

## *I'm Free*

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me.

I took His hand when I heard Him call

I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day to laugh,  
to love, to work or play.

Tasks undone must stay that way.

I found that peace at close of day.

If my parting has left a void  
then fill it with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, ah, yes, these  
things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow

I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full; I've savored much, good friends,  
good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief; don't lengthen it  
now with undue grief.

Lift up your hearts and share with me

God wanted me now:

He set me *free*.



*In Loving Memory*





*Annette Schumacher*, 78, of Mandan, passed away July 20, 2019 at Sanford Health, Bismarck.

Annette was born on March 15, 1941 to Pete and Margaret (Lauinger) Ripplinger in Mandan, ND where she was raised.

In her early years she worked at the Dairy Queen in Mandan where all the young kids loved her. After becoming a mom, she enjoyed devoting her time to raising kids. She later worked at Kmart as a greeter and at Brighton's until her retirement.

Annette was very close to her grandchildren, they were her top priority. Every one of them

knew that Grandma was always available for a call or a visit to iron out life's problems. Her door was always open with a pot of coffee waiting to welcome family and friends. She loved the outdoors, camping, gardening, canning, crafts, crochet, and was an accomplished artist. There were many beautiful items she gifted to her family and friends.

Annette will be deeply missed by her 3 daughters, Brenda (Jerry) Wilson of Fortuna, ND, Tina (Bernard) Haverluk of Goodyear, Arizona, and Amy (Levi) Lanning of Sterling, ND; one son, Kenneth Wagner Jr. of Fairfield, ND; 18 grandchildren, Rachel (Clint), Kris (Caitlin), Rosanne (Jordan), Valerie, Robert, Kurtis, Chase, Kobe, Sadie, Sierra, Cain, Colt, Josh Wagner, Kendra Lewis, Eric Schmidt, Tonya Schmidt, Nick Grosulak, Larissa Grosulak; several great-grandchildren; one sister, Donna Norton of Mandan; 4 brothers, Gary Ripplinger, Larry (Michelle) Ripplinger of Mandan, both of Mandan, Jerry (Laverne) Ripplinger of Fargo, Peter (Kathy) Ripplinger of Billings, MT; a special niece who was like a daughter, Debbie (John) Wangler of Mandan; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by the love of her life, Grant Abrahamson; and one infant daughter, Shelly; infant grandson, baby Lanning; her parents; 2 sisters; and 6 brothers.

*Following the burial the family invites you for lunch and fellowship at the Mandan Eagles Club.*

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In Loving Memory Of

# Annette Schumacher

March 15, 1941 — July 20, 2019

**Parish Rosary/Vigil**

**Thursday, July 25, 2019; 7:00 PM**

**Presider  
Vigil Musician  
Funeral Liturgy**

**Weigel Funeral Home  
Deacon Randy Frohlich  
Julie Ternes**

**Celebrant  
Musicians**

**Friday, July 26, 2019; 10:30 AM  
St. Joseph Catholic Church  
Reverend Patrick Ojedeji  
Michele Schwab & Gene Mosbrucker**

Opening Song

*"Be Not Afraid"*

**Liturgy of the Word**

Old Testament Reading

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

Lector

Brenda Schumacher

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 25

*"To you, O Lord, I lift my soul, to you I lift my soul."*

New Testament Reading

Thessalonians 4:13-18

Lector

Kathy Ripplinger

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:1-12a

Homily

**Liturgy of the Eucharist**

Preparation of Gifts Song

*"Only A Shadow"*

Presentation of Gifts

John & Debbie Wangler

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion Song

*"On Eagle's Wings"*

Communion Meditation

*"Peace is Flowing Like a River"*

Final Commendation

*"Old Hundredth"*

Closing Song

*"How Great Thou Art"*

**Casket Bearers ~ All of Annette's grandchildren**

Kris ~ Robert ~ Kurtis ~ Josh ~ Eric ~ Clint ~ Nick ~ Chase  
Kobe ~ Cain ~ Colt ~ Rachel ~ Rosanne ~ Valerie  
Kendra ~ Tonya ~ Larissa ~ Sadie ~ Sierra

**Honorary Casket Bearers**

All of Annette's Family and Friends

**Burial**

**Mandan Union Cemetery**

Mandan, North Dakota