



God looked around his garden  
And found an empty place,  
He then looked down upon the earth  
And saw your tired face.  
He put his arms around you  
And lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful  
He always takes the best.

He knew that you were suffering  
He knew you were in pain.  
He knew that you would never  
Get well on earth again.  
He saw the road was getting rough  
And the hills were hard to climb.  
So he closed your weary eyelids  
And whispered, "Peace be thine".

It broke our hearts to lose you  
But you didn't go alone,  
For part of us went with you  
The day God called you home.



*In Loving Memory*



*Darlene Graner*

1933 ~ 2025



**Darlene Graner**, 92, Mandan, passed away on November 29, 2025, at CHI St. Alexius Medical Center in Bismarck.

Darlene was born September 24, 1933, to George E. and Agnes (Smith) Schmidt in Mandan. She graduated from Mandan High School in 1951. On December 30, 1952, Darlene married Lawrence J. Graner in Mandan. In 1961, they moved to Napoleon and owned and operated the Super Valu Store until June 1979, when they moved back to Mandan.

Darlene was a homemaker and caregiver to her family. She was known for her cooking and baking, which she generously shared with family and friends. Darlene enjoyed gardening and raising flowers, reading, and spending time with family.

Darlene is survived by her daughter, Carol (Whitey) Buchholz, Napoleon; son, Daryl Graner, Mandan; grandchildren, Alisha Graner (Choutae Gerhardt), Mandan, Paul (Melora) Buchholz, Turtle Lake, and Rebecca (Steve) Schmidt, Linton; and her great-grandchildren, Adeline and Jessa Schwab, Ripp Gerhardt, Georg and Henri Buchholz, and Kimber, Barrett, and Kadence Schmidt. Darlene was also looking forward to the arrival of twin great-grandchildren in March.

Darlene was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Lawrence; daughter, Brenda; son, Duane; brothers, Kenneth and Eugene "Bud" Schmidt; and sisters, Bernice Reed and LaVerne Richard.

Memorials may be made to Christ the King Church or the Morton County Public Library.



## Funeral Liturgy

Thursday, December 4, 2025; 10:30 AM  
Christ the King Catholic Church, Mandan, ND

**Celebrant**

Fr. Fred Harvey

**Concelebrant**

Fr. Tom Graner

**Musicians**

Alice Gerhardt & Sue Forester

**Casketbearers**

Daryl Graner, Paul Buchholz, Steve Schmidt  
Choutae Gerhardt, Justin Schwab, & David Knoll

**Lectors**

Alisha Graner & Becca Schmidt

Prelude

*"Amazing Grace"*

Processional Song

*"How Great Thou Art"*

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### *Liturgy of the Word*

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 29:11-14a

Response

Psalm 23

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

New Testament Reading

Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:1-12a

Homily

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### *Liturgy of the Eucharist*

Preparation of Gifts Song

*"I Have Loved You"*

Presentation of Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion Songs

*"Christ Be Our Light"*

*"Jesus Remember Me"*

Communion Meditation

Final Commendation

*"Song of Farewell"*

Closing Song

*"On Eagle's Wings"*

**Committal Service**

**Mandan Union Cemetery**  
Mandan, North Dakota

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*The family invites you for food & fellowship at  
the Agnes Larkin Parish Life Center immediately following the burial service.*

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