

In Loving Memory of
Elaine Doris Buresh

February 4, 1933 ~ September 10, 2024

Mass of Christian Burial

Friday, September 13, 2024 ▪ 10:00 AM
Corpus Christi Catholic Church ▪ 1919 N 2nd St.
Bismarck, North Dakota

Interment

Friday, September 13, 2024 ▪ 2:00 PM
St. Cecilia's Catholic Cemetery
Towner, North Dakota

Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Ecclesiastes 3:1-12
Responsorial Psalm 23
 "The Lord is my shepherd there is nothing I shall want."
New Testament Revelations 14:13
Gospel Matthew 5:5-10

Music

Prelude *"Holy Darkness"*
Opening *"Be Not Afraid"*
Offertory *"Come to the Water"*
Communion *"How Great Thou Art"*
Final Commendation *"Song of Farewell"*
Closing Song *"Amazing Grace"*

Celebrant Fr. Michael Schommer

Musicians Sebastian Haboczki and Colleen Reinhardt

Readers John F. Buresh and Lori Buresh

Honorary Pall Bearers Elaine's grandchildren, nephews and nieces



Elaine Doris (Schmalz) Buresh, age 91, concluded her journey on Earth to enter heaven on September 10. She passed away in peace at St. Gabriel's Senior Center alongside family members. Elaine was born in the Fayette Hills of Dunn County, North Dakota on February 4, 1933, in her parents' sod home which was the converted, former St. Peter's Catholic Church. It was perhaps this initial experience and education into the Catholic Church that was influential in leading her to a life devoted to the Catholic faith, and of her being a dutiful follower of Jesus Christ's teachings.

Elaine graduated from Killdeer High School, earned her teaching certificate, and taught in the one room school houses in the Fayette and Oakdale School Districts, respectively. Elaine then married the love of her life, John Buresh. They remained together as husband and wife for 71 wonderful years.

In 1960, Elaine and John moved to Towner, North Dakota, where they raised six children. Being the Dunn County girl that she was, Elaine made sure there was a little bit of her life from back home with her in Towner when she had her two horses in the pasture so she could see them from her kitchen window. Elaine took pride as a successful homemaker, taking care of the children, raising a large garden, and maintaining an immaculate flower garden. She also enjoyed feeding birds, decorating the house for holidays, cooking wild game, entertaining family and friends, and seeing her grandchildren.

Elaine was an active member of St. Cecelia Catholic Church in Towner where she was a member of the Christian Mother's Association. Elaine also taught Catechism at the Church for nearly two decades.

Elaine is survived by her loving husband, John; five children, Shelley B. Tofte, Lori (Mark) Jahraus, John (Laurie) Buresh, Jeff (Tammy) Buresh, and Dan Buresh; sister Anabelle (Jerry) Weber; eleven grandchildren, Eric (Kelly) Tofte, Emily (Jared) Nestaval, Ellery (Chad) Lystad, Tim (Brittany) Jahraus, Elisabeth (Shane) DePinto, Paul (Angela) Jahraus, Alex (Heather) Buresh, Anna Buresh, Davis Buresh, Alia Buresh, and Fred Buresh; and twelve great-grandchildren, Estella Tofte, Evan Tofte, Brody Tofte, Brecken Tofte, Eddie Nestaval, Eva Nestaval, Everett Lystad, Luke Jahraus, Lillian Jahraus, Jack Buresh, Gordon Buresh, and Liam Buresh-Strehlo; and many nieces and nephews.

Elaine was preceded in death by daughter Joni; parents Frank and Eva (Kowis) Schmalz; and brothers William Schmalz and LaVerne Schmalz.

In Loving Memory

My Dear Ones

My dear family and friends
Gathered here today
Listen what is in my heart
And what I have to say.
I am safely home now
In the heavens so true,
Here is peace and happiness
And a place for all of you.

I have to leave you my dear ones
And ask you not to grieve,
The Lord has been good to me
In His mercy and love I believe.
Keep on with your lives
With a smile and hope in your heart,
For my sake keep going
As long as we're apart.

To my family and relatives
My grandchildren and friends so true,
You all have been so good to me
Thank You, I love all of you.
When your life is over
And death draws near,
Oh, the joy of our meeting
To be together forever here.

CHRISTINE WOLF

