Barbara L. Verdeck, 69

Barbara L. Verdeck, 69, of Victor, died Saturday, April 10, 2004, at the Brookhaven Nursing Home in Brooklyn.

A funeral Mass will be held 10:30 a.m. today (Wednesday, April 14) at St. Patrick’s Catholic Church in Brooklyn, with the Rev. Richard Okumu officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in Brooklyn.

The casket bearers will be Jake Bartachek, Bob Christian, Jeff Gryp, Luke Stanley, Joe Verdeck and Curt Willett.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the BGM High School Scholarship Fund.

Smith Funeral Home in Victor is handling the arrangements.

The daughter of Charles and Mariam Schultz Willett, she was born September 17, 1934, in Grinnell. She was raised in Brooklyn. She was a 1952 graduate of Brooklyn High School.

On September 29, 1953, Barbara married Raymond R. Verdeck at St. Patrick’s Catholic Church in Brooklyn. The couple farmed near Hartwick from 1955 to 1973, when they purchased the Verdeck home farm and built their present home. She was employed as a legal secretary and retired from the Bloethe Law Firm in 1997 after 25 years of service. She was a member of the Altar and Rosary Society.

She is survived by her son, Jeff Verdeck of Victor; two daughters, Julie Bartachek of Brooklyn and Lisa Cunningham of Newton; two brothers, Allen Willett of Victor and Ed Willett of Helena, Montana; two sisters, Mary Rhinehart of Iowa City and Rita Stanley of Cedar Rapids; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

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