

Mary Helen Mahoney was born on February 4, 1929, in Redwood Falls, Minnesota, the daughter of Jeremiah and Maud (Whittet) Mahoney. She grew up on a farm near Redwood Falls, graduated from Redwood Falls High School in 1947 and attended St. Joseph's Nursing School in Minneapolis. On September 28, 1950, Mary was united in marriage to James B. Schnell. They lived in numerous communities throughout Minnesota and Iowa where she worked as a Registered Nurse. In 1967, they moved to Willmar and Mary began teaching in the nursing program at the Willmar Vo-Tech. She was an active member of the Church of St. Mary and member of the Daughter's of Isabella. She was a volunteer with AARP; a leader with the Willmar Parkinson's support group and was active within other community organizations. Mary enjoyed flowers, gardening, traveling and assisting/supporting individuals in times of need. She also cherished spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She is survived by her four children, Barbara Brower of Buffalo, Joseph Schnell of Willmar, Rita (and Bill) Schuldt of Akeley and Carol (and Tom) Gustad of Fargo, ND.; eight grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren, besides other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James in 2010; and two brothers, John "Jack" Mahoney and William "Bill" Mahoney.

## *Celebrating the Life of*



*Mary H. Schnell*

*1929 - 2023*

*Your Smile*

*Though your smile*

*is gone forever,*

*And your hand I*

*cannot touch,*

*I still have many memories*

*of the one I loved so much.*

*Your memory is my Keepsake,*

*with which I'll never part.*

*God has you in His keeping,*

*I have you in my heart.*

Arrangements By  
*Peterson Brothers Funeral Home*  
*"Celebrating A Life Remembered"*

In Loving Memory Of

*Mary Helen Schnell*

February 4, 1929

Redwood Falls, Minnesota

December 31, 2023

Willmar, Minnesota

**Mass of Christian Burial**

Thursday, January 4, 2024 - 11:00 a.m.

Church of St. Mary

Willmar, Minnesota

**Celebrant**

Fr. Steve Verhelst

**Music**

Pianist: Tim Cayler

St. Mary's Resurrection Choir

Gathering Song: *"Here I Am Lord"*

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23 – *"The Lord Is My Shepherd"*

Preparation of the Gifts: *"On Eagles' Wings"*

Communion: *"Be Not Afraid"*

Song of Farewell: *"The Hand of God Shall Hold You"*

Going Forth: *"Silent Night"*

**Interment**

Minnesota State Veteran's Cemetery

Little Falls, Minnesota