



### *THE FAMILY CHAIN*

*IF LOVE COULD HAVE SAVED YOU  
YOU WOULD NOT HAVE DIED  
IF TEARS COULD BRING YOU BACK  
YOU'D BE BY OUR SIDE.  
IT BROKE OUR HEARTS TO LOSE YOU,  
BUT YOU DID NOT GO ALONE;  
FOR PART OF US WENT WITH YOU  
THE DAY GOD CALLED YOU HOME.  
GOD TAKES US ONE BY ONE  
AND BREAKS THE FAMILY CHAIN,  
BUT SOMEWHERE IN A BETTER LAND  
OUR CHAIN WILL LINK AGAIN.*



*In loving memory of*



*Gloria Cofer*

*March 22, 1952 – October 26, 2025*



**Gloria (Schaner) Cofer**, 73, of New Salem, passed away on October 26, 2025, surrounded by her loving family.

Gloria was born on March 22, 1952, to Leo and Frances (Friesz) Schaner in Mandan, North Dakota. She married Wayne Cofer on January 3, 1970, and the couple later divorced. Gloria was in the customer service industry most of her life, helping Wayne in their family car repair business, then later working at the local grocery store, and finally in the assisted care unit of the local nursing home until she retired.

Gloria was a devoted mother of four kids, and several fur babies: Baby, Punky, Sassy, Snickers, Taz, and many more. She loved working on crafting projects, bejeweling cookie jars, sewing Christmas stockings, or making jeweled holiday arrangements, especially with angels. She always enjoyed fixing puzzles and playing games- especially pinochle and rolling dice. In the summer, Gloria loved fishing and gardening, but her favorite time of year was Halloween. For many years, with the help of her family, she would turn her house/garage into a haunted house. Over 300 people would pass through the haunted house each year while she served her famous witch's brew.

Gloria's biggest highlight in her life was her family, and she always looked forward to spending time with them at gatherings and during the holidays. She loved her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren unconditionally.

Gloria will be missed by family and friends. Children, Tammy (Joe) O'Mara, Butte, MT, Tracy (Carrie) Cofer, New Salem, ND, Jason Cofer, Richfield, MN, Renae (Tim) Bleth, New Salem, ND; grandchildren, Kayla (Cedric) Hewitt, and Brianna O'Mara, and Shelby & Trayson Bleth; Great-Grandchildren, Kesler O'Mara, Kayleyanna & Tanyon Hewitt. Gloria will also be missed by her sisters, Helen (Schaner) Oster, Viola (Schaner) Beehler, Darlene (Schaner) Stein, her brother, Lloyd Schaner and numerous nieces and nephews.

Gloria was preceded in death by her parents, ex-husband-Wayne Cofer, sister Rose Mary Schaner, and many fur babies.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials.

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***The family invites you for food & fellowship in the church luncheon hall immediately following the graveside service.***

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## **Rosary & Parish Vigil**

Thursday, October 30, 2025; 6:00 PM  
St. Pius V Catholic Church, New Salem, ND

**Presider**

Fr. Stephen Folorunso

## **Funeral Liturgy**

Friday, October 31, 2025; 10:00 AM  
St. Pius V Catholic Church, New Salem, ND

**Celebrant**

Fr. Stephen Folorunso

**Eucharistic Minister**

Mary Beehler

**Musicians**

Robin Doll & DeAnn Bueligen

**Casketbearers** Joe O'Mara, Tim Bleth, Cedric Hewitt, Abiy Elphato,  
Kayla Hewitt, Brianna O'Mara, Shelby Bleth & Trayson Bleth

**Lectors**

Tim Bleth & Kayla Hewitt

**Altar Servers**

Preston Thiel & Brayden Thiel

**Processional Song**

*"On Eagles Wings"*

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### ***Liturgy of the Word***

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**Old Testament Reading**

Ecclesiastes 3:1-14

**Response**

Psalm 23

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

**New Testament Reading**

Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39

**Gospel Reading**

John 14:1-6

**Homily**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

Tim Bleth

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### ***Liturgy of the Eucharist***

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**Preparation of Gifts Song**

*"Be Not Afraid"*

**Presentation of Gifts**

Carrie Cofer, Brianna O'Mara,  
Kesler O'Mara, & Shelby Bleth

**Eucharistic Prayer**

**Communion Song**

*"Amazing Grace"*

**Communion Meditation**

*"10,000 Reasons"*

**Final Commendation**

*"Song of Farewell"*

**Closing Song**

*"How Great Thou Art"*

**Committal Service**

**11:15 AM at St. Pius V Cemetery**  
New Salem, North Dakota