

Vernette Frances Neva, 96, of rural Kensal, ND, passed away Tuesday, November 7, 2023, peacefully at her home with family by her side.

Born on April 3, 1927, to Kenneth and Antonia (Schindele) Schultz of Tolna, ND, Vernette was the eldest of ten children. She graduated from Tolna High School in 1945 and received her teaching certificate from Valley City State College. She taught at a country school near Tolna.

Vernette married Duane Neva of Kensal, ND on June 9, 1948 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Tolna. They made their home in rural Kensal, where they farmed and raised dairy cattle. They were blessed to have shared 68 years together before Duane's passing in November 2016.

She dedicated her life to being a wife and a mother. With nine daughters to keep her busy, she also enjoyed gardening, oil painting, and traveling the country with her husband. She was known for her love of books and music. Any song with a lively, peppy beat would often result in a dance. She loved and enjoyed spending time with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Although not being sports minded, she was always at our games and activities. Her family and friends will miss her quick-wit and spirited good nature.

As an active member of St. John's Catholic Church in Kensal, she loved to serve and praise our Lord. Vernette was a member of the Altar Society, taught Sunday school classes, sang in the choir, and played the church organ for many years. She was also involved in the community as a 4-H leader, a member of the Kensal Kozy K's homemakers club, and helped Duane with their Neva Tree Farm.

Vernette is survived by her 9 daughters: Annette (Chuck) Lochow, Russell, KY; Jeanette (Allen) Hill, Alexandria, MN; Julie (Ray) Neva-Ressin, Denver, CO; Francine (Brad) Turner, Miltona, MN; Rosalie (Jaime) Schlecht, Wimbledon, ND; Colette (Paul) Wolf, Kensal, ND; Sheila (Neil) Johnston, Courtenay, ND; Rhoda (Cory) Stangeland, Kensal, ND; and Jill (Todd) Borth, Garrison, ND. She is also survived by 21 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; brothers: Gerald Schultz, James (Teddy) Schultz, and Robert (Kathy) Schultz; sisters: Joan (Gene) Krei and Shirley Schultz; brother-in-law Jim (Sharon) Neva; sister-in-law Janice (Buck) Buchholz; and many nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death by her husband Duane; parents; infant grandchild Brent Turner and infant great-grandchild Catherine Pautsch; brothers: Marvin Schultz, Donald (Luann) Schultz, and Bruce (MaryLu) Schultz; infant sister Lois Ann; and sisters-in-law: Ceresé Schultz and Helen (Robert) Timm.

*~The Neva family would like to thank everyone
for all of their thoughts and prayers for our mother.~*



In Loving Memory Of
Vernette Neva

April 3, 1927 – November 7, 2023



Legacy OF Love

A wife, a mother, a grandma too,
This is the legacy we have from you
You taught us love and how to fight
You gave us strength, you gave us might.
A stronger person would be hard to find,
And in your heart you were always kind.
You fought for us all in one way or another
Not just as a wife not just as a mother.
For all of us you gave your best
And now the time has come for you to rest.
So go in peace, you've earned your sleep,
Your love in our hearts we'll eternally keep.

~Author Unknown

Celebration of Life

Vernette Frances Neva

April 3, 1927 - Tolna, ND
November 7, 2023 - Kensal, ND

PRAYER SERVICE

Tuesday, November 21, 2023
Visitation ~ 6:00PM - 7:00PM
Rosary ~ 6:45PM | Vigil Service ~ 7:00PM
St. John's Catholic Church, Kensal, ND

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Wednesday, November 22, 2023 - 10:30AM
St. John's Catholic Church, Kensal, ND

Celebrant Father Pfau

MUSIC

Kathy Johnson ~ Organist
Alicia Bollingberg ~ Cantor/Vocalist
Stu Gullicks ~ Soloist ~ *Our Father*

Here I am, Lord #394 | *10,000 Reasons* #561
I am the Bread of Life #326 | *Sing to the Mountains* #538

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Vernette's Grandchildren

Steve, Sarah, Amy
Heidi, Brandon
Brian, Stephanie, Chelsey
Tara, Tyler
Kelly, Dionne, Bret
Nick, Sadie, Tate
Evan, Justine, Sydney
Shawn, Rayann

BURIAL

St. John's Catholic Cemetery, Kensal, ND

RECEPTION

Please join us for lunch and fellowship in the
dining hall following the burial service.

Arrangements by
Evans Funeral Home – Carrington & New Rockford, ND
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