

Celeste L. Berger, 85, Mandan, died April 10, 2018, at CHI St. Alexius Medical Center, Bismarck.

Celeste was born November 13, 1932, in Garrison, ND to William and Elvira (Rodahl) Trueblood. She graduated from high school and attended University of Mary. On May 31, 1955, she married Anthony Berger in Emmet, ND. Celeste worked as a secretary for the State Fur Co., State Auditor's office, Motor Vehicle Dept., and was supervisor for Central Data Processing. She retired in 1988 after 35 years working for the State of ND. Celeste

was a member of the Mandan United Methodist Church, Button Club, Tops Club, and Women's Circle.

Blessed to have shared her life are three children, Sandra (David) Becker, Bismarck, Cynthia (Jim) Monahan, Mandan, and Greg (Rosemary) Berger, Bismarck; a nephew who lived with the family, Brent Mossbarger; 6 grandchildren, Evie Thomashefsky, Allison (Lee) Olsen, Katelyn Monahan (fiancé, Ben), Ethan Monahan (fiancée, Abby), Alisha (Casey) Gertz, and Daryl Berger; 6 great-grandchildren, Hunter, Corra, Alder, Kamdyn, Karter, and Hayden; two brothers, Loren Trueblood and Howard (Jean) Trueblood, all of Garrison; and sisters-in-law, Patsy Trueblood, Minot, Loretta Toman, Rosemary Berger, and Frances Mae Berger.

Celeste was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Anthony in 2012; son-in-law, Martin Anderson; grandson, Tony Monahan; brothers and sisters-in-law, Robert (Kathy) Trueblood, Myron Trueblood, and Elsie Trueblood; brother-in-law, Albert Toman; and sister-in-law, Viola Mossbarger.

Special thank you to the staff on TCU at CHI St. Alexius, the Bismarck Cancer Center, and our Angel, Mary Ellen.

Memorials may be directed to the charity of the donor's choice.





For those I love, and those who love me,
When I am gone, release me, let me go...
I have so many things to see and do.

Be happy that we had so many years. I gave you my love.

You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears.

You can only guess how much you gave me in happiness.

I thank you for the love you each have shown,

But now it's time I traveled on alone.

So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must.

Then let your grief be comforted by trust.

It's only for a while we must part.

So bless the memories that lie within your heart.

I won't be far away, for life goes on.

So, if you need me, call and I will come.

Though you can't see me or touch me,

I'll be near, and if you listen with your heart,

You'll hear all of my love around you soft and clear.

And then, when you must come this way alone...

I'll greet you with a smile and "welcome you home."

Prayer Service Wednesday, April 11, 2018; 7:00 PM

Funeral Service Thursday, April 12, 2018; 10:30 AM

Mandan United Methodist Church

Mandan, North Dakota

Officiant Rev. Bruce Adams

Musician Nyla Schock

Soloist Lorna Strand

Casketbearers Daryl Berger, Kelly Trueblood, Gary Trueblood

Todd Trueblood, Donald Trueblood, Alisha Gertz, & Ethan Monahan

Prelude

Procession

Opening Scripture 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Special Music "The Old Rugged Cross"

Sharing of Memories Philippians 4:4-8

Scripture John 14

Psalm 90

Special Music "He Touched Me" by Gaither Vocal Band

Scripture Psalm 23

Message

Recessional "I Can Only Imagine" by Mercy Me

Postlude

The family invites you for lunch and fellowship at the church immediately following the funeral service.

Committal will take place at 2 pm at the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery.