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MAGDALENA "Maggie" DEICHERT

1926 - 2026



Magdalena Deichert, 100, passed away October 25, 2026 at Benedictine Living Community - Bismarck, formerly known as St. Gabriel's, where she resided for 9 years.

Magdalena, affectionately known as "Maggie", was born to Louis and Aurora (Ternes) Koch in Shields, ND on May 7th, 1926 as the 2nd of 20 children. She was raised on the family farm and from a young age learned the quality of hard work and the fruits that flourished from it. This was a characteristic of her that followed through to the end of her life. She met the love of her life, Max Deichert, and they were married on June 28th, 1948. Together, they had 13 children, 11 of which were raised on the family farm near Raleigh. After retiring from farming, Maggie found service inhelping others. She assisted Lorraine Gabbert in making sandwiches for several years. In 1992, Max and Maggie moved to Mandan to be closer to their children. A few years later, Max learned he had cancer and passed away in 1997. A loss so great for Maggie again found her serving others. She began volunteering at AID, Inc for nearly 20 years and formed many relationships. Everyone cherished Maggie as her care and selflessness left them feeling loved and her quick, witty, German humor followed by her infectious smile attracted everyone to her. Maggie stayed far from the center-of-attention and she could often be found sitting quietly observing everyone around her. She had incredible humility and selflessness, unlike anyone else we know. Maggie encountered great suffering in her life that allowed her deep devotion to Jesus Christ and his beloved mother, Mary, only to grow stronger. She was a beacon of faith and a steady witness to her Catholic faith. She was an active parishioner at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Mandan. She spent many Friday mornings folding bulletins and could be frequently found in the pews praying the rosary prior to daily Mass. In 2017 at the age of 91, Maggie decided she had enough with the pain in her knee and decided to undergo a knee replacement. We always told her she was stubborn, but that idea became a fact after the surgeon who operated on her told her that she not only had severe degenerative arthritis, but also that she had broken her kneecap and the fracture appeared to be several years old. Pain was never something to stop Maggie. A few months after her knee replacement, Maggie moved into St. Gabriel's to help with rehabilitation. During her 9 years there, she played many games of BINGO and was fortunate enough to take her power chair down the hall to listen to her brother, Pius, play his guitar, which he so loved to do. She loved to crochet and made more doilies than she could give away or sell. When asked why she was moving out of Library Square, she initially said, "Its only for rehab for a few months," but the staff at St. Gabriels captivated her heart and convinced her to stay just a little longer. She spoke so highly of the care she received and the way the staff loved her. We are so grateful to each and every nurse and CNA who made her feel at home and loved her just as we did. Thank you to Jessica and Sam, nurses from Caring Edge Hospice, for your brief, but loving care of our Mom during her last days with us.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 49 years, Max; her son, Blase; daughter and son-in-law, Hilda and Terry Freadrich; 2 infant daughters; grandchildren, Michelle and Steven Hultberg; her parents, Louis and Aurora; and siblings: Lawrence, Nikolus, Blaise, Louie Jr., Steven, Pius, Letvena Koch, Fanny Deichert, Pauline Roll, Refina Stegmiller, Genevieve Tishmack, Agnes Friesz, Mary Lou Bohn, and Letvina Koch. She will forever remain in the hearts of her daughters Mary Hultberg, Bismarck; Donna Deichert, Bismarck, Helen (Dennis) Baumgartner, Mandan; Delores (Pat) Messer, Mandan; her sons Mike (Jolene) Deichert, Wilton; Charlie Deichert, Bismarck; Bernie Deichert, Dickinson; Ted Deichert, Gladstone; Gene (Joanne) Deichert, Bismarck; daughter-in-law, Terri Deichert, Dickinson; 14 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren; her sisters: Cecilia Gustin, Angelita Schafer, Peggy Weber, Daisy Heinrich, brother, Richard Koch, and sisters-in-law, Jeanette Koch, Darlene Koch and Maggie Koch. As she passed minutes before the Divine Mercy hour on Sunday, we call upon the intercession of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, whose devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and his Divine Mercy inspired many on their journey to Heaven. "There is no misery that could be a match for my mercy, neither will misery exhaust it, because as it is being granted— it increases." —Jesus from St. Faustina's Diary 1273.

Funeral Service for

Magdalena "Maggie" Deichert

Rosary & Prayer Service
Thursday, October 29, 2026; 6:00 PM
Weigel Funeral Home
Presider: Deacon Bob Wingenbach

Mass of Christian Burial
Friday, October 30, 2026; 10:00 AM
Church of St. Joseph; Mandan, ND
Celebrant: Msgr. Patrick Schumacher
Assistant: Deacon Randy Frohlich

Casket Bearers
Mike Deichert Ted Deichert
Charlie Deichert Gene Deichert
Bernie Deichert Delores Messer

Lector
Joe Roll Jr.
Pete Deichert

Musicians
Shalae Baumgartner, Alexis Ternes
Francesca Evaristo, & Regina McLain

Order of Service

Prelude Music	*"Ave Maria"*
Processional Hymn	*"Amazing Grace"*

Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading	Wisdom 3:1-6, 9
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 27

"I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living."

New Testament Reading	Romans 6:3-9
Gospel Reading	Matthew 5:1-12a
Homily	

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of Gifts Song	*"Only a Shadow"*
Presentation of Gifts	
Eucharistic Prayer	
Communion Songs	*"Hail Mary, Gentle Woman"*
Communion Reflection	*"Anima Christi" (Arr. Darling)*
Final Commendation	*"Song of Farewell"*
Closing Song	*"Lead Me, Lord"*

Committal Service 2:00 PM; North Dakota Veterans Cemetery
Mandan, ND

The family invites you for food & fellowship at the Mandan Moose (111 11th Ave NE) following the funeral Mass.