

Our beautiful mother Mary (Mick) Orlowski, 83, of Alexandria, MN, formerly of Glenwood, MN, passed peacefully on Wednesday, January 10th, 2018, after a variety of health complications.

Mary was born on November 5th, 1934, to Margaret and Clarence Miller, and attended Catholic school in St. Cloud before eventually graduating from Sauk Rapids High School. After high school, she attended nursing school in Minneapolis before deciding to return home to marry her high school sweetheart Delroy (Del) Orlowski on January 21st, 1956, in a good ole' MN blizzard. They moved to Glenwood in 1962, where the couple lived on beautiful Lake Minnewaska and raised their four children.

Mary was an avid swimmer and bowler, and she enjoyed golf, fishing, and boating with her husband and family. Her primary job was as a homemaker over the years. Along with juggling all the duties of raising a family, she was also a skilled seamstress, and enjoyed canning and gardening. She was also the hands down winner in arm wrestling and cribbage for most of her years. She was employed part-time by Minnegasco, Rexall Drug, and in helping to establish the Walmart Pharmacy in Alexandria. Later in life she studied and passed insurance exams so she could join Del in his newly established full service insurance agency, Orlowski Insurance, in Glenwood MN.

Mary and Del had been married for 31 years when Del passed suddenly and too soon in 1987 at the age of 53. As a result of this, Mary started the Glenwood community's first ever grief support group, eventually expanding the idea to Alexandria. She was extremely gratified to be able to help others during their time of need which she could strongly relate to.

Mary was delighted by and dearly loved by her children, 11 grandchildren, and 9 great grandchildren. She is survived by her children Kris (Mark) Juettner of Carlos MN, Michael (Beth) Orlowski of Willmar MN, Susan (Montgomery) McIlroy of Golden Valley MN, and Julie (Tom) Peterson of Chaska MN, as well as her brother-in-law Dale (Barb) Orlowski of Glenwood MN and their children Neil, Diane, and David, grandchildren Amanda Orlowski, Jessica (Adam) Downing, Jaimie (Micah) Stevenson, Katie (Mark) Harris, Joe (Lisa) Juettner, Doug (Megan) Orlowski, Jake (Emily Bush) Juettner, Lexi Orlowski and Erica, Ashley, and Rachel Peterson, great grandchildren Jarod and Max Harris, Ella, Sophia, Mia and Aiden Downing, Madelyn and Danielle Orlowski, and Aletta Stevenson, sisters Marge Petitmermet and Doloris (Virgil) Bolton, as well as many other nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends. Mary was preceded in death by her parents, beloved husband Del, and brothers Urban, Bob, and Jim Miller.

The Day God Called You Home

*God looked around His garden
and found an empty space.
Then He looked down upon the earth
and saw your tired face.
He put his arms around you,
lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful,
for He only takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering.
He knew you were in pain.
He saw the road was getting rough,
and the hills were hard to climb.
So He closed your weary eyes,
and whispered, "Peace be thine".
It broke our hearts to lose you,
but you did not go alone.
For part of us went with you,
the day God called you home.*

In Loving Memory of
Mary L. Orlowski

November 5, 1934



January 10, 2018

Mass of Christian Burial
St. Mary's Catholic Church
Alexandria, Minnesota
Friday, January 19, 2018
11:00 AM



Officiant

Father Steve Binsfeld

Pianist

Jane Herth

Soloist

Tom Mulder

Inurnment

Calvary Cemetery
Glenwood, Minnesota

Arrangements

Anderson Funeral Home
Alexandria, Minnesota