

Jane Holmen Bata, 87, of Kensal, N.D., died Sunday, Aug. 8, 2021, in Grand Forks.

Jane was born July 10, 1934, in Glenfield, N.D., the daughter of Sven and Fannie (Thoresen) Holmen. She graduated from Glenfield High School in 1952. Jane attended Valley City State College, earning an associate degree in teaching. She was always proud of the fact that she played basketball in college. Jane taught for one year at the one-room rural Haven Township school in Foster County. On June 12, 1954, she married Charles Bata Jr. at St. John's Catholic Church in Kensal. They lived in Washington where Charles served in the U.S. Army. After he was discharged in October 1954, they returned to Kensal, where they worked the family farm, located seven miles northwest of Kensal, until February 2019 when they moved to Grand Forks.

They had two children, Janet (Greg) DeVillers and Jeff (Shelley) Bata. Life for Jane and Charles revolved around their farm, family, and church. They also enjoyed attending the school activities of their children and grandchildren. Jane was an active member of St. John's Catholic Church, serving on the altar society, the cemetery board and helping serve at countless fall suppers, Memorial Day dinners and funeral fellowship luncheons. Jane and Charles were married for 65 years at the time of his death in 2019. While she gained friends while living in Grand Forks, her desire always was to be able to return to Kensal, to the farm, and the many lifelong friends she had there.

Jane is survived by her two children and their spouses; grandchildren Missy (Joey) Miedema, Brian DeVillers, Carrie (Mike) Riske, Stefanie (Todd) Geatz, Brandon (Alicia) Bata, Brittany (Shane) Primeau and Nick Bata; and great-grandchildren Mariah and McKinley Bata, Charlie and Maggie Miedema, Jack and Ian Riske, Max, Zach, Gabby and Gage Geatz and Asher and Everett Primeau. She also is survived by sisters-in-law JoAnn Somsen, Jamestown; Frances Dahl, Cooperstown; and Helen Schlotman, New Rockford; and many nieces and nephews.

Jane was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; her parents-in-law; and siblings Oscar, Wilfred, Edwin, Faye, June, Doreen, and Hazel and their spouses. She also was preceded in death by several of Charles' siblings and in-laws.

Jane's family extends special thanks to the kind and caring caregivers at Grand Forks' Altru Hospital, Altru Cancer Center, Parkwood Assisted Living and Valley Senior Living.

Please direct memorials to: St. John's Catholic Church Cemetery Association, Alzheimer's Association (act.alz.org), or American Cancer Society (cancer.org).



Mom, Grandma, Great-Grandma,
With the gift of years
comes the treasure of knowing
that there are many who love you dearly.

The memories you've made with us
will last forever.
The tenderness you've shared with us
will never fade.

The most wonderful gift you could ever give
is the special part of you
that now lives in each of us.

Ant the truth your love has taught us
can only be strengthened
by the gift of time...

For where roots grow deep,
memories grow forever.

Author unknown

GRANDMA'S BOUQUET

Jane G. Bata

One Magnificent Rose

God was ready...it was you he finally chose.

2 Roses...for your children

7 Carnations...for those kids who call you "Grand"

12 Daisies...for the kids who call you "Great"

Baby's Breath...for the Great Grandchildren not arrived yet to date

Someday we will all meet at God's heavenly gate

In our hearts you'll always live

Because of the love, support, and kindness unknowingly you did give

God Bless you Jane, Mom, Grandma, Great-Grandma Jane,

Smile down upon those who love you here below.

Much love forever,

Your family

Children

1 Pink Rose ~ Janet Bata DeVillers

1 Yellow Rose ~ Jeff Bata

Grandchildren

4 Pink Carnations ~ Missy Miedema ~ Carrie Riske

Stefanie Geatz ~ Brittany Primeau

3 Blue Carnations ~ Brandon Bata ~ Nick Bata ~ Brian DeVillers

Great-Grandchildren

4 Yellow Daisies ~ Maggie Miedema ~ Mariah Bata

McKinley Bata ~ Gabby Geatz

8 White Daisies ~ Charlie Miedema ~ Jack Riske ~ Ian Riske

Max Geatz ~ Zach Geatz ~ Gage Geatz

Everett Primeau ~ Asher Primeau

In Loving Memory of

Jane Gwendolyn Bata

July 10, 1934 - Glenfield, ND

August 8, 2021 - Grand Forks, ND

VISITATION

Friday, August 13, 2021 ~ 5:00PM - 7:00PM

St. John's Catholic Church, Kensal, ND

ROSARY / VIGIL SERVICE

Friday, August 13, 2021 ~ Rosary 6:45PM, Vigil Service 7:00PM

St. John's Catholic Church, Kensal, ND

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Saturday, August 14, 2021 ~ 10:00AM

St. John's Catholic Church, Kensal, ND

OFFICIATING

Fr. Sean Mulligan

SPECIAL MUSIC

Kathy Johnson ~ Organist

Congregational Hymns

On Eagle's Wings #448, Amazing Grace #451, Blessed Are They #606

Song of Farewell #852, Be Not Afraid #443

HONORARY BEARERS

Missy Miedema ~ Brandon Bata ~ Brittany Primeau ~ Stefanie Geatz

Brian DeVillers ~ Carrie Riske ~ Nick Bata

BURIAL

Kensal Cemetery, Kensal, ND

Arrangements by

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