

*Our lives go on without you  
But nothing is the same,  
We have to hide our heartaches  
When someone speaks your name.*

*Sad are the hearts that love you  
Silent the tears that fall,  
Living our hearts without you  
Is the hardest part of all.*

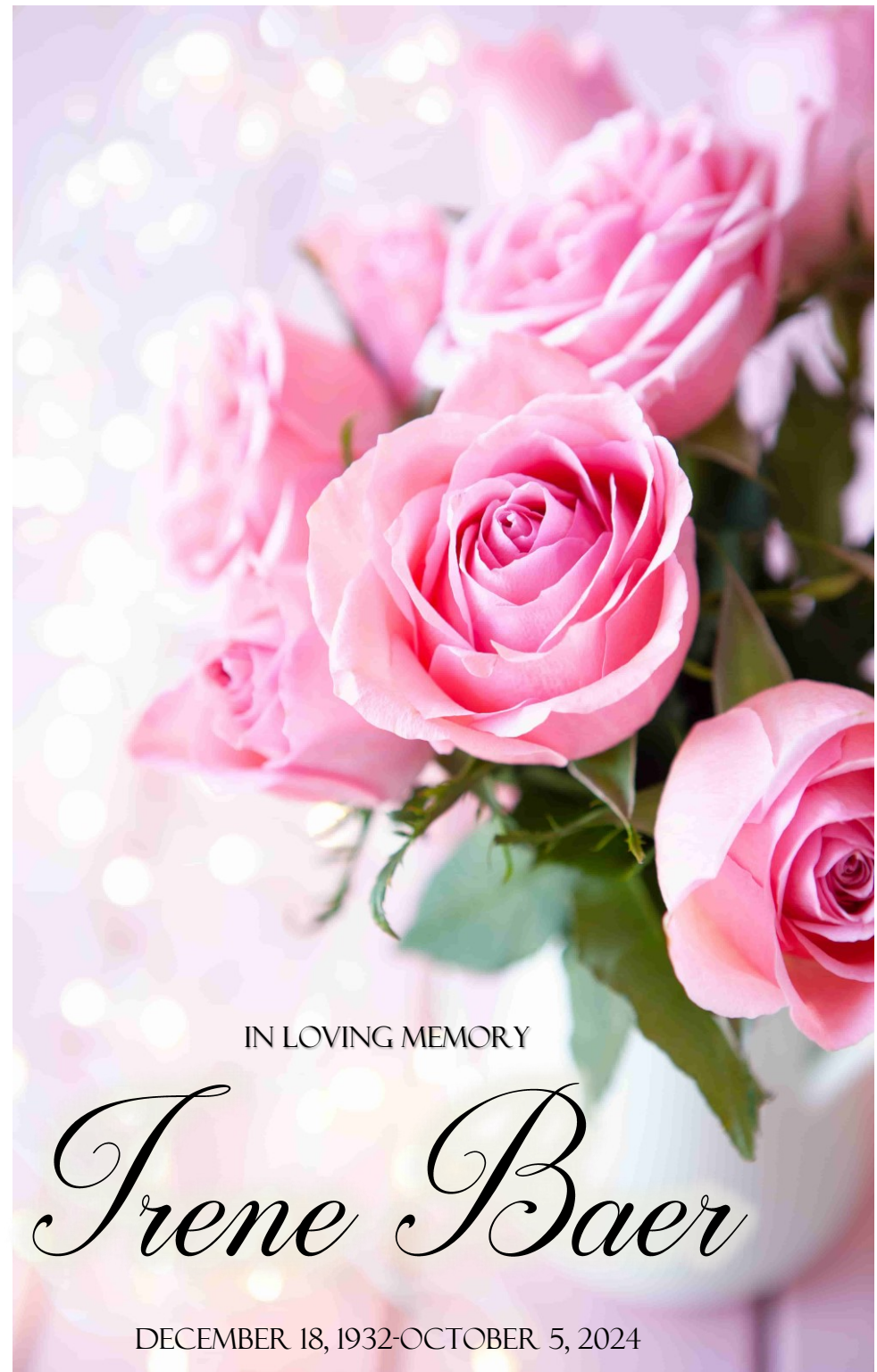
*You did so many things for us  
Your heart was kind and true,  
And when we needed to talk to someone  
We could always count on you.*

*The special years will not return  
When we were all together,  
But with the love within our hearts  
You will walk with us forever.*



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IN LOVING MEMORY

*Irene Baer*

DECEMBER 18, 1932-OCTOBER 5, 2024



**Irene Rose (Ziniel) Baer**, 91, of Mandan, passed away October 5th, 2024, after being in and out of the hospital. She didn't care for these stays and was ready to come home to begin hospice, but then decided to go see her husband, God, and so many others waiting for her above.

