

The oldest of three children, Joyce was born on June 6, 1926 to Peter and Elizabeth (Stecher) Mellmer. She graduated Valedictorian from New England St. Mary's High School in 1944 and married Andrew Rettinger in 1945. To this union, twelve children were born. Joyce enjoyed music and was a talented musician, playing several instruments. As a teenager, she played both a city band and the family M&M band (Mellmers & Madlers). A farm girl most of her life, Joyce was always hard working, dependable and supportive. After leaving the farm, she moved into New England and then Glen Ullin, where she developed interests in painting, traveling and volunteering. In her later years, she moved to Albuquerque, NM, to be closer to her youngest daughters and their families. Most precious to Joyce were the times spent with family and God. Joyce is survived by her twelve children; Robert (Millie), Carolyn (Orlan) Senechal, Duane (Naomi), Don (Carol), Gordon, Linda (Tim) Duppong, LaVonne Johnson, LeAnn, Rhonda (Bill) LeFevre, David (Jill), Marcella (Derek) Sunderman, and Janel (Chris) Ballard; 24 grandchildren; and a growing number of great-grandchildren; brother, Darrell Mellmer; and many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents; brother, Peter Mellmer Jr.; sisters-in-law, Viola and Nancy; one son-in-law; Keith Johnson; and several grandbabies & great-grandbabies. A Requiem Mass and Rosary were held in Albuquerque.

The Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

Joyce
Rettinger

June 6, 1926 - February 28, 2020



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FUNERAL MASS:

Thursday, March 12, 2020 10:00 a.m.
Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Glen Ullin, North Dakota

ROSARY & VIGIL:

Wednesday, March 11, 2020 6:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Glen Ullin, North Dakota
Rosary: Anissa Gartner
Vigil: Deacon Lance Gartner
Music: Angela Ernst

CELEBRATING:

Father Jeff Zwack
Deacon Michael Mellmer

READERS:

Jennica Hammerschmidt & Gordon Rettinger

MUSIC:

Nancy Morman
Glory & Praise Singers

GIFT BEARERS:

Joyce's Family

PALLBEARERS:

Joyce's Grandchildren

INTERMENT:

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery
New England, North Dakota

ARRANGEMENTS BY:

Spangelo-Stevenson Funeral Home
Glen Ullin, North Dakota

*Lunch will be served at the Parish Hall
following the Funeral Mass.
Everyone is welcome.*

