderful age of 102, on Monday, January 12, 2026. She was surrounded by her family and caregivers, from Elim and HIA Hospice. She was born on January 19, 1923, on the family farm at Mapleton, ND, the daughter of Paul and Emilie Lisburg. She attended school in Mapleton and West Fargo.

She married Gale Burley on April 8, 1942. The couple farmed at Gardner, ND and also worked for the US Department of Agriculture. After Gale's death in 1960, Barbara continued to manage the family farm and raise their ten children.

She was an active member of St. Williams Catholic Church at Argusville, ND, where she directed the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine program. She worked on the Gardner Township Election Board as a proud Democrat. In 1970, she was employed by Cass County Social Services as a Homemaker, providing support services for the disadvantaged, elderly, and people with physical disabilities.

Barbara moved to Fargo in 1974. She became an active member of Holy Spirit Catholic Church, grew roses, played cards, and opened her doors to grandchildren needing a place to stay after school and while attending college. Eventually, she lived at Heritage House in Fargo, where she was known for her baking, crocheting, and sharing books with friends and neighbors. She moved to Kinder Care of West Fargo in 2019, where she became famous for her hand crocheted GO BISON clothes hangers. At Kinder Care, she met some of the best friends of her life, including residents, caregivers, and a big dog named Lockie.

Barbara was preceded in death by her husband, Gale, sons Scott (Kathy) and Steven (Mary Ann) Burley, her sons-in-law, Robert (Karen) Westrick, Merlyn (Angela) Heller, and James (Therese) Sannes, and grandsons, Corby Heller, Jesse and Eric (Melissa) Burley.

She is survived by her daughters, Karen (Robert) Westrick, Angela (Merlyn) Heller, Therese (James) Harrington, and Barbara (Eric) Olerud, her sons, Donald (Donna), Roger (Susan), Bernie (Ardys), and James (Barbara) Burley. Barbara leaves well over 50 beloved grandchildren.

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# Barbara M. Burley

## **Funeral Mass**

1:00 P.M. Saturday, January 17, 2026  
St. William's Catholic Church  
Argusville, North Dakota

### **Presiding**

Monsignor Dennis Skonseng

### **Accompanist**

Jarrold Schell

### **Greeters & Giftbearers**

Rachael Agre and Jami Hemmerick

### **Rosary Leaders**

Ardys Burley & Angela Heller

### **Mass Server**

Levi Carruth

### **Placing of the Pall**

Karen Westrick - Angela Heller  
Therese Burley - Erica Olerud

### **Prayers of the Faithful**

Erica and Dave Carruth

### **Pallbearers**

Russell Burley - Wade Westrick  
Richard Heller - Rebecca Burley  
Michelle Haden - Heather Burley  
Jason Burley - Shane Sannes - Nicklaus Olerud

### **Final Resting Place**

Holy Cross Cemetery North  
Fargo, North Dakota