



## Petronella "Pieta" M. Prokott

March 28, 1942 - December 31, 2022

Petronella "Pieta" Prokott, 80 year old resident of Baxter, MN, formerly of Royalton, MN, passed away Saturday, December 31, 2022, at Edgewood of Baxter, surrounded by her loving family. Mass of Christian Burial will be on Thursday, January 5, 2023, at St. Stanislaus Catholic Church in Bowlus, MN, at 11:00 A.M., with Father Greg Sauer officiating. Visitation will be from 9:00-11:00 A.M., at the church prior to the Mass. Burial will take place at Holy Trinity Cemetery in Royalton, MN. Caring for Pieta is the Shelley Funeral Chapel of Little Falls.

Petronella "Pieta" Prokott was born on March 28, 1942, in Venhorst, Holland to the late Martin and Petronella (Jansson) Van Kessel. She lived in Holland until moving to Canada with her family at the age of 10, and eventually, settling in Chesterville, Ontario, Canada. It was there she became pen-pals with a girl from Minnesota. Through her, she met Michael Prokott and fell in love. This love sent her to live her days in Minnesota. The couple was united in marriage on October 19, 1963, in Chesterville, Ontario, Canada. Pieta and Mike had 4 children and lived on a farm by Bowlus, Minnesota. She worked at Francisca's SuperValu in Little Falls, and finished her career at Mills Fleet Farm in St. Cloud, Minnesota. Pieta was a feisty spitfire, quick to share a laugh, and had a generous heart. Pieta enjoyed reading, shopping, and playing cards, especially in the company of good friends. You could always depend on Pieta for a good laugh. She was an excellent cook and loved

entertaining. She became a surrogate mother to many. Pieta loved being a foster grandmother at the Royalton school. She always remained true to her Dutch heritage, as her home was full of Dutch windmills and blue delft. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren were her pride and joy. She was known as a woman of strong faith and prayed the Rosary daily.

Pieta is survived by children, Dan (Judy) Prokott, Sharon Waytashek, Rhonda Bursch, and Julie (Terry) Popp; grandchildren, Beth Sundby, Jon Prokott, Josh Prokott, Britney Waytashek, Brett Bursch, Brooke Falk, Blake Bursch, Paige Schyma, Greta Popp, Ingrid Popp, and Samuel Popp; great-grandchildren, Broderick Hiemenz, Elowyn Sundby, Edison Sundby, Mason Prokott, Evelyn Prokott, Brody Waytashek, Daxton Kimmons, Zavior Kimmons, Charlie Bursch, Hendrix Falk, Theodore Schyma, and Briggs Falk.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Michael Prokott; grandson, Cody Waytashek; son-in-law, Michael Bursch; parents, Martin and Petronella Van Kessel; brothers, Martin, Bert, and Peter; and sisters, Anna, Grace, Toni, and an infant sister.

A special thanks to Baxter Edgewood Memory Care and St. Croix hospice for their exceptional support, love, and kindness. We are so grateful our mother was surrounded by so many loving and caring people.

# Cemetery Details

## Holy Trinity Catholic Cemetery

Royalton, MN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 5. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Stanislaus Catholic Church - Bowlus  
428 Main Street  
Bowlus, MN

## Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Stanislaus Catholic Church - Bowlus  
428 Main Street  
Bowlus, MN

# Tribute Wall

JP

“ *I miss you so much Mom! I love you!!!*

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**Julie Popp** - March 06, 2025 at 12:54 PM



“ *Petronella "Pieta" M. Prokott*

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January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM

IB

“ *Our sympathy to Pieta's family. We will always remember her as a fun loving, good hearted woman.*

*Dave and Irene Becker*



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**Irene Becker** - January 14, 2023 at 11:37 AM

MP

“ *My deepest sympathy to you, Dan, Sharon, Rhonda, Julie, and families. My mom always enjoyed her visits and chats with your mom. One of her favourite things to get out at Christmas time was a red and green tree skirt that your mom crocheted. I have it now and will always remember your mom.*

*Melissa (Van Kessel) Poremba*

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**Melissa Poremba** - January 12, 2023 at 08:34 AM

MK

“ Our deepest condolences on your loss.

*Martin (Marty) Van Kessel and family*



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**Martin (Marty) Van Kessel** - January 05, 2023 at 11:14 AM

J(

“ Dan, Sharon, Rhonda, Julie and families; your Mom was truly a wonderful woman. I will always remember how amazing she was. My deepest sympathies on her death. May she live among you though her sweet memories and unconditional love.

*Jennifer O'Neil (Byvelds)*

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**Jennifer O'Neil (Byvelds)** - January 05, 2023 at 10:29 AM

NK

“ Dan, Sharon, Rhonda and Julie; I was very sad to hear about the passing of your mom. I still have a letter she sent me 37 years ago that that speaks to her caring nature, and spunk! You and your children and grandchildren are her great legacy.

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**Nancy Van Kessel** - January 04, 2023 at 07:59 PM

CM

“ Dan, Sharon, Rhonda, Julie and families, sending my deepest sympathies on your Mom's passing. She was the best sister ever; she was so much fun and so full of life. Hope the many good memories help you through these tough days. We'll all miss her. With love and hugs to all.

