



A Mother's Love Is A Blessing

*An Irish boy was leaving,
Leaving his native home,
Crossing the broad Atlantic,
Once more he wished to roam,
And as he was leaving his mother,
While standing on the Quay,
He threw his arms around her waist
And this to her did say:*

*And as the years grow onward,
I'll settle down in life,
And I'll choose a nice young colleen,
And take her for my wife.
And as the kids grow older,
They'll play around my knee
And I'll teach them the very same lesson
That my mother taught to me:*

*A mother's love is a blessing,
No matter where you roam.
Keep her while she's living,
You'll miss her when she's gone.
Love her as in childhood,
When feeble, old and grey,
For you'll never miss a mother's love
'til she's buried beneath the clay.*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Marilyn Jean O'Neill

WHO WAS BORN
May 8, 1951
Graceville, Minnesota

AND CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME
October 10, 2024
Fargo, North Dakota

MEMORIAL MASS
Thursday, October 17, 2024 - 11:00 a.m.
Holy Rosary Catholic Church
Graceville, Minnesota

CELEBRANT: Father Shawn Polman

READER: Deb Walters

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Megan O'Neill

MUSICIANS
Deb Needham, Organist
Arens Girls, Vocalists

HONORARY URN BEARERS
Marie & Jim Altrich
Elaine & Don Johnsrud
All of Marilyn's Grandchildren

INURNMENT
Graceville Consolidated Cemetery
Graceville, Minnesota

APPRECIATION
Marilyn's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.
Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated.
Following the graveside service, please join the family for
a time of food and fellowship in the Holy Rosary Parish Center.

Mundwiler & Larson Funeral Home - Graceville, Minnesota

Marilyn Jean (Kramer) O'Neill was born on May 8, 1951, in Graceville, MN, to Michael "Mike" and Marion (Mullin) Kramer. She grew up in the Graceville area attending school and graduating from Graceville High School with the Class of 1969.

After furthering her education in St. Cloud, MN, Marilyn ventured to Minneapolis to pursue her career. It was there that she met the love of her life, Dennis "D.O." O'Neill. After a dozen roses and some time spent together, Marilyn was smitten. On September 2, 1972, the two were united in marriage at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Graceville. The couple settled in Graceville, where they embarked on a journey together, opening D.O.'s Tavern – a venture that truly reflected their commitment to family and community.

Known for her unwavering work ethic, Marilyn dedicated over two decades to running the tavern, all while raising four children and keeping a home. She later transitioned to a career as a bank teller for 21 years. Marilyn's generous spirit extended beyond her professional pursuits, as she and D.O. actively managed and sponsored numerous softball teams, with Marilyn becoming renowned for her signature B-B-Qs that brought the community together time and time again.

A devoted member of Holy Rosary, Marilyn lent her time to the CCW, embodying the values of faith and compassion in all aspects of her life. Her involvement in the American Legion Auxiliary and dedication to her local bowling team accentuated her commitment to service and camaraderie.

In her leisure time, Marilyn found happiness in going fishing and tending to her vibrant flowers. Her cheerful demeanor and warm smile left an indelible mark on all who had the pleasure of crossing her path. Her home was always open to friends, family, and strangers alike, a testament to her generous and hospitable nature.

Marilyn's greatest joy in life was her family. She was her children's steadfast supporter and biggest fan during their school activities when they were younger and in their life pursuits as they got older. Spending time with her cherished grandchildren brought her immense happiness and fulfillment.

Left to cherish Marilyn's memory are her husband of 52 years, D.O. of Graceville, MN; daughter, Sara O'Neill (Omar) of Willmar, MN; sons: Matt (Jesse) O'Neill of Becker, MN; Mike (Meghan) O'Neill of Graceville, MN; and AJ (Megan) O'Neill of Graceville, MN; nine grandchildren: Darius (Claire), Bryce, Kellan, Maggie, Sawyer, Nolan, Gemma, Avery, and Gracelyn; sister, Beverly (Jim) Smith; brothers: Ken (Marilyn) Kramer, and Greg (Dawn) Kramer; along with many nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Mike and Marion Kramer; and parents-in-law, Eugene and Patty O'Neill.



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*A Mother
Holds her children's hand for a while...
Their hearts forever.*