

Remembering the life of...

Ferne M Brannan, 92 of Devils Lake ND passed away on Sunday, November 5, 2023, at CHI, St. Alexius Health, Devils Lake Hospital with loving family at her bedside.

Ferne Marie, daughter of Edwin and Marguerite (Boatz) Bonn was born on November 1, 1931, at Mylo ND. She grew up on the family farm in the Mylo area, attended Pleasant Valley Country school until the 8th grade. She then was a boarding student at St. Mary's Academy in Devils Lake, graduating with the class of 1949. While a student she worked at Mercy Hospital and Fairmont Creamery.

Ferne was united in marriage to her precious Thomas J. Brannan on October 21, 1950, at Sacred Heart Church in Cando ND. They grew up together in the Mylo/Bisbee area and were special friends to each other their entire life.

Soon after their marriage, Tom was called to serve his country, so Ferne returned to live with her parents until his return in 1953. They established their home in Devils Lake where they would live, work, and raise their family through the years.

Ferne was Tom's partner in every way. She worked beside him as owners and operators of Toms' Texaco, later Toms' Westland Oil. Ferne was never idle. She was a devoted wife, and loving mother and grandmother first and foremost, but also had a 27-year career with Mercy Hospital. She started as a CNA, then Ward Clerk and retired in 1997 after working many years in the business office. She also worked as a paraprofessional at St. Joseph's School when needed.

Ferne's talents were many. She was an accomplished seamstress, sewing cheerleading uniforms, prom, bridesmaid and wedding dresses and so much more. Her sewing talent extended to crocheting afghans to fancy tablecloths, and doilies which she beautifully created and shared with family and friends. As the children were growing up, Ferne was the go-to-mom for making brownies, pies, and sloppy joes for all the bake sales and concession stands. Sharing time and talent was second nature to Ferne. She loved entertaining family, friends, the bridge club, whist club, and hosting holidays and special occasions. Her Christmas delicacies were always the highlight of the holiday season. Ferne enjoyed gardening, dancing, fishing and time at Woodlake.

Ferne was an active member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and Altar Society where she served as President and was part of the work crew who served the Camp Grafton soldier's meals for 2 weeks during summer training.

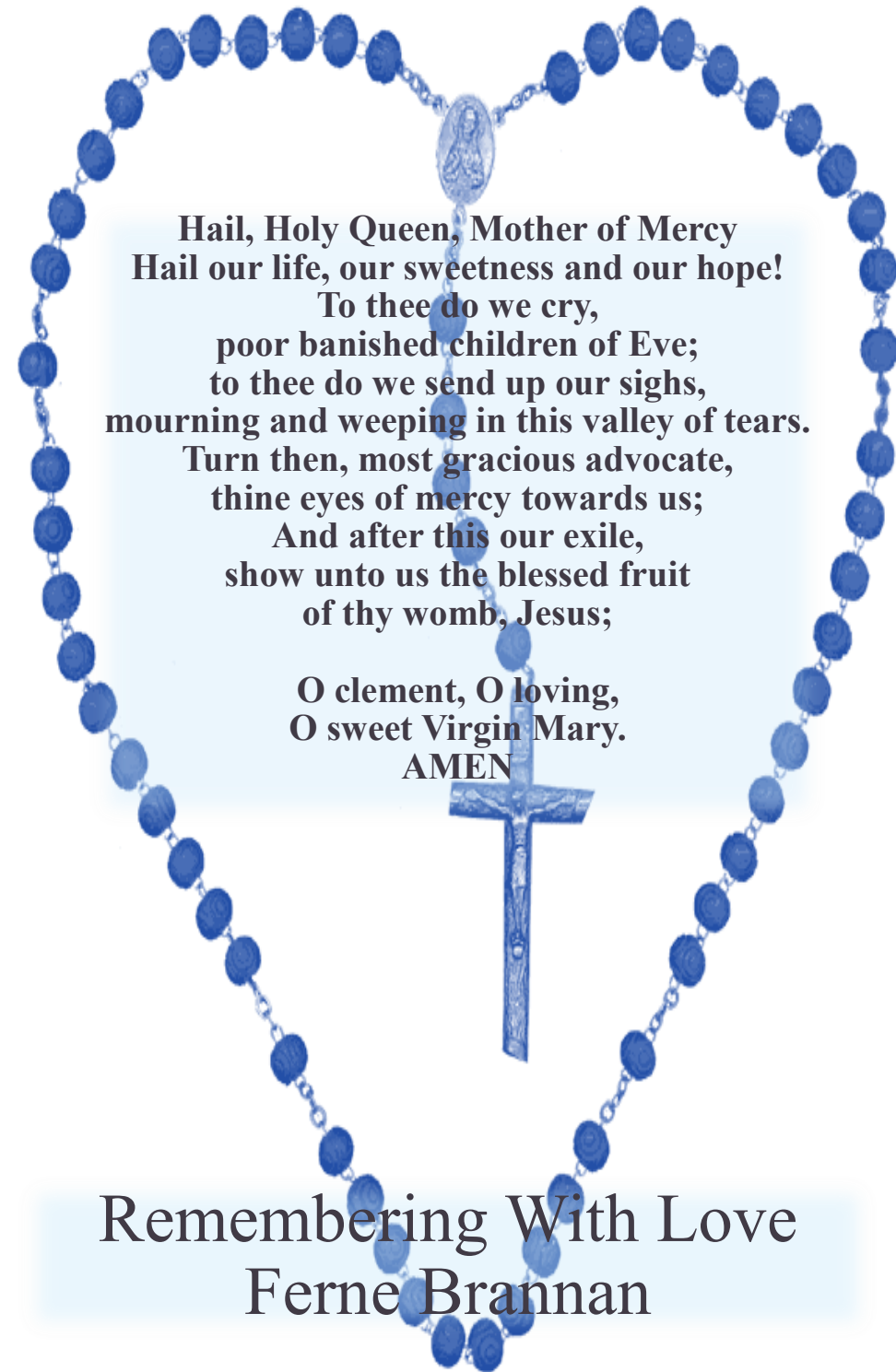
Ferne treasured her family with unconditional love. They meant the absolute world to her. She enjoyed time spent with dear friends here and with the many friends made when they wintered in Fort Collins, Colorado for 15 years and at the cabin at Woodlake in the summer.

