



Gift of Life

God gives us each a gift of life,
to *cherish* from our birth.
He gives us *friends and loved ones*,
to share our days on earth.

He watches us with *loving care*,
and takes us by the *hand*.

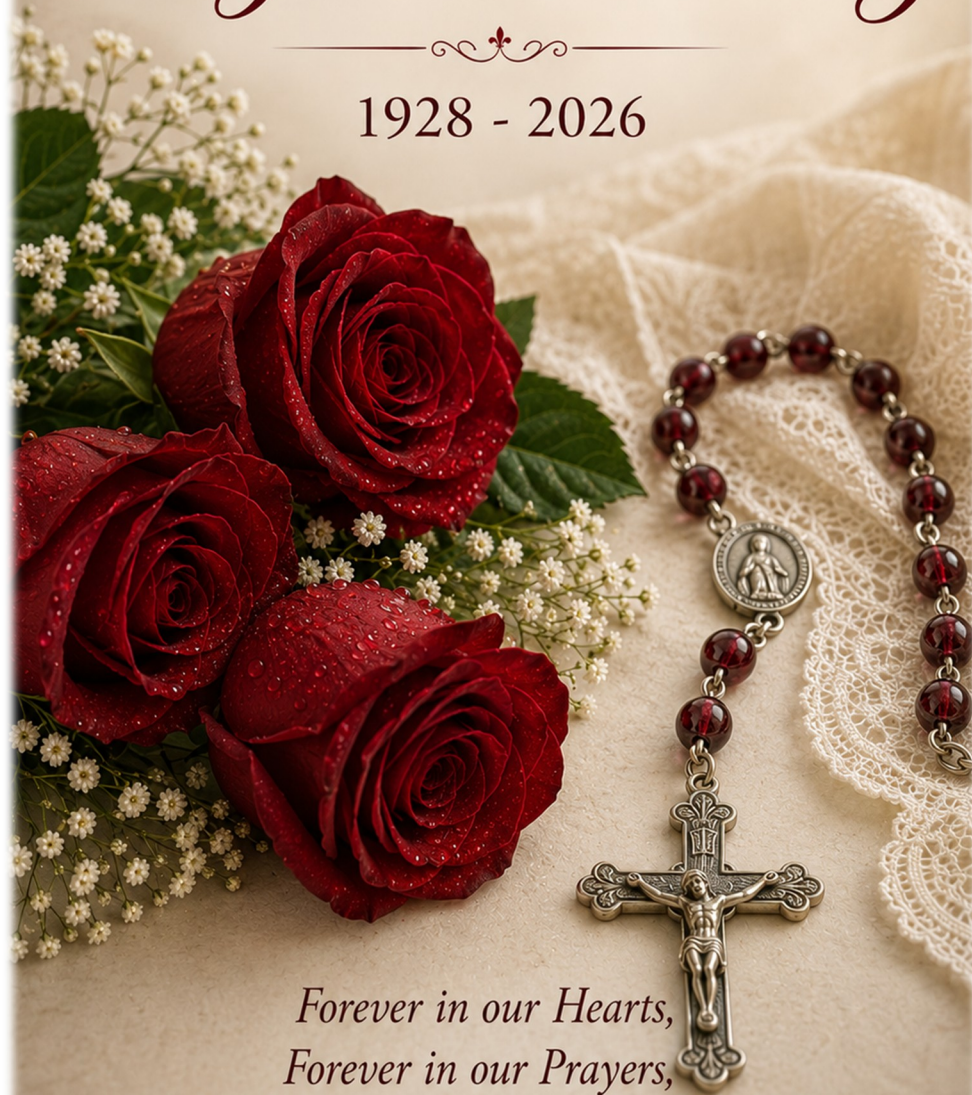
He blesses us with countless *joys*,
and guides the lives we've *planned*.

Then, when our work on earth is done,
He calls us to *His side*.
To live with Him in *happiness*,
where *peace* and *love* abide.



In Loving Memory of *Joyce Freidig*

1928 - 2026



Forever in our Hearts,
Forever in our Prayers,
Until we meet again in God's embrace.



Joyce Ilene Freidig, 97, formerly of Center, died June 23, 2026, at Edgewood Mandan.

Joyce was born October 23, 1928, in Granville, ND, the daughter of Herbert and Mary Belle (Drader) Livingston. She was raised and educated in Granville, Bantry, and Towner. On April 21, 1945, she married John Freidig in Center, and they shared over 54 years making happy memories together.

Joyce worked at Bobb's Cafe in Center for 18 years. She then went to work at Center School as a cook and then was the head cook for 20 years, retiring in 1992. Joyce then worked for

Green Thumb at the Golden Age Club for several years.

Joyce was a member of St. Martin's Catholic Church, the Golden Age Club, and the Merry Mixers Homemakers Club.

Joyce lived a long and meaningful life marked by quiet strength, kindness, and deep devotion to her family, friends, and faith. Her spirituality was the guiding force in her life, shaping her compassion, grace, and generosity. She found joy in life's simple pleasures—baking, cooking, canning, fishing, playing cards and games. She made many beautiful quilts and crochet items. Joyce enjoyed time spent with family and friends at home and at the retirement center. She had a gentle way of making others feel welcome and cared for. Her life was a testament to love, resilience, and faith. Her memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew her.

Blessed to have shared in her life is one son and daughter-in-law, Gerald (Tracy) Freidig, Center; daughter-in-law, Susan Freidig, Mandan; five grandchildren, Perry (Fran), John (Katie), Chad (Ronda), Tony (Kelly), and Donald (Katie); and 11 great-grandchildren.

Joyce was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, John; two sons, Donald and Darrell; one sister, Bethel (Ralph) Ekstrom; and one brother, Herbert (Laurel) Livingston.

The family wishes to thank Mandan Edgewood for the care given to Joyce.



Please scan the QR code to view
Joyce's Celebration of Life video.



Rosary & Parish Vigil

Monday, July 6, 2026; 5:00 PM

Presider

Fr. Stephen Folorunso

Funeral Liturgy

Tuesday, July 7, 2026; 10:30 AM

St. Martin Catholic Church, Center, ND

Celebrant

Fr. Stephen Folorunso

Musicians

Erhardt Country

Eucharistic Minister

Carla Wolf

Honorary Casketbearers

Perry Freidig, John Freidig

Chad Freidig, Tony Freidig, & Donald Freidig

Lectors

Anna Ellerkamp & Deirdre Forstner

Liturgy of the Word

Processional Song

"Here I am, Lord"

Old Testament Reading

Wisdom 3:1-9

Response

Psalm 23

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

New Testament Reading

1st Corinthians 13:4-13

Gospel Reading

John 14:1-6

Homily

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of Gifts Song

"Amazing Grace"

Presentation of Gifts

Freidig family

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion Song

"Be Not Afraid"

Communion Meditation

Final Commendation

"Song of Farewell"

Closing Song

"On Eagles Wings"

Committal Service

St. Martin Cemetery
Center, North Dakota

*The family invites you for food & fellowship at the Center Civic Center
immediately following the burial service.*