Irene was born December 18th, 1932, the last of 12 children born to Joseph & Elizabeth (Brigl) Ziniel in St. Anthony, ND. She lost her own father when she was 2 years old and soon became one of the sturdy strong Ziniel women who persevered over any trial and tribulation put in front of them. She attended rural Morton County schools and lived on the family farm south of Mandan before moving to town in 1943, with her mother. Irene graduated from Mandan High School in 1950 and started working at JC Penney's.

Irene and DeLoyd "Johnny" Baer were married on December 4th, 1951, in an early morning ceremony and days later boarded a train to Enterprise, Alabama to begin their life together while Johnny served our country. After her husband was honorably discharged in 1952, they returned home to Mandan.

She settled into married life and in 1956 Deb came into her world and she became a mom. Soon followed by John, Bill & Sandy and her delight to be a mother grew. Motherhood was her calling. The family moved to 900 W Main St. in 1963, a house she lived in and cared for over 60 years.

Irene was a housewife, neighborhood babysitter, and later returned to work at the America Legion Club serving as head cook for 30 years. She was a life-time member of the Women of the Moose and a faithful member of Christ the King Catholic Church.

Age slowed her down, but she still loved her flowers, especially the African violets she cared for in her home and doing jigsaw puzzles for hours and hours a day. She loved having visitors and you'd most likely help on her puzzles as she always had a completed one and a fresh one ready to go. She especially loved when family visited. She always had treats and goodies ready for them.

Irene was preceded in death by her daughter, Debra Suchy, in 2014; husband, DeLoyd "John", in 2016; and brothers, Joseph, Edward, William, Clarence, and Raymond Ziniel; sisters, Alfreda Haider, Kathryn Olson, Frona Egyhazi, Betty Geiss, Clara Geiss, and Laurayne Miska; sisters-in-law, Corinne, Elfreda, Jean, Iris, & Adeline Ziniel, and Margie Eidemiller; brothers-in-law, Frank Haider, Henry Olson, Leo Egyhazi, Fred Geiss, Lawrence Geiss, Charles Miska, Herb Ediemiller, and Floyd "James" Baer.

Irene leaves behind her son-in-law, Keith Suchy, Mandan; sons, John Baer and William (Jonda) Baer, Mandan; daughter, Sandra (Dan) Johnson, Bismarck; grandchildren, Sara (Jason) Asbridge, Mona, UT, Bradley (Shila) Suchy, Mandan, Leslie Percy, Bismarck, Mark (Laura) Suchy, Severance, CO, Brock Baer and McKenna Baer, both of Mandan, and Erica (Lindsay) Robinson, Gulf Breeze, FL; along with 18 great grandchildren, Skyler (Hannah) Asbridge, Ivy Asbridge (Macoy Fuller), Sadie Asbridge, Isabelle (Nick) Asbridge-Adams, Ethan, Tyler, & Jacob Suchy, Grace, Sophie, & Calvin Thorson, Adelyn and Samuel Percy, Hunter, Mia, Jocelyn, & Jonair Suchy, and Morgan and Sydney Robinson; and 4 great-great grandchildren, Robin Asbridge, Ambrose and Aleida Fuller, and Cimarron Adams; sister-in-law, Guyla Sturgeon, Rapid City, SD; and numerous nieces and nephews.

**Women of the Moose Ritual**

**Parish Rosary/Vigil**

Thursday | October 10, 2024 | 6:45 PM

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Weigel Funeral Home | Mandan, ND

**Presider**

Deacon Doug Helbing

**Funeral Liturgy**

Friday | October 11, 2024 | 11:30 AM

Christ the King Catholic Church | Mandan, ND

**Celebrant**

Fr. Fred Harvey

**Musicians**

Alice Gerhardt & Jaycee Wanner

**Reader**

David Baer

Prelude

"In the Garden"

Opening Song

"On Eagle's Wings"

**Liturgy of the Word**

Old Testament Reading

Ecclesiastes 3:1-2, 4, 17, 22

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23

*"The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want."*

New Testament Reading

Romans 6:3-4, 8-9

Gospel Reading

John 14:1-6

Homily

**Liturgy of the Eucharist**

Preparation of Gifts Song

"Be Not Afraid"

Presentation of Gifts

Adelyn Percy & Jacob Suchy

Eucharistic Prayer

"I Am the Bread of Life"

Communion Song

Communion Meditation

Final Commendation

"Song of Farewell"

Closing Song

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

**Pallbearers**

Brad Suchy | Mark Suchy | Leslie Percy | Brock Baer

McKenna Baer | Sara Asbridge | Erica Robinson

**Honorary Bearers**

All of Irene's great grandchildren & great-great grandchildren

**Graveside Service**

North Dakota Veterans Cemetery

Mandan, ND

*Following the burial, the family invites you for food and fellowship at the Mandan Moose Lodge, 111 11th Ave NE.*