Eventide Heartland Care became Ferne's "Home" as she called it, where she felt safe and warm, making new friends with the residents, and loving, caring staff, participating in all activities, and attending Mass weekly. God Bless You All!

Ferne's loving family include her sons James (Diane) Brannan, Fort Collins, Co and Robert (Brenda) Brannan, Duluth MN; daughters Mary (Jim) Ziegler, Devils Lake, Bette (Curt) Alvestad, Wellington CO and Annette (David) Buchmeier also of Devils Lake; grandchildren Jennifer (John) Caplinger, Douglas (Carmen) Brannan; Matthew (Cindy) Ziegler, Marley (Laura) Ziegler, Andrew Ziegler; Kimberly (Emily) Alvestad, Jacob (Nicole) Alvestad, Amber (DJ) Kub; Patrick (Kristal) Brannan, Jessica (Lance) Valiquette, Angela (Reed) Fulghum; Shawn (Megan) Buchmeier; 16 great grandchildren; brother John Bonn, Rolla ND; sister Judy Reed, Grand Forks ND; in-laws Edward and Anna Brannan, Auburn WA; several nieces, nephews and their families.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her beloved husband Tom on December 3, 2022, brothers Bernard Bonn and Lawrence Bonn, sister Gladys Bonn and her in-laws Frettia and Julia Brannan.

The family would like to extend their appreciation to the Staff and Doctors at CHI, St. Alexius for their compassionate care during her hospitalization.



**Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy
Hail our life, our sweetness and our hope!
To thee do we cry,
poor banished children of Eve;
to thee do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.
Turn then, most gracious advocate,
thine eyes of mercy towards us;
And after this our exile,
show unto us the blessed fruit
of thy womb, Jesus;**

**O clement, O loving,
O sweet Virgin Mary.
AMEN**

**Remembering With Love
Ferne Brannan**



FOREVER LOVED, FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

Ferne Marie Brannan

*Our Beloved Wife, Mother, Grandmother,
Great Grandmother, Sister, Aunt and Dear Friend*

BORN INTO TIME

Sunday, November 1, 1931

Mylo, North Dakota

PASSED TO ETERNITY

Sunday, November 5, 2023

Devils Lake, North Dakota

ROSARY AND SCRIPTURE SERVICE

Gilbertson Funeral Home Chapel

Devils Lake, North Dakota

Thursday, November 9, 2023 ~ 6:00 p.m.

Led by Reverend Mr. Steve Brannan, Deacon

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Devils Lake, North Dakota

Friday, November 10, 2023 ~ 10:00 a.m.

CELEBRANT

Reverend Anthony Cruz

SPECIAL MUSIC

Congregational Hymns

Patty Cote, Soloist and Organist

LECTORS

Ferne's Granddaughters

Jennifer Caplinger and Amber Kub

GIFT BEARERS

Ferne's Granddaughters

Jennifer Caplinger ~ Kimberly Alvestad ~ Amber Kub

Jessica Valiquette ~ Angela Fulghum

CASKET BEARERS

Ferne's Grandsons

Douglas Brannan ~ Matthew Ziegler ~ Marland Ziegler

Andrew Ziegler ~ Jacob Alvestad ~ Patrick Brannan

Shawn Buchmeier

EARTHLY PLACE OF PEACEFUL REST

St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery

Devils Lake, North Dakota



**HAIL, MARY,
FULL OF GRACE,
THE LORD IS WITH THEE;
BLESSED ART THOU
AMONG WOMEN,
AND BLESSED IS THE FRUIT
OF THY WOMB JESUS.
HOLY MARY,
MOTHER OF GOD,
PRAY FOR US SINNERS,
NOW AND AT THE
HOUR OF OUR DEATH.
AMEN.**