

Patricia "Pat" Mae Bartholow, 88, passed away peacefully at her home in Summerset, South Dakota, with her family by her side. Pat had unwavering faith and looked forward to being greeted lovingly into the arms of her Lord Jesus Christ and loved ones who had gone before her. The Funeral Mass will be held Friday, December 2 at 10:00 am at St. Francis of Assisi in Sturgis, SD, with burial at 1 pm at the Black Hills National Cemetery.

Pat was born June 7, 1934, to William and Louise (Mentele) Wagner in Salem, SD, the youngest of four children. She grew up in Salem and graduated from St. Mary's High School. She worked at newspaper offices in both Salem and Mitchell. She married Foster (Gus) W. Bartholow, Jr. on September 27, 1954. Two children were born of this union, Betty Jane, and Foster (Buddy) III. Pat and Gus raised their children in Mitchell and later moved to Sturgis, SD.

She was a culinary artist, decorating wedding and birthday cakes for hundreds of satisfied customers, as well as catering many occasions, including at the Governor's residence in Pierre. She was a gracious lady and enjoyed hosting many large family gatherings. She was a favorite aunt to her 17 nieces and nephews who she always made feel special.

Pat was the author of the Dakota Kids books that she co-wrote with her daughter Betty. She was an active participant in beautifying the South Dakota State Capitol Christmas tree display for sixteen years. She hand-crafted hundreds of ornaments to create themed trees enjoyed by all who toured the Capitol. She also decorated the South Dakota Christmas tree in Washington DC for three years. She was a member of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Sturgis, where she actively participated in parish activities, especially sharing her extraordinary cooking and baking skills.

Pat is survived by her daughter, Betty Bryant of Summerset; son, Foster/Buddy (Charlene) Bartholow; grandsons, Foster (Taylor) Bartholow, Matthew (Kerry) Bartholow; and great-grandson, Wyatt, all of Rapid City, and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, sister Dottie, and brothers, LeRoy and James.

Cards and Memorials can be sent c/o Kinkade Funeral Chapel, 1235 Junction Ave, Sturgis, SD 57785 or at www.kinkadefunerals.com.



*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch,
following the service, in the church hall.
Thank you for your presence and condolences.*



In Loving Memory Of
Patricia Mae Bartholow
June 7, 1934 ~ November 25, 2022

For those I love...

...For those who love me

When I am gone, release me, let me go.

I have so many things to see and do,

You mustn't tie yourself to me with too many tears,

But be thankful we had so many good years.

I gave you my love, and you can only guess

How much you've given me in happiness.

I thank you for the love that you have shown,

But now it is time I traveled on alone.

So grieve for me a while, if grieve you must,

Then let your grief be comforted by trust.

It is only for a while that we must part,

So treasure the memories within your heart.

I won't be far away for life goes on.

And if you need me, call and I will come.

Though you can't see or touch me, I will be near.

And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear,

All my love around you soft and clear.

And then, when you come this way alone,

I'll greet you with a smile and a 'Welcome Home'.

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June 7, 1934
Salem, South Dakota

Died

November 25, 2022
Summerset, South Dakota

Memorial Service

Friday, December 2, 2022, 10:00 a.m.
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiant

Reverend Gary Oreshoski

Musicians

Dr. Barry Furze - Organist
Myron Volk - Soloist

Musical Selections

"How Great Thou Art" "Prayer of St. Francis"
"I am the Bread of Life" "Old Rugged Cross"
"Come to Her Aid" "In the Garden"

Honorary Pallbearers

All Friends and Family

Final Resting Place

Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota