

Memorial Mass of Christian Burial
Tuesday, November 12, 2024 - 10:00 AM
St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church
Garretson, South Dakota

Celebrating - Fr. Kevin O'Dell

Lector - Stephen Bergin
Eucharistic Minister - William Meehl
Altar Servers - Quinton & Teagan Taylor

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II Corinthians 4:14-15 John 14:1-6

Organist - Cheryl Akin **Cantor** - Betty Irvine

Congregational Hymns
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"We Walk By Faith" "Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All"
"Song of Farewell" "How Great Thou Art"

Urn Bearers
Laura Huie Elizabeth Schumacher Isabelle Master
James Bergin Peter Schumacher Joseph Master

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Esther V. Bergin, 87, passed away at Palm Cottages Memory Care Facility in Rockledge, Florida on Wednesday, September 25, 2024. Esther is survived by her sisters, Betty Wiltowsky of Cedar City, Utah, and Carol (Roy) Giles of Los Angeles, California; children, Joe (Louise) of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and David (Joan) of Rockledge, Florida, Sheila (Scott) Schumacher of Brandon, South Dakota, Mary (Paul) Master of Rochester, Minnesota, Tom of Niceville, Florida; grandchildren: James (Victoria) Bergin, Stephen (Mary Ellen) Bergin, Laura (Matthew) Huie, Daniel (Kate) Bergin, Benjamin (Molly) Bergin, Adam (Courtney) Bergin, Christopher (fiancé, Shalon McCarty) Bergin, Elizabeth (fiancé, Tristan Love) Schumacher, Peter Schumacher, Joseph Master, and Isabelle Master; great-grandchildren: Madelyn, Eleanor, and Jack Bergin, Orion and Atlas Huie, Holden and Remi Jo Bergin, and Gwentyth and Timothy Bergin. Esther was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Bergin; parents, Harold and Lula Noble; brother-in-law, Tony Wiltowsky; beloved friends, cousins, nieces and nephews. Remember these life lessons from Esther: Always have baked goods and coffee ready for visitors. Most things can be fixed, repaired, or painted. Sewing skills are essential for looking your best. Share every blessing from God with others. Don't worry, life has a way of working out. Recall that Dad always said to love God and to pray an Act of Contrition if you think your death is drawing near. In her last months, Esther continued to be thoughtful though afflicted with vascular dementia. Now, by God's grace, she has many rooms that our Lord Jesus promised. Esther is continuing her beautiful story and encouraging us on our Christian pilgrimage into an everlasting eternity. No more tears, no more grief, no more death and a perfect memory.

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