

Mathilda Emmil was born near Scheffield, ND, on June 14, 1921, the daughter of Marcus and Monica (Olheiser) Emmil. Growing up she attended school through the sixth grade in Scheffield. Tillie moved to Washington state during the war, where she worked in a factory and a café until the end of the war. Following her return home, she met Carl O. Nelson who became her husband on January 20, 1947 in Wibaux, MT. Their marriage was blessed with five sons and a daughter. Tillie and Carl resided in Dickinson until their move to Denver and Kansas City in 1948 where Carl attended school for watchmaking and gemology. They returned to Dickinson in 1952 and Carl opened and operated Nelson Jewelry for 41 years until his death in 2001. Tillie was fussy about her home, inside and out. She enjoyed preparing her famous German dishes including Borscht, Cheese buttons, Knoephla, Paprikash and Sauerkraut. She enjoyed treating her whole family to "China Doll," the Chinese Restaurant, where they always greeted her by name. She was famous for babysitting for several families in Dickinson and she kept in touch with the kids through the years. But her priority was watching her grandkids grow up, especially in their backyard swimming pool "showing off" on the diving board and the slide. She really enjoyed keeping in touch with her nieces & nephews, brothers & sisters, as well as neighbors. The many family dogs were her "fur" ever buddies and she fed them just like family. But, the special family pet was Chipper, the squirrel monkey. We will miss you, Gramma, especially your sense of humor and the smile that went with it. We know you're watching over us and you'll always be in our hearts. Tillie is survived by her children, Vern (Barb) Nelson, Dale (Ashley) Nelson, Jim Nelson, Carla (Randy) Zillich, and Gordon Nelson all of Dickinson; grandchildren, Elaine (Dennis) Wolberg, Westen Nelson, Wyatt Nelson, Wade (Aizzah) Nelson, Mandy (Donavan) Slag, Nicole (Nathan) Wandler, Amy (Shawn Ell) Nelson, Jessica (Brandon) Deavy, Kristen (Aaron) Radtke, Tyler Nelson and his mom, Lori; great-grandchildren, Lindsey (Tanner) Davis, Xzavier Nelson, Willa Wandler, Jameson Wandler, Elliot Ell, Taylor and Maggi Deavy, Jaxen Radtke; great-great-grandchildren, Addisyn & Emberly Davis; sister, Adeline Klein of Dickinson; brother, Cyril Emmil of Dickinson. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Carl O. Nelson (2001); son, Oscar J. Nelson; daughter-in-law, Helen F. Nelson, Nancy Scheller Nelson; sisters, Mary Wolf, Veronica Schlosser, Louise Emmil, Katie Gabel; brothers, Leo and George Emmil; grandchildren, Travis Nelson, and infants Michael Paul Nelson and Kayla Marie Nelson, who died at birth.



*Tillie
Nelson*

June 14, 1921 - August 5, 2020





Tillie Nelson

FUNERAL MASS:

Tuesday, August 11, 2020 11:00 am MT
St. Patrick's Catholic Church
Dickinson, North Dakota

ROSARY:

Tuesday, August 11, 2020 10:30 am MT
St. Patrick's Catholic Church
Dickinson, North Dakota

CELEBRATING:

Father Christian Smith

MUSIC:

Sandy Tibor

PALLBEARERS:

Westen Nelson
Wyatt Nelson
Wade Nelson
Mark Emmil
Randy Klein
Nathaniel Kostelecky

INTERMENT:

Wednesday, August 12, 2020 2:00 pm CT
North Dakota Veterans Cemetery
Mandan, North Dakota

ARRANGEMENTS BY:

Stevenson Funeral Home
Dickinson, North Dakota

God saw she was getting tired
And a cure was not to be,
So He put His arms around her
And whispered, "Come with Me."

With tearful eyes we watched her suffer
And saw her fade away,
Although we loved her dearly
We could not make her stay.

A golden heart stopped beating
Hard working hands to rest,
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.