



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: 2nd 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, Merlin, 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

Jarrod 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