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Charlotte Gifford Kathan

Charlotte Gifford Kathan, age 92, of Prior Lake, Minnesota, formerly of Youngstown, went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, July 6, 2022.

On Oct. 10, 1929, in Niagara Falls, New York, Charlotte Ann was born the only child to Kenneth Oswald and Dorothy Marie (Taylor) Gifford. After graduating from high school, she furthered her education at Valparaiso University and later at Bryant & Stratton Business School. Charlotte worked various jobs throughout her life, mainly as a bookkeeper,

but it was being a wife and mother that was her focus.

Charlotte reconnected with a gentleman returning from war. His name was Richard "Dick" Webster Kathan. They dated for a few years before exchanging vows on Sept. 15, 1951, at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Niagara Falls. From this union, they were blessed with two sons: Richard Jr. and Ken.

Charlotte had a strong faith in God, which followed her throughout life. This foundation was an example set by Charlotte's

parents as a young child. She and her family attended Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Niagara Falls. Charlotte attended this church until 1954. After marrying, Charlotte was a member of the Dorcas Aid Society at St. John Lutheran Church in Youngstown, where she was a member of the church for 53 years. Charlotte became a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, in Prior Lake, when she moved to Minnesota in 2007.

This dedication in faith was an illustration of what it is to be a

wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Charlotte will be forever loved by sons Richard "Rick" W. Jr (Elizabeth) Kathan and Ken P. (Christine) Kathan; grandchildren Richard W. III (Megan) Kathan, Thomas W. (Mariah) Kathan, Mary E. (Eric) Gunderson and Melissa J. Kathan; great-grandchildren Connor R. Kathan and Sawyer R. Gunderson; and other relatives and friends.

Welcoming her home in Heaven is Charlotte's husband, Dick Kathan, and her parents, Kenneth

and Dorothy.

A private family burial will be held at Fort Snelling National Cemetery. Memorials are preferred and will be distributed in Charlotte's memory. Condolence cards can be mailed to Ballard-Sunder Funeral & Cremation, 104 West First St., Jordan, Minnesota, 55352, and will be passed on to the family.

Share a message with Charlotte's family at www.ballardsunderfuneral.com.

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Youngstown Rec names Nancy and Vicki Price Memorial Scholarship recipients

SUBMITTED BY TINA ODDY
Youngstown Recreation Commission Chairperson

Scholarships are awarded annually by the Youngstown Recreation Commission in honor of Nancy Price, who was the beloved director of the Youngstown Recreation programs for 20 years. She worked tirelessly in all aspects of her work and truly made a difference in the lives

she touched. This past September, her daughter-in-law, Vicki Price, passed away unexpectedly. Vicki worked and volunteered with Youngstown Recreation for many years, making a positive impact on the youth that attended the programs. She was also a dedicated teacher aide that inspired many students, going above and

beyond to make a difference in their lives and in their futures.

It is an honor to award scholarships and be able to continue to make a difference in the lives of others in both Nancy and Vicki Price's memory.

Congratulations to this year's Nancy and Vicki Price Scholarship winners: Anna Conrad, Spencer Reisman, Ashley Szarejko, Dominic Townsend, Matthew Toohey and Alastair Sweeney.

Anna and Spencer were each awarded \$1,000, while Alastair, Ashley, Matthew and Dominic were awarded \$500.

All six recipients were chosen for their academic achievement, community service, and involvement in Youngstown Recreation.

Anna will attend SUNY Geneseo and major in psychology. She wrote a heart-warming essay that described the impact Vicki had on her as she grew up. She explained how Vicki would sit with her and talk for hours. She said, "Vicki taught me how to braid hair, play card games, and she would also help me with my school work."

Anna also enjoyed spending time with Vicki at the recreation programs: "She gave me a chance to experience new things like field trips, games, and new friends. I now have the ability to try new things and meet new people without hesitation. I wouldn't have had the experiences I did if



Pictured: Nancy Price and Vicki Price make preparations for the Youngstown Festival of Trees in the early 1990s. (Photo courtesy of Youngstown Recreation Commission)

it wasn't for her."

She added, "Vicki had a huge impact on my life and always made sure I was confident in myself."

Spencer will attend SUNY Cobleskill and major in business. He has been actively involved in

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