

Mary K. Puffe passed away peacefully in her sleep in the early hours of October 4, 2025. She had struggled with lung disease and heart failure for years. More recently diagnosed with cancer, it was her wish to cease the fight, and embrace God's plan with dignity.

She was born Mary Katherine Murphy October 21, 1934, to Terrance Clement (Tony) Murphy and Lenora Rita (Babe) Zink Murphy. She was their third child. Mary K had 2 older brothers whom she adored all her life, John and Daniel. She lost her mother at a very young age, and was sent to stay with her grandmother with episodic visits to various aunts. Beginning High school, she returned to live on the farm with her father and brothers. She graduated from Bordulac High School in 1953.

She went to St Catherine's School for Nursing in ST. Paul, MN, where she got her Nursing diploma. When asked why she went there, she replied, "Because that's where the Murphy women went".

She married James E. (Jim) Seitz on May 25, 1956. They built a home and farm together in Bordulac, ND, very nearby her father's and beloved brother's farm. She worked as an RN in Carrington Hospital for 20 years. During this time, she had 7 children, all of whom were born in Carrington Hospital. She said that "all I ever wanted was to be a farm wife with a large family". Those goals she accomplished.

She and Jim divorced in 1976, and shortly thereafter she relocated to Bismarck, where she worked as an RN at Mandan Hospital, Bismarck Hospital, and Bismarck Hospice. She returned to school and obtained her BSN from Mary College.

She met and married Esthel Puffe in 1986. She embraced Esthel's 3 adult children: Paul Puffe of Texas, Joel Puffe of Bismarck, Cheryl Puffe of Oregon and felt every bit a grandmother to the children from those married couples.

Mary K and Esthel moved to Bemidji, Minnesota, in 2004. After Esthel passed away in 2006, Mary K then became the first ever 'virtual nomad' - staying with each of her 7 adult children for months at a time, bringing her sewing and her faith with her.

She left a legacy of 7 adult children: Lenore Seitz of Jamestown, ND; Jay (Julie) Seitz of Alpharetta, GA; Paula (Mark Netherda) Seitz-Netherda of Santa Rosa, CA; Mary (Brian) Strand of Lawton, ND; Tricia (Mark McGlynn) Seitz-McGlynn of Bozeman, MT; Thomas (Britt) Seitz of Carrington, ND, and Jennifer Seitz of Healdsburg, CA. Also 15 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren, along with charitable donations to 'mission work' and many quilts sewn with love and bestowed upon loved ones with great pride and best wishes. We will all miss her, and we know she is with us, always.

"Simplify and be at Peace"

Celebrating

THE LIFE OF



Mary K. Puffe

OCTOBER 21, 1934 – OCTOBER 4, 2025



Irish Funeral Prayer

You can only have one mother,
Patient, kind and true;
No other friend in all the world,
Will be the same to you.
When other friends forsake you,
To mother you will return,
For all her loving kindness,
She asks nothing in return.
As we look upon her picture,
Sweet memories we recall,
Of a face so full of sunshine,
And a smile for one and all.
Sweet Jesus take this message,
To our dear mother up above;
Tell her how we miss her,
And give her all our love.

Celebrating The Beautiful Life Of *Mary Katherine Puffe*

October 21, 1934 – Carrington, ND
October 4, 2025 – McVile, ND

VISITATION

Friday, October 24, 2025
12:00PM - 1:00PM
Evans Funeral Home, Carrington, ND

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Friday, October 24, 2025
1:00PM
Evans Funeral Home, Carrington, ND

ORDER OF SERVICE

- Welcoming by Evans Funeral Home
- “Amazing Grace” by the Rollag Gospel Trio
- *Apostle’s Creed* read by Dustin Strand
- Scripture Reading (John 3:5-17) read by Adam Seitz
- Obituary read by Alex Netherda and Morgan Kulbeck
 - Scripture Reading (John 14:27-29)
 - Scripture Reading (2 Timothy 4:6-8)
 - “In the Garden” by the Rollag Gospel Trio
 - Eulogy by Paula Seitz-Netherda
 - Words of Wisdom - Anyone Gathered
 - “Just As I Am” by the Rollag Gospel Trio
- Closing Prayer and Benediction by Paula Seitz-Netherda
- “How Great Thou Art” by the Rollag Gospel Trio
 - Recessional Music - Hallelujah Chorus

HONORARY BEARERS

All of Mary K’s Beloved Family and Friends

BURIAL

Carrington Cemetery, Carrington, ND

FELLOWSHIP

Putnam House, Carrington, ND

Arrangements by
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