



## Elizabeth Ficek

May 21, 1928 - October 8, 2011

Elizabeth "Betty" Ficek, 83, Bismarck, died Saturday morning, October 8, 2011. Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 11:30 AM at Cathedral of the Holy Spirit in Bismarck with Rev. John Guthrie officiating. Burial will be held at 1:00 PM at ND Veterans Cemetery. Visitation will be Tuesday from 4:30 - 7:30 PM at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway, Bismarck, where a vigil service will be held at 7:30 PM. Visitation will continue on Wednesday one hour prior to the service at the church. Betty was born to Sam and Lena Anheluk Gulka on May 21, 1928. She was raised in New Hradec and Dickinson where she graduated from Model High School. She married Tony Ficek on February 4, 1947. They lived in Dickinson most of their lives until their move to Bismarck in 2004, to be closer to their children. Tony and Betty were married for 63 years until Tony's death on February 28, 2010. Betty was first and foremost a homemaker, caring for her children and especially her husband. She was Tony's partner in their plumbing business where she acted as the bookkeeper and business manager. Betty had a talent for cooking and baking and she was always prepared to offer something freshly baked to anyone who might stop by for coffee. Betty and Tony were lifelong dance partners. They loved to dance the polka and would travel to many states to attend polka parties. Betty also loved to sew. She was best known for the beautiful quilts she made for her grandsons. Betty had a wonderful sense of humor. It didn't take much to get her to laugh. She always had a smile for everyone. Grateful for having shared her life are her children,

Ken Ficek, Bismarck, Peg Dennis Nelson, Bismarck, Gary Rhonda Ficek, Fargo, and Keith Ficek, Dickinson. She is also survived by six grandsons, Mark and Brad Ficek, Jeff Robinson, Tony, Daniel, and Andrew Ficek; two step-grandchildren, Sarah Bunnell and Tyler Nelson; brothers, Jim Gulka, Dickinson, ND, and Steven Gulka, Lakewood, CO , Dickinson; and sister, Anna Basaraba, Williston, formerly of Belfield. Betty's family is so appreciative of the wonderful care their Mom received from everyone at St. Gabriel's.

# Tribute Wall

AB

“ Our hearts go out to each of you during this difficult time. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Your mother always had a smile and a kind word..so very much like our Anna. What a wonderful family. She will be missed!

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**Anna, Jim and Jackie Basaraba** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EK

“ To the Ficek family: I have such fond memories of the ten years that I lived in the duplex with Tony and Betty as my landlords. They were wonderful people and they will be missed! My sincere sympathy to the entire family!

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**Eileen Kopren** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ Dear Peggy, Dennis, Sarah, Tyler and all of Elizabeth's family. Our sincere sympathies on the loss of your dear Mother and Grandmother. Know that in the days to come, those wonderful memories of your times together will help to ease your loss. She sounds like an amazing and caring person, and was undoubtedly so proud of all of you! God bless you. Rod and Mary June Gaffrey, Black Hills, SD

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**Rod and Mary June Gaffrey** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ May the Lord bless Uncle Tony and Aunt Betty, two special people in our lives that will never be forgotten. She was a joy to be around and always had food for everyone one to eat thanks to her and all of our relatives we have our tradition with us. She always had a smile and hug for you when you would see her. She will remain in our memory forever. We will have 2 masses said for your parents at St.Leo's church in Minot. God bless your families and hope you will find peace in this difficult time in your lives.

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**Al andPatti Gulka Karsky** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DZ

“ My sympathy and prayers, What a wonderful lady Betty was! I loved the time I lived next to Tony and Betty. We'd tend to our flowers and visit on the deck in the summer. There were always kolaches or some other yummy treat waiting for me when I got home from work. Betty is now back at Tony's side and has probably danced a few polkas in heaven! God Bless!

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**Deb Zillich** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ Gary and Ficek Family, I have many fond memories of spending some time over at your home when I was younger. Your mom was always so nice to us. Your mom is in a better place..and you have the blessings of many happy memories of your mom. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

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**Mike Lefor** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ Peg, You and all your family will be in our thoughts and prayers during this time of your loss. Lorna and Wayne Sanders

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**Wayne & Lorna Sanders** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Our sympathy and prayers to Betty's family. She was a beautiful lady in so many ways.

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**Tony and Roni Weber** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Aunt Betty was truly a great baker we were always excited to stop at their home in Dickinson to enjoy her kolachi they were the best! We stopped to see Betty about 3 weeks ago and she was always happy and fun to visit. She told us that Tony gets up in the morning has a cup of coffee and then leaves for the day but then comes back home at night so that was fine with her. She is now with her beloved Tony and many, many more. God Bless - Love Don & Sandy Kadrmas

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**Don & Sandy Kadrmas** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ Betty was such a joy to be around at St. Gabriel's! Her giggle made your day, and it was so easy to come by. She loved to grab your hand and say "Thank you" for any little thing. She was so Gracious! She always told us girls how precious we were, little did she know she was precious to us, and made our days easier, and joyful. God Bless you Betty! You will be missed!!!

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**Jessica** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Ficek family - you are in my thoughts and prayers. I rented the other side of the duplex in Dickinson from Tony and Betty from 1996 to 2000. I loved living there! I would often come home to find a plate of baked goods on the steps downstairs. It was all wonderful to eat! Your parents were such kind souls.

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**Sandi Bates** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TN

“ *What a fun and kind-spirited lady your mother was to be around. I missed her when she moved away from Missouri Slope. Her legacy will live within your hearts forever. Go rest high on that mountain, Betty; your work here on earth is done:*

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**Trella Nygaard** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM