



For Those I Love & Those Who Love Me

*When I am gone, release me, let me go... I have so many things to see and do.
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears, be happy that we had so many years.*

I gave you my love, you can only guess how much you gave me in happiness.

*I thank you for the love you each have shown,
but now it's time I traveled on alone.*

So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must.

Then let your grief be comforted by trust.

It's only for a while that we must part.

So bless your memories that lie within your heart.

I won't be far away, for life goes on. So if you need me, call and I will come.

Though you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near.

And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear.

All of my love around you, soft and clear.

And then, when you must come this way alone...

I'll greet you with a smile and "Welcome Home".

~ Beth Ellen



In Loving Memory
Eleanor Wetsch



Eleanor Wetsch, 88, Bismarck, formerly of Mandan, passed away January 31, 2023 at CHI St. Alexius in Bismarck.

Eleanor was born June 10, 1934, in Rosebud, ND to Peter and Mathilda (Kautzman) Hopfauf. She attended country school before the family moved to Mandan while she was in grade school. Eleanor worked as a waitress and at the drive-in movie theatre in her younger years.

She met Leo Wetsch in St. Anthony while he was shooting pool. On June 8, 1953, the two were married in Mandan. Together they raised their family of nine children. In their later years they bought, restored, and flipped many homes in the area.

Eleanor enjoyed cooking and entertaining for as many people as she could. There were times they had 20-30 friends and family over for meals and then the ensuing pinocle games! She also loved taking flights to Minneapolis by herself, getting to the Mall of America and spending the entire day shopping before getting together with her family. Most of all, her love for family was unmatched. Her greatest joy was raising her nine children and spending time with her grandchildren.

Eleanor is survived by her children, Cindy (David) Hilling, Gary Wetsch (Roxanne Jacobson), Sandy Sutton (Jose Chapa), Sherry Wetsch, Ronald Wetsch, Robert Wetsch, Richard Wetsch (Robin Oxley), Chrissy Berger (Doug Kocher), and Rodney Wetsch; 15 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and her sister, Marlene (David) Sautner.

Eleanor was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Leo, in 2022; and nine siblings.

Parish Rosary & Vigil

Monday, February 6, 2023; 7:00 PM
Buehler-Larson Funeral Home, Mandan

Presider

Deacon Bob Wingenbach

Funeral Liturgy

Tuesday, February 7, 2023; 10:00 AM

Church of Corpus Christi, Bismarck

Celebrant

Fr. Logan Obrigewitch

Musicians

Colleen Reinhardt & Sebastian Haboczki

Prelude

“Only A Shadow”

Opening Song

“I Have Loved You”

Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 41:10, 13

Lector

Sherry Wetsch

Response

Psalm 25

“To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.”

New Testament Reading

Romans 14:7-8

Lector

Ron Wetsch

Gospel Reading

John 14:1-6

Homily

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of Gifts Song

“Peace Is Flowing Like A River”

Presentation of Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion Song

“Here I Am, Lord”

Special Music

“Hail Mary, Gentle Woman”

Final Commendation

“Song of Farewell”

Closing Song

“How Great Thou Art”

You are invited for food and fellowship downstairs in the cafeteria following the funeral service.

Committal Service

Mandan Union Cemetery, Mandan, ND