



Safely Home

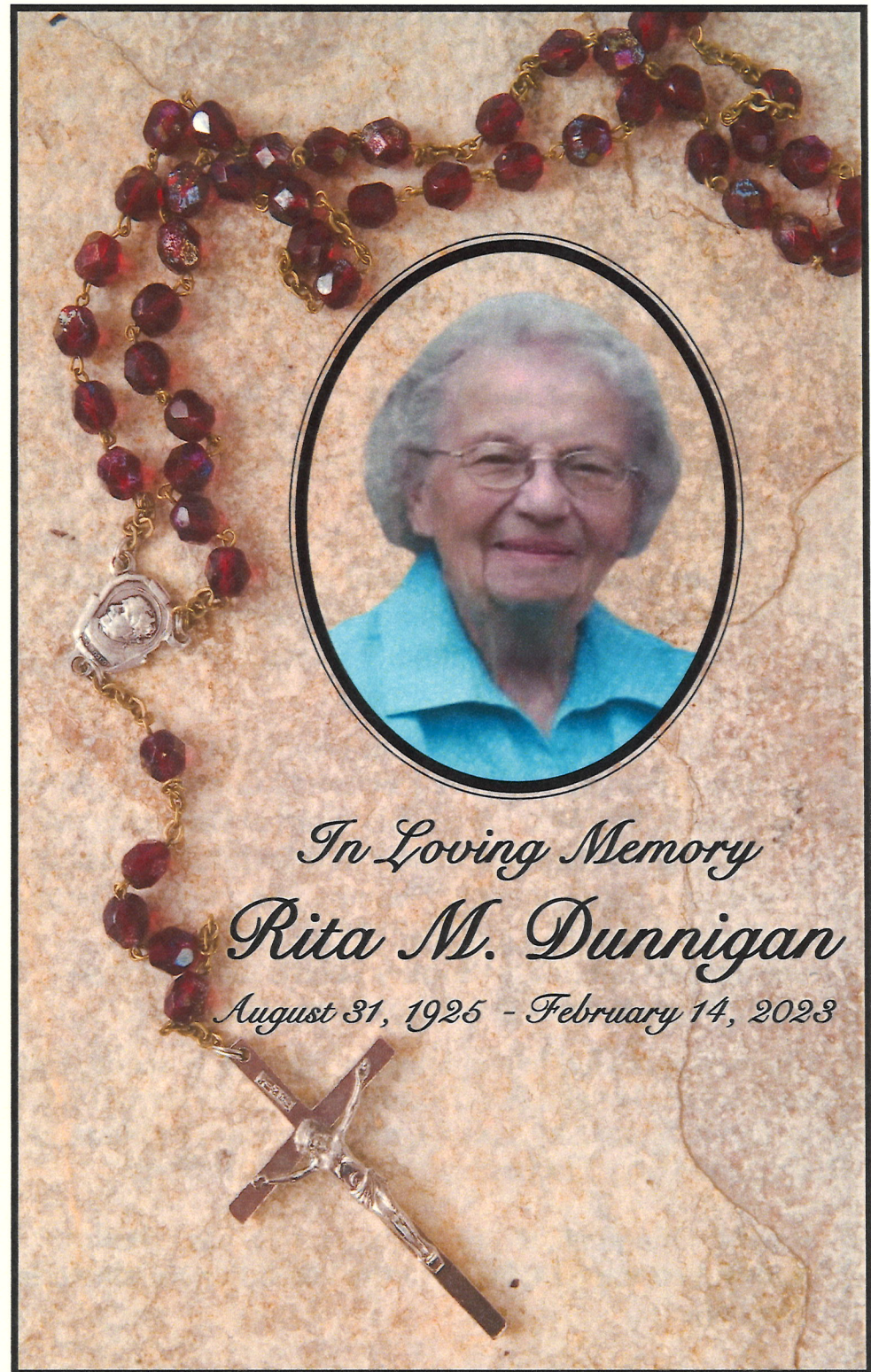
*I am home in Heaven, dear ones;
Oh, so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty
In this everlasting light.*

*All the pain and grief is over,
Every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever,
Safely home in Heaven at last.*

*Then you must not grieve so sorely,
For I love you dearly still:
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,
Pray to trust our Father's Will.*

*There is work still waiting for you,
So you must not idly stand;
Do it now, while life remaineth -
You shall rest in Jesus' land.*

*When that work is all completed,
He will gently call you Home;
Oh, the rapture of that meeting,
Oh, the joy to see you come!*



Rita was born August 31, 1925, to Joseph and Mae (Schneider) Fischer near Mount Carmel, ND. Growing up as the oldest of nine children, she developed her mothering skills at an early age. She attended school at Maida, ND.

On June 18, 1951, Rita married Raymond E. Dunnigan at Mt. Carmel. They lived and farmed in the Beaulieu area, where they raised seven children, fully testing her mothering skills.

Rita helped establish and was a leader for the area 4-H club. She was also a member of the Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church in Olga where she served on the Altar Society and taught religious education. She was a woman of strong faith, and after moving into Walhalla in 1992, was able to attend daily Mass. Rita always had a rosary handy, and in her later years was often seen holding her rosary while walking the halls at Pemblier Nursing Center. She also enjoyed baking, gardening and sewing.

She is survived by her children: Debbie Hudson, Rolla, ND; Nancy Dunnigan (Dave Koehser) Minneapolis, MN; Mary Saxowsky, West Fargo, ND; Shirley Breimeier, Beulah, ND; Edgar (Deanne) Dunnigan, Mcville, ND; daughters-in-law: Linda Dunnigan, Minto, ND; and Bev Dunnigan, Walhalla, ND; 19 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren; siblings: Dorothy Soeby, Joe (Sharron) Fischer, Mary Werner and Randy (Penny) Fischer.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Raymond; sons: Dan and Earl Dunnigan; sons-in-law: Tim Hudson, David Saxowsky, and Wayne Breimeier; brothers, Bob, Hugh, and Larry Fischer; and sister, Lois Hoffarth.

Rita M. Dunnigan, 97, of Walhalla, ND, passed away Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at the Pemblier Nursing Center in Walhalla.

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Monday, February 20, 2023 - 2:00 p.m.

St. Boniface Catholic Church

Walhalla, North Dakota

CELEBRANT

Rev. Fr. Jason Asselin

READERS

Jennifer Hauge & Ashley Magner

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

"How Great Thou Art" "On Eagle's Wings"

"Song of Farewell" "You Are Mine"

Bernadine Kopf, Organist LaRae Horgan, Cantor

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

All of Rita's Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren

CASKET BEARERS

Paul Breimeier Adam Dunnigan Blaine Dunnigan

Donovan Dunnigan Ryan Dunnigan

Sean Dunnigan Tyler Hudson Karl Saxowsky

INTERMENT

St. Boniface Catholic Cemetery

Walhalla, North Dakota