

A MOTHER'S LOVE

*A mother's love is special
It's present every day,
A gift that came from heaven
That God has sent our way.
Her job is never ending
She's there all day and night,
To be there for her children
And be their guiding light.
Her thoughts are with them always
Even if they are apart,
Her children have a special place
Deep down inside her heart.
Mothers are a special gift –
A gift from up above,
This world would seem so empty
Without a Mother's love.*



Tribute Video



In Loving Memory of
HELEN DOBLER
May 8, 1941 ~ December 3, 2023

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Rosary Service

Friday, December 8, 2023 ▪ 7:00 PM
Parkway Funeral Service ▪ 2330 Tyler Parkway
Bismarck, North Dakota

Mass of Christian Burial

Saturday, December 9, 2023 ▪ 10:30 AM
Church of St. Anne ▪ 1321 Braman Ave
Bismarck, North Dakota

Interment

Fairview Cemetery
Bismarck, North Dakota

Scripture Readings

First Reading Wisdom 3:1-6,9
Responsorial Psalm 27
“The Lord is my light and salvation.”
Second Reading Romans 8:14-23
Gospel Matthew 11:25-30

Music

Processional SMH #560
Offertory PM #100
Communion Meditation SMH #755
Song of Farewell SMH #424
Recessional

Celebrant Msgr. Tom Richter

Musicians Jakub Pasierb and Juliana Berger

Reader Brenden Reno

Casket Bearers John Splonkowski, France Splonkowski,
Marvin Splonkowski, Jerry Splonkowski, Marlyn Richter and Luke Richter

Following Mass, the family invites you to join them for lunch and fellowship at the Eagles Club, 313 N. 26th St., Bismarck.

Helen Dobler, 82, Bismarck, daughter of Raymond and Mildred Splonskowski, passed away December 3, 2023.

Helen was born on May 8, 1941, on a farm near Braddock, ND. She was the third oldest of 11 children. Helen attended the Braddock school for 3 years, then went to the Armstrong Country School through eighth grade. She then moved to Bismarck and attended St. Mary’s Central High School where she graduated. During her years at St. Mary’s, she played volleyball on the same team as her sister Agnes and never missed the Honor Roll. Helen learned about work ethic early, first as a child on the farm and then in Bismarck during high school where she worked in the dietary kitchen at St. Alexius Hospital.

Helen was married to James Richter on May 31, 1961. They moved to Alaska for a short time before returning in 1962. To this union her pride and joy were born, Claudette, Michelle and Vernon. Telling people about her children and their accomplishments was definitely one of her favorite pastimes. Family, friends, or strangers, it did not matter. She was a dedicated mother and homemaker while her children were young. When her youngest started school, she began working for the Greyhound Bus Depot as a ticket agent. Nobody was allowed to buy a ticket without receiving a warm smile and a story or two (yes, she was an avid talker). Later she would go on to work at the state capitol in the Fraud & Abuse Department as a claims agent. She was proud of her work, detailed beyond what was required. Helen retired in the early 90’s, kind of. She worked part-time at the Queen City Lumber Yard in Dickinson after she married her second husband in 1992. After selling the lumber yard in 2002, she made retirement permanent when they moved to Bismarck.

During retirement, Helen mostly enjoyed caring for and spending time with family. She was an excellent baker! Helen was known for her homemade cloverleaf buns (Grandma’s buns), tea rings and chocolate chip cookies. The grandkids and great grandkids were sure to put their order in for “Grandma’s buns” before holiday get-togethers (it really wasn’t worth coming without the buns). Not a loved one’s birthday went by that Helen wouldn’t send a birthday card filled with all the fixings, stickers, personal notes, cartoons, and of course, smiley faces. She loved attending the myriad of Splonskowski and Richter family weddings among other family events. This was time cherished, being with her siblings and extended family, not surprisingly, reminiscing the days and nights away. Most importantly, Helen will be remembered as a warm, kind, generous woman that loved God and her family dearly. Family meant everything to Helen! On all souls she knew and loved, she left an indelible blessing that will never be forgotten.

Helen is survived by her children, Claudette (Troy) Reno, Bismarck, Michelle Richter, Bismarck, and Vernon (Jeanne) Richter, Williamston, MI; grandchildren, Brenden (Kellie) Reno and their children, Ariella, Adrian and Julian, as well as one on the way, Chantalle (Jim) Ellis and their children, Cohen, Adelynn and Caleb, Trevor (Francesca) Reno and their children, Arlo and Uriel, as well as one on the way and Jonah Richter; siblings, Mary Richter, Agnes (Adam) Vetter, John (Carol) Splonskowski, Paul Splonskowski, France (Holly) Splonskowski, Marvin (Mary) Splonskowski, Jerry (Kathy) Splonskowski, Rita (Mac) Falconer and Alice (Bruce) Schatz; brother-in-law, Jim (Darla Miller) Hauer; as well as many beloved nieces and nephews.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Ann Hauer.