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**Corrie McRae** - January 04, 2023 at 06:57 PM

CS

“ Dan, Sharon, Rhonda and Julie (and families). Deepest sympathies on the loss of your mother. I always enjoyed seeing both your mother and father, when they visited Canada. You have great memories, that will always be cherished

Cindy Sprigings (Van Kessel)

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Cindy Sprigings - January 04, 2023 at 06:45 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers go to Dan, Sharon, Rhonda, Julie and families. My deepest sympathy on your mother's passing. Pieta and I went to school and dances together and she was always the, l'ife of the party. You know that God always takes the best and Pieta was the best, May all your memories help you through this time of grief and pain, God bless you all.

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Theresa Van Kessel - January 04, 2023 at 05:26 PM

PV

“ My deepest sympathy to Dan, Sharon, Rhonda, Julie & family. Wishing you peace, comfort & lots of love. My heart goes out to you at this difficult time RIP Pieta Pauline vankessel

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Pauline vankessel - January 04, 2023 at 05:22 PM

SB

“ Dan, Sharon, Rhonda, Julie and families; We wish to extend my deepest condolences to you on Aunt Pieta's passing. She was a special Aunt to me having been my Godmother and I always enjoyed her and Uncle Mike's visits to the farm when they visited my parents.

Steven & Debbie Byvelds, Iroquois [formerly Williamsburg], Ontario

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Steven Byvelds - January 04, 2023 at 02:35 PM

JM

“ I really enjoyed working with Pieta at Mills Fleet Farm for so many years. I cashiered there for many years and she worked the service desk. She was always so upbeat and fun to talk to. May the angels keep her in their care.  
Judy E. Meyer

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**Judy E. Meyer** - January 04, 2023 at 01:59 PM

PK

“ Patsy, David, Brenna, Brent, & Kendra purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Petronella "Pieta" M. Prokott.



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**Patsy, David, Brenna, Brent, & Kendra** - January 03, 2023 at 08:44 PM

RS

“ Our Prayers and thoughts from the Schwienteks



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**Richard and Cathy Schwientek** - January 03, 2023 at 06:25 PM

TH

“ So sad to hear about Pieta's passing. I worked with Pieta at Art's Super Value grocery store (now West Side Liquor in Little Falls) when I was in high school in the late 70's. To say that Pieta was "feisty" is an understatement! She was a checkout girl and I was a stock/carryout boy. I loved working with her. She had a great sense of humor. Good thing too, because I'd tease her about being so short. She always took it well with a laugh and a smile! Later when she worked in customer service at Mills Fleet in St. Cloud, I'd occasionally see her there and we'd laugh and reminisce about the fun times we had working together at the grocery store. She was one of a kind and I will miss her. Rest in Peace Pieta! My condolences to the family. My prayers are with you.

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**Tom Hanowski** - January 03, 2023 at 05:19 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Petronella "Pieta" M. Prokott.



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January 03, 2023 at 02:30 PM

DB

“ Sending our sympathy to all of your family. Treasure the memories you made with her and know that she is at peace now and in the presence of loved ones who have gone before her. God Bless you.  
Don and Joyce (Prokott) Biewer

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**Donald and Joyce Biewer** - January 03, 2023 at 09:45 AM

TB

“ *Tiny En Toos Van Den Berg lit a candle in memory of Petronella "Pieta" M. Prokott*



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**Tiny en Toos van den Berg** - January 03, 2023 at 07:23 AM

BR

“ *Britney sent a virtual gift in memory of Petronella "Pieta" M. Prokott*



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**Britney** - January 02, 2023 at 10:06 PM

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“ *Britney lit a candle in memory of Petronella "Pieta" M. Prokott*



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**Britney** - January 02, 2023 at 10:05 PM

BR

“ I will cherish all the memories I have with her!



Britney - January 02, 2023 at 10:04 PM

JG

“ My thoughts and prayers Dan, Sharon, Rhonda, Julie and families. It is a difficult journey right now but may all of your good memories of your mother bring you comfort and peace. It's been a hard journey but you were always there for Pieta. Roy and I have known Pieta and Mike for years and we did have lots of laughs and fun together. I'm sure she and Roy will have some time bantering back and forth like they enjoyed doing. Whenever I think of your mother I will always remember that contagious laugh. May God hold you all in the palm of His hand. Love to you all and RIP Pieta.

Judy Grubb - January 02, 2023 at 08:12 PM

JM

“ Deepest condolences for your loss.



Jill McGee - January 02, 2023 at 07:16 PM

LK

“ *Lori Krebs lit a candle in memory of  
Petronella "Pieta" M. Prokott*



Lori Krebs - January 02, 2023 at 05:30 PM

LK

*Hugs Dan your in my prayers* ❤️

Lori Krebs - January 02, 2023 at 05:31 PM

CE

“ *Clif Evans purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Petronella "Pieta" M. Prokott.*



Clif Evans - January 02, 2023 at 05:23 PM

JP

“ *Dan, Sharon, Rhonda and Julie and families, So sorry for your loss. Those we love can never be more than a thought away, for as long as there's a memory they live in our hearts for ever. Aunt Pieta was a special aunt, she was funny and very spiritual and heaven has gained another angel. May she rest in peace. Nat and Joan Polito*

Joan Polito - January 02, 2023 at 04:16 PM