

Virginia Mae (Engelhardt) Kelty was born on May 1, 1936 to Fred and Agnes (Stalarski) Engelhardt in Milwaukee, WI. She graduated from Bloomington High School in 1954 and was employed as a Bookkeeper for the YMCA. Ginny met her future husband, Joe on a blind date while he was in the service. On November 12, 1955 Virginia was united in marriage to Joseph Kelty in Milwaukee. They made their home and raised a family together on the Kelty Homestead outside of Plankinton, SD where they lived their entire married life on the family farm.

Ginny was a member of St. John's Catholic Church, a 4-H Leader and belonged to the Eight O'clock Club. She enjoyed traveling and turned her love of sewing into a business, Ginny's Country Fabrics on the family farm.

Virginia Mae Kelty, 81, of Plankinton, SD passed away Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at Firesteel Healthcare Center in Mitchell, SD.

Grateful for having shared in Ginny's life: her husband of over 62 years, Joe Kelty of Plankinton, SD; five children: Maureen Kelty (Brian Lawler) of Bellingham, WA, Karen (David) Koch of Plankinton, SD, Mary (Mike) Krell of Plankinton, SD, JoAnn (James) Gerlach of Plankinton, SD and Mike Kelty of Logan, OH; nine grandchildren: Melissa (Kevin) Swanson, Jessica Lawler, Jennifer (Randy) Pryor, Stephanie (Steve) Gates, Jordan Krell (fiancé, Theresa), Justin Krell (fiancé, Krista), Matthew Gerlach (fiancé, Janice), Rebecca Gerlach and Andrew Kelty; five great grandchildren: Makenna, Cason, and Allie Pryor, Carter Gates and Caleb Swanson; a sister, Ruth Meyers of Milwaukee, WI; a brother-in-law, Tony Grambihler of Richland, WA; along with many nieces and nephews.

Virginia was preceded in death by two infant sons: Thomas and Dennis; her parents, Fred Engelhardt and Agnes Slaats; a step father, Clem Slaats; five siblings: Meta, Esther, Fred, Clara and Edith; and a sister-in-law, Helen.

Memorials in Ginny's honor may be directed to: Avera@ Home – Hospice Mitchell, 525 N. Foster St., Mitchell, SD 57301.





*Let my character be sewn
with threads of strength,*

*my soul be washed with
tears of compassion,*

*my heart be made with
the fabric of love,*

*my spirit be covered with
God's blanket of grace.*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Virginia Mae Kelty

May 1, 1936 - January 9, 2018

MEMORIAL MASS

Saturday, January 13, 2018 1:30 P.M.

St. John's Catholic Church
Plankinton, South Dakota

CELEBRANT

Fr. Robert Lacey

Lector, Rodney Faulhaber

Altar Servers,

Carson, Courtney Olinger and Gavin Tobin

MUSICAL SELECTIONS

"Blest Are They" "You Are Mine"

"You Are Near"

"How Great Thou Art"

Song Leaders, St. John's Choir

Organist, Mary Mayclin

CASKET BEARERS

Jennifer Pryor

Stephanie Gates

Jordan Krell

Justin Krell

Jessica Lawler

Cordel Vissia

Cory Tobin

INTERMENT

Mizpah Catholic Cemetery
Plankinton, South Dakota

*In remembrance, please turn on your headlights
during the procession to the cemetery.*



*Mount Funeral Home is honored
to be assisting the Kelty family.*