



A Mother's Love

A Mother's love is something
that no one can explain,
It is made of deep devotion
and of sacrifice and pain,
It is endless and unselfish
and enduring come what may
For nothing can destroy it
or take that love away . . .

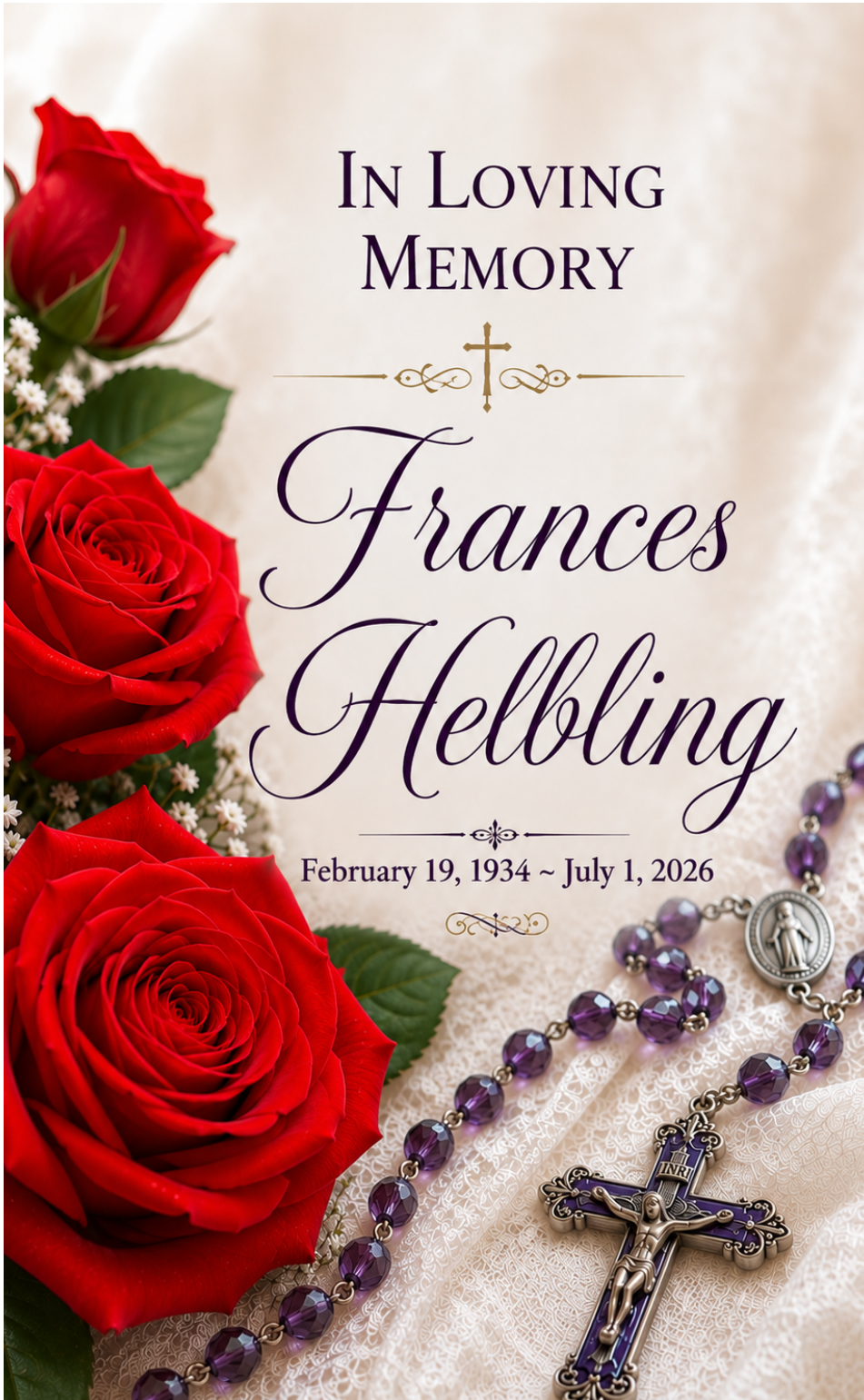
It is patient and forgiving
when all others are forsaking,
And it never fails or falters
even though the heart is breaking . . .

It believes beyond believing
when the world around condemns,
And it glows with all the beauty
of the rarest, brightest gems . . .

