



Alvina Theresa Birk

September 1, 1923 - August 14, 2017

Alvina Theresa Birk, age 93

Cold Spring

September 1, 1923 – August 14, 2017

Mass of Christian Burial will be 11:00 a.m., Friday, August 18, 2017 at Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church in Rockville, MN for Alvina Theresa Birk, age 93, who died Monday at Assumption Home in Cold Spring, Minnesota. Final resting place will be in the parish cemetery.

Relatives and friends may call from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Thursday, August 17, 2017 at the Wenner Funeral Home in Cold Spring. Parish Prayers will be at 4:00 p.m. followed by a rosary lead by the Infant of Prague Mission Group and the Christian Women. Visitation will continue from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. at the funeral home.

Alvina was born on September 1, 1923 in Bagley, Minnesota to Peter and Margaret (Bauer) Thul. She married William “Bill” Birk on November 27, 1946 at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Cold Spring. Alvina was a homemaker. She loved to play cards, baking, cooking and watching the Minnesota Twins. Alvina was an advocate for her family, selfless giver, and loved spending time

with each of them. She was a woman of great faith who belonged to Christian Woman, and Infant of Prague Mission Group both of Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church. She was also an advocate of the Poor Clares.

Survivors include her children, Dave (Marilyn), Allan (Marcia), Diane (Jim) Browning, Karen (Mike) Hunstiger and Michele Birk (Jack); son-in-law, Vance Porwoll; siblings, Rosemary Ruprecht, Cecille Schramel, Mercedes (Al) Udermann, Laverne (Ralph) Torborg, Eldred (Joanne) Thul, and Virginette Donaldson; 17 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and 1 due in October.

She was preceded in death by her husband Bill; daughter, Mary Porwoll; siblings, Lawrence (Louise) Thul, Elmer (Thelma) Thul, Elizabeth "Betty" Preusser; brother-in-law, Clarence Schramel, and Lawrence Ruprecht.

The family would like to thank the staff at Assumption Nursing Home for taking great care of Alvina.

In lieu of flowers a donation to the Poor Clares Monestary or the garden fund at Assumption Home in Cold Spring.

Cemetery Details

Calvary

Rockville, MN 56369

Previous Events

Gathering of Relatives and Friends

AUG 17. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wenner Funeral Home - Cold Spring
600 Red River Ave. So.
Cold Spring, MN 56320

Gathering of Relatives and Friends

AUG 18. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Wenner Funeral Home - Cold Spring
600 Red River Ave. So.
Cold Spring, MN 56320

Funeral Services

AUG 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

Mary of Immaculate Conception Church
113 Broadway St
Rockville, MN 56369

Tribute Wall



“ *Alvina Theresa Birk*

January 29, 2023 at 09:26 AM



“ *Dear Birk Family,*

I was so sorry to hear about Alvina's death. She was such a kind, loving person. The Birks were our neighbors in Rockville when we lived in the "hotel," as we all called it back then. I remember playing dolls with Diane and Mary Conrad at the Birk's home, and Alvina would always serve us her homemade cookies. She made a chocolate one that I loved. When I was married and had children of my own, I wrote to her when she was still living in Rockville and asked her for her chocolate cookie recipe. I am sure she didn't know which one I meant, so she hand-copied four of them on recipe cards and mailed them to me, each one saying, "From the kitchen of Alvina Birk." I will always treasure these recipes, along with all the memories of playing at the Birk's home, especially "Annie, Annie Over" across the roof of their shed.

My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time.

Love,

Sandy Ahles Justin

P.S. On this rainy day, I think I will make a batch of Alvina's delicious cookies!

Sandy Justin - August 17, 2017 at 10:43 AM



Many happy memories for me playing with Karen and Michelle and Mary Birk - Julie (Conrad) Bodem

julie bodem - August 17, 2017 at 05:14 PM

MJ

“ Although I met "Mom" through Dave and his family, I knew her from the great pickles and the FANTASTIC squirrel dinners I was privileged to share with her and Bill. Still try to replicate (with very limited success) her cooking. My senses still remember the fresh bread and great odors every time we stopped on another adventure. Thank you.

Mark Jenzen - August 16, 2017 at 04:33 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Alvina Theresa Birk.



August 16, 2017 at 10:25 AM

DL

“ Michelle and families
I am so very sorry for your loss
Prayers, hugs and sympathy
Dianne Schwegel Ledbetter



Dianne Ledbetter - August 15, 2017 at 07:17 PM