



I'M FREE



*Don't grieve for me, for now I am free
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work, or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way.
I found that peace at close of day.
If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship stored, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I've savored much,
Good friends, good times,
A loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all to brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts and share with me
God wanted me now:
He set me free.*



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and offer words of sympathy.



In Loving Memory of
Darlene Hohbein



Darlene Hohbein, 85 of Mandan, passed away January 14th, 2025, at CHI St. Alexius hospital surrounded by her loved ones.

Darlene was born March 31, 1939, on the family farm in Saint Anthony, North Dakota, to Joseph and Regina (Launginer) Leingang. Darlene was raised and educated in St. Anthony. During that time, at a dance she met the love of her life Hilbert Hohbein. They were married in Mandan on September 16, 1958. Their love and marriage spanned 62 years.

After a brief time in Denver, Colorado, Darlene and Hilbert returned to Mandan, North Dakota, for work and to be near family. They raised two daughters, Kim and Laurie. Darlene worked at the Mandan Hospital in the neonatal ward as a nurse where her kindness and compassion touched countless lives. After retirement, Darlene worked full time raising her grandson, Levi, and doing her best to keep Hilbert off the car lots. Hilbert loved to haggle with car salesmen, which often resulted in him showing up with a surprise vehicle that was too big of a deal to pass up.

Darlene had an extraordinary ability to make those around her feel cherished. Her caring, selflessness, and deep concern for others made her a beloved friend and family member. She often spent her days chatting with friends and family over a cup of coffee.

Darlene and Hilbert were avid campers. Often their trips led them through Montana, down to the hot springs of Thermopolis, Wyoming, then over to Deadwood, South Dakota, and finally back home to Mandan. For many years they enjoyed time spent in the camper club with friends traveling around North Dakota. Darlene and Hilbert would team up with Bernadette, Darlene's sister and best friend, and her husband Mike Schaff, and head to the casino. These trips made for countless memories filled with laughter and joy. Darlene was famous for being lucky, and as such she usually found her way home with a little more money than when she left.

Darlene's legacy of love and kindness will live on through her family: daughter and son-in-law, Laurie (Tim) Meindinger; son-in-law, Dewey Kroh; grandsons, Levi Kom (Trista Rychlik), Ryan (Ciera) Kroh; great-grandchildren, Jack and Sam Kom, Alora, Kal, and Cameron Kroh; sister and brother-in-law, Bernadette (Mike) Schaff; brother in-law and sister in-law, Sid (Dixie) Hohbein and Glenese (Jerry) Lauinger.

Darlene is preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Regina Leingang; husband, Hilbert Hohbein; daughter, Kim Kroh; and her brothers and sisters, Irene (Dan) Eckroth, Bernard "Bernie" (Dorothy) Leingang, Leonard (Julie) Leingang, Rose (Don) Sturn, and Larry (Bernice) Leingang.

Rosary/Parish Vigil

Thursday, January 23, 2025; 7:00 PM

Weigel Funeral Home, Mandan, ND

Presider

Deacon Doug Helbing

Funeral Liturgy

Friday, January 24, 2025; 11:00 AM

Christ the King Catholic Church, Mandan, ND

Celebrant

Fr. Fred Harvey

Musicians

Alice Gerhardt & Vance Krebs

Opening Song

"Amazing Grace"

Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 43:1-5

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23

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

New Testament Reading

Romans 14:7-9, 10b-12

Gospel Reading

John 6:37-40

Homily

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of Gifts Song

"Peace is Flowing Like a River"

Presentation of Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion Song

"Only a Shadow"

Final Commendation

"Song of Farewell"

Closing Song

"Old Rugged Cross"

Graveside Service

Mandan Union Cemetery

Mandan, ND



The family invites you for food and fellowship at the Agnes Larkin Parish Life Center following the graveside service.