It is far beyond defining,
it defies all explanation,
And it still remains a secret
like the mysteries of creation . . .

A many splendored miracle
man cannot understand
And another wondrous evidence
of God's tender guiding hand.

Helen Steiner Rice



IN LOVING MEMORY

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*Frances
Helbling*
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February 19, 1934 ~ July 1, 2026



Frances Helbling, 92, of Bismarck, passed away on July 1, 2026, at Missouri Slope Nursing Home in Bismarck.

Frances was born on February 19, 1934, in Flasher, North Dakota, the daughter of Adam and Anna (Berger) Schaff. She attended school in Fallon. On October 19, 1953, Frances married Terrance "Terry" Helbling. Together they farmed near St. Anthony before moving to Mandan.

Frances was a natural homemaker. She loved hosting large family gatherings and made sure no one ever left her home hungry or thirsty. The "pop fridge" in the garage was always fully stocked and open to anyone who walked through the door. Company was always welcome, and there was never a shortage of food. During the holidays, Frances and Terry made their famous meatballs with all the trimmings. Frances was also known for her homemade buns, pfeffernüsse cookies, and cinnamon twists, family favorites that everyone looked forward to.

Frances' love for her family and her caring nature also made her an excellent caretaker. She worked at Mandan Hospital for 25 years before retiring.

Frances was a gifted embroiderer. Her beautifully embroidered dish towels became treasured keepsakes, as she lovingly gifted them to her children and grandchildren for special occasions. Every grandchild and great-grandchild who visited her home knew they would find the best toys in the old yellow LEGO bucket kept in her closet. Frances delighted in watching them play on the living room floor. As they grew older, she especially enjoyed gathering around the table to play cards, hear about their lives, and create lasting memories together.

She also enjoyed camping, gardening, working on puzzles, and spending time with her family and friends.

Blessed to share her life are her daughter, Diane of Bismarck; sons, David (Marlene) of Mandan, Dennis (Anne) of Mandan, Duane (LaRae) of Mandan, and Dale (Sherry) of Bismarck; grandchildren, Kristen (Darren) Weiler, Eric Helbling (Andrea Forde), Darin Helbling (Brittany Boehm), Kim (Austen) Beck, Mike Helbling (Tammy Spivack), Christopher (Shawna) Helbling, Amanda (Eric) Varriano, Jason (Kelsi) Helbling, Emily (Channing) Felch, and Dylan (Dani) Helbling; 22 great-grandchildren; and sisters-in-law, Alvina Schaff and Delores Morris.

Frances was preceded in death by her husband, Terry in 2021; her parents, Adam and Anna; sisters, Barbara, Doreen, Katherine, Florence, Elizabeth, Theresa, and Clementine; brothers, Joe, Frank, Bill, and Matt; and her grandson, Samuel.

Funeral Services for **Frances Helbling**

Rosary & Parish Vigil

Tuesday, July 7, 2026; 7:00 PM
Weigel Funeral Home, Mandan, ND
Presider: Deacon John Paul Martin

Mass of Christian Burial

Wednesday, July 8, 2026; 10:00 AM
Church of the Ascension, Bismarck, ND
Celebrant: Fr. Russ Kovash

Casket Bearers

Chris Helbling Eric Helbling
Darin Helbling Jason Helbling
Dylan Helbling Brock Helbling

Honorary Casket Bearer

Mike Helbling

Lector

Amanda Varriano
Emily Felch

Musicians

Michelle Friedt
Julie Ternes

Altar Servers

Eli Helbling
Isaac Helbling

Order of Service

Prelude

"On Eagles Wings"
"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"
"Amazing Grace" #571

Processional Song

Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading
Responsorial Psalm

Sirach 2:1-11
Psalm 27

"The Lord is my light and my salvation."

New Testament Reading
Gospel Reading
Homily

Romans 5:5-11
Matthew 11:25-30

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of Gifts Song
Presentation of Gifts
Eucharistic Prayer
Communion Songs
Communion Meditation
Final Commendation
Closing Song

"Hail Mary, Gentle Woman" #702
Kim Beck & Kristen Weiler
"I am the Bread of Life" #355
"Jesus, Remember Me"
"Song of Farewell" #812
"How Great Thou Art" #431

Committal Service

Mandan Union Cemetery
Mandan, ND

***The family invites you for food and fellowship at the
Mandan Moose Lodge (111 11th Ave NE) following the committal service.***