

**Written by Delores in 1983 for
Outstanding Catholic Family of the Year (Knights of Columbus)**

The time has come for me to write a testimonial letter to my husband Edwin and to my children. To show and to give a very special tribute to you. All my life I have wanted a "Rose Garden", but no matter how I tried, something always happened to prevent me from getting one. This past week I have been going through my memories of days gone by. All the pictures, the awards, the cards and letters that were saved throughout the years made me realize that I have my rose garden. So that's why I am going to write this letter to you.

My Rose Garden

By Delores Nagel



Thank You

For all the wild flowers you picked for me when you were little.

For all the paper roses you drew for me.

For all the real roses you bought for me because you said "I Love You."

For all the telephone calls just to say, "What are you doing" or "How are you?"

For all the cards and sometimes letters you sent.

For the weekends and holiday gatherings when all of us are together.

For all the times when it was never too hard or we were never too proud to say "I'm Sorry."

For all the times you came to me when you were troubled.

For all the ribbons, awards, medals, trophies you gave to me and said "I won this for you!"

For all the patience and understanding you had for me.

For all the talks about life we had and for being open with me.

For all the times you called and said, "Not to worry I'll be home later."

For all the times that you give of yourself to each other and to me.

For all the times that you never complained about wearing hand-me-down clothes.

For all the times you let me share in your secrets.

For all the times when you wanted me to meet your friends and always said, "That's my Ma."

For all the sons and daughters, you have given me in your beautiful husbands and wives.

For all the beautiful little grandchildren you have given me.

For all the cuts, bruises or broken bones most of you had.

For all the times we disagreed and I was made to see that we as parents are not always right.

These are only a few of my roses. There are many more; there are long stem ones and short stem ones, and no matter how long or small, they are all precious to me. Since my wedding day, I've been planting my "Rose Garden" and you all had some part in just how successful it has become. There were some thorns among the roses, but if not for the thorns we wouldn't have seen the roses. So sometime in the future, if God decides to choose one of us and take us away, I'll always be thankful that those of us, who remain behind, can always stop and smell the roses.

In Loving Memory of
Delores Nagel

December 4, 1935
November 9, 2023

Rosary / Vigil Service

Thursday, November 16, 2023 – 7:00pm
Pro-Cathedral of St. Mary, 825 E Broadway Ave, Bismarck, ND 58501

Mass of Christian Burial

Friday, November 17, 2023 – 11:00am
St. Anthony's Catholic Church, 619 N Broadway St, Linton, ND 58552

Interment of Ashes

Friday, November 17, 2023 – Following Mass
St. Anthony Catholic Cemetery, Linton, ND 58552

Order of Service

Scripture Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 25:1-6

Responsorial: The Lord is My Shepard, there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:6

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-11

Music

Opening Song: Precious Lord, Take my Hand

Offertory: Old Rugged Cross

Communion: In God Alone

Hail Mary Gentle Woman

Final Commendation: Song of Farewell

Closing Song: On Eagles Wings

Funeral Service

Celebrant: Fr. Mark Aune

Vigil Presider: Deacon Michael Marbeck

Musicians: Sue and Brian Schumacher

Reader: Wyatt Nagel

Communion Ministers: Shar, Vernon and Mary Nagel

Mass Servers: Brock and Chandler Nagel

Urn Bearers: Eric and Reece Nagel

Gift Bearers: Eric, Nicole, and Easton Lund

Honorary Urn Bearers: Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren

Each family carries dried samplings of flower bouquets Delores received and cherished. Her words were "Give me flowers when I am alive, not when I pass from this earth."

Following the Interment, the family invites you to join them for a luncheon and

fellowship in the church basement at St Anthony's Catholic Church.

Eastgate Funeral Service, Bismarck, North Dakota



Delores Nagel, Bismarck (formerly of Linton), passed away November 9, 2023, at the age 87. Delores was born December 4, 1935, to John and Catherine Noel on the family farm in Linton. She married Edwin M. Nagel on November 5, 1956, and together they raised nine children on the Nagel family farm west of Linton, overlooking the Missouri River. Gary, Steven (Carol), Mary, Gregory (Kathy), Dion, Douglas (Lori), Edwin Jr, Valerie (Jesse) Scalzo, and Adele Kraft were blessed to be Delores' children. In 2004, Delores and Edwin moved to Linton and in 2019 they moved to Bismarck.

Of the many activities on the farm, Delores' talents included many skills: homemaker, seamstress, cook, baker, veterinarian, farm hand, field worker and her biggest role of mother. None of these roles were by a formal education, but out of necessity to get things done on the farm. Delores graduated from 8th grade and always wanted to go to high school and in 1978 she received her GED from Linton High School.

Delores was active on many community boards and organizations: Catholic Education (CCD), Catholic Daughters Court St. Claire, Emmons Central School Board, 4-H Leader, Social Services Board of Emmons County, and Companion for the Precious Blood Society. Delores was also the community organizer for 3 years for the Affordable Rural Coalition for Health Grant (ARCH) from University of North Dakota serving the communities of Linton, Wishek, Ashley, and Napoleon.

Delores always wanted to become a nurse and upon completion of the CNA certificate program, worked at the Linton Hospital from 1990 to 2013 in various roles, including CNA, Hospice, Volunteer Coordinator, and Home Health.

Delores assisted her husband in his care until his death in 2020. She was always there for her family with her loving spirit and caregiving role. A devotion to the rosary and Delores' Catholic faith were key to who she was. Delores had an incredible memory for dates and many people were on the receiving end of her yearly birthday wish in song.

Amongst the many accomplishments, Delores' greatest were her nine children, 12 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. She was very active in their lives and enjoyed many visits with them in her home. The marble board was always ready to challenge Mom and Grandma.

Delores is survived by her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, brother Mathew (Marcia) Noel, Belvedere, IL. Many nieces and nephews along with great nieces and nephews all of whom she loved with all her heart.

Preceding Delores in death are her parents, her husband, daughter-in-law, Nattie Nagel, grandson, Paul Nagel, brothers Albert and John Noel, sisters Isabelle Noel and Herrietta Nagel.