



Vivian Backes

July 30, 1932 - August 17, 2019

Mass of Christian Burial will be 11:00 a.m., Thursday, August 22, 2019 at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Richmond, MN for Vivian Backes, age 87, who died Saturday at the Assumption Nursing Home in Cold Spring. Burial will be in the parish cemetery.

Visitation will be 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. Wednesday evening at the Wenner Funeral Home, Richmond, MN, and will continue 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. Thursday morning at the funeral home.

Vivian was born on July 30, 1932, in St. Augusta, MN, to Clemens and Frances (Imholte) Landwehr. She graduated from St. Cloud Cathedral High School in 1950. Vivian married Daniel Backes on September 1, 1952. In 1956 they moved to a farm south of Richmond. Vivian worked on the farm while also being employed at Jack Frost Hatchery/Golden Plump for 37 years and raised three sons. In 1994 they retired to a beautiful lake home on the Sauk River Chain of Lakes. Upon Dan's passing, Vivian and her son, Terry, moved to Richmond where she resided until her passing.

Vivian did a wonderful job of helping provide for her family and did an extraordinary job of caring for Terry over the years. She was a great cook. Vivian was an avid Vikings fan and loved to play bridge. She also enjoyed traveling to Hawaii, Europe, and cruises.

Survivors include her sons Keith of Port Angeles, WA; Terry of Richmond, MN; Michael (Kathy) of Port Angeles, WA; her siblings, Millie (Stan) Hara, Janet (Erv) Walz, sisters-in-law, Viola Plante and Angie Landwehr.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Daniel (2010); her siblings, Clara (Francis) Jude, Sally (John) Murray, Delphine Undersander, Bruno (Agnes), Harold, Clifford, Roman, Eldred, and Rainier Landwehr.

Cemetery Details

Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Cemetery

Richmond, MN 56368

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **21**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Wenner Funeral Home - Richmond
151 Oakwood Ave. SE
Richmond, MN 56368

Visitation

AUG **22**. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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Service

AUG **22**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church
56 1st St. NE
Richmond, MN 56368

Tribute Wall



“ *Vivian Backes*

January 29, 2023 at 09:26 AM



“ *What a lovely lady. We enjoyed knowing Vivian and Dan. My husband Paul sang in Meannerchor with Dan and we both traveled with them on Meannetchor trips. God Bless Vivian. Paul and Lorra Schwartz*

Paul and Lorra Schwartz - August 21, 2019 at 06:32 PM



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Malgorzata Thompson - August 21, 2019 at 09:55 AM



Vivian was a great supporter of the Cold Spring Area Maennerchor for about 50 years! She and her husband Dan continued the German and Christian tradition in selection of the songs, which made the choir so unique and according to its name. Vivian, you were my first friend after I came to US and you and Dan made me feeling home, speaking some German and presenting songs which I knew. Thank you for that... Will miss you both.....

Malgorzata Thompson - August 21, 2019 at 10:05 AM