



Celine Kunkel

January 4, 1931 - May 7, 2026

Celine Kunkel, age 95, died Thursday May 7, 2026, peacefully at her home. Celine was born in Eden Valley, MN to Louis and Gertrude (Kramer) Foley. She married Andrew Kunkel on June 5, 1951, in St. Peters Catholic Church, Eden Valley, MN.

She graduated from St. Cloud Teacher's College and taught in a one-room schoolhouse for two years. After Andy completed military service, they moved to the Kunkel family farm in Pearl Lake. Together with Andy, she managed the farm and a large family of 8 yet always found time and room at the table for extended family, friends, and neighbors. Celine was extraordinarily dedicated to her family, faith and service to those in need.

Together with Andy, she provided decades of service through Holy Cross Parish, the Diaconate program, jail ministry, farm counseling, Pearl Lake Fare SHARE food program, and many Residents Encounter Christ (REC) retreats. She had a green thumb. She loved gardening, growing flowers, playing cards, and traveling. She cherished her family, loved to cook and bake. Her days were often filled with quilting, sewing, and church volunteer work. Above all, she was best known for her deep faith, huge heart, infectious laughter, and unbridled kindness.

Survivors include her children, Marie (Ken) Worm; Terri (Ken) Wong; Louie (Laura); Mike (Sande); Beth (Greg Hinrichs); Charlotte (Steve Billig); Charlie (Carol Vermeer); Jenny (Jeff) Schertz; siblings, Peggy Butkovich, Kaye Mills,

Pat Foley; 21 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Andy; her parents; siblings Mary Lou Tvedt, Celestine (Sally) Wampach; and grandson Brian Kunkel.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Marty, MN.

Visitation from 4:00 - 7:00 pm Tuesday, May 12th at Holy Cross Church, Marty, MN. Visitation will continue from 9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Wednesday morning at the church. Private burial will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers please donate to your favorite charity.

Cemetery Details

Holy Cross

Marty, MN

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 12. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Holy Cross Catholic Church
10651 Co Hwy 8
Kimball, MN 55353
(320) 398-7885

Visitation

MAY 13. 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM (CT)

Holy Cross
10651 County Rd 8
Kimball, MN 55353

Mass

MAY 13. 10:30 AM (CT)

Holy Cross
10651 County Rd 8
Kimball, MN 55353

Tribute Wall

EH

“ Eddie and Janis Hernandez planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Celine Kunkel.

Eddie and Janis Hernandez - May 12 at 01:04 PM

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“ Eddie and Janis Hernandez purchased the Shades of Purple for the family of Celine Kunkel.



Eddie and Janis Hernandez - May 12 at 01:04 PM

JM

“ John and Shelley Mathews purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Celine Kunkel.



John and Shelley Mathews - May 11 at 03:44 PM

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“ John and Shelley Mathews planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Celine Kunkel.

John and Shelley Mathews - May 11 at 03:44 PM



“ *Multicolor Pastel Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Celine Kunkel.*



May 10 at 10:25 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Celine Kunkel.

May 10 at 10:25 PM



“ *With Love , Cosmo planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Celine Kunkel.*

With Love , Cosmo - May 09 at 10:05 AM



“ *With Love , Cosmo purchased the Red & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Celine Kunkel.*



With Love , Cosmo - May 09 at 10:05 AM