

Beloved Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother, Homemaker. Rosemary died on Jan 26 at St. Gabriel's Nursing Home.

Rosemary (Russell) Olson was born in Glendive, MT, in 1927 on the Russell dairy farm of Cordelia and Granville Russell. She was the sole survivor of her generation of extended family, including 4 siblings, sisters Marie, Genevieve, Elizabeth, and brother, Arthur (Bud). Her mother's family (Bouchard) lived in the Sidney/Savage, MT, area after migrating to Montana from Quebec Canada during the Homestead years. They were a close-knit family and she loved spending time with them during her early years. Her father's family (Russell) lived in the east, and she traveled by train (father was an Engineer) to Chicago to spend time with them making many fun memories.

She attended grade school at Sacred Heart Catholic School and delivered milk with her sisters on their way to school. She graduated from Dawson HS where she was active in Glee Club, Drill Team and Choir. In 1945, following HS, she went to work for Mountain Bell Telephone as an operator and later as a salesclerk.

She met Howard Olson in 1946 and they were married in 1947. They lived and started their family in Sidney, MT. In 1951 Howard was called back into the Army for the Korean War, after previously serving in WWII. They continued to grow their family with a total of six 6 children. Rosemary was a devoted homemaker, having sewn all clothing for the family, and many quilts. She was an excellent cook and was involved in all the children's activities. The family moved to Forsyth, MT, in 1957, and to Mobridge, SD, in 1968, for Howard's career with MDU.

When writing her own life story, Rosemary (at age 8) told of the trauma witnessing her brother being dragged to death by the family horse, Sailor. She stated she couldn't speak of it for many years, because she blamed herself somehow for his demise. This tragic event became a defining life story for her. These and other experiences developed Rosemary's compassionate heart for anyone who was hurting, and she was known for faithfully reaching out to others who may be experiencing a difficult time.

Favorite memories include fun times with many family and friends, including ice skating and sledding in the winter, waterskiing and fishing on Lake Oahe in the summer, as well as golfing, playing bridge & other games. Rosemary was active with family, whether sending birthday and anniversary cards for every member of the family or writing emails and forwarding stories to family members well into her 90s. She had a strong foundation of faith, having been a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Mobridge for 43 years and Corpus Christi Catholic Church for 11 years. She prayed the rosary every day.

Her beloved husband of 50 years, Howard died in 1997. She lived in Mobridge, SD, until 2011 when she moved into Touchmark in Bismarck to be closer to family. She loved the 11 years at Touchmark, stating "Life is good here and I am well taken care of. We keep busy with many activities and programs." The family thanks Touchmark, Hospice of Red River Valley and St. Gabriel's staff for their excellent care of Rosemary.

She is survived by her 5 living children: Claudia (Jerome) Dietrich, Mandan, ND; Dave (Diana) Olson, Mitchell, SD; Mark (Stephanie) Olson, Cheyenne, WY; Ron (Carol) Olson, Sheridan, WY; Colette (Jerry) Domschine, Stratford, CT; son-in-law, Monte McCormick, Wild Rose, WI, 25 grandchildren, over 30 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Howard, her daughter, Debra McCormick, who passed in 2013, and her sisters and brother.

In Loving Memory of:



Rosemary Olson

September 8, 1927 ~ January 26, 2022



Slow Me Down Lord

Slow me down Lord
Ease the pounding of my heart
by the quieting of my mind.

Steady my hurried pace
with a vision of the eternal march of time.
Give me amid the confusion of the day,
the calmness of the eternal hills.

Break the tension of my nerves and muscles
with the soothing music of the singing streams
that live in my memory.

Help me to know the magical restoring power of sleep.

Teach me the art of taking MINUTE vacations,
Of slowing down to look at a flower,
to chat with a friend, to pat a dog,
to read a few lines of a good book.

Slow me down Lord
and inspire me to send my roots
deep into the soil of life's enduring values
that I may grow toward the stars of my greater destiny.

Author: Wilfred A. Peterson

*This is one of Rosemary's favorite prayers.
She had it posted in her home.*

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94 Years ~ 4 Months ~ 18 Days

BORN:
*September 8, 1927
Glendive, Montana*

PASSED AWAY:
*January 26, 2022
Bismarck, North Dakota*

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL:

9:30 AM, Saturday, February 5, 2022

*Corpus Christi Catholic Church
Bismarck, North Dakota*

Presiding priest – Fr. Mark Aune

Choir: Corpus Christi Church choir

Prelude music – Michael Borg, husband of granddaughter, Michelle Borg

Opening Song – Be Not Afraid

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 41:10, 13

Sr. Ann Schoch, SSND, Lifelong Friend

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 27

New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-8

Sr. Nicole Kunze, OSB, Prioress of Annunciation Monastery

Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:28-30

Offertory Song: The Summons

Communion Song: You are Mine

*Special Meditation Song: How Great Thou Art, sung by grandsons
Adrian, Andrew and Matthew Olson with piano accompaniment by
daughter, Colette Domschine*

Final Commendation: Song of Farewell

Closing Song: Jesus, Remember Me

CASKETBEARERS:

*Grandsons: Aaron Dietrich ~ Nicholas Olson ~ Adrian Olson
Andrew Olson ~ Matthew Olson ~ Joshua Olson ~ Nathan Olson
Benjamin Domschine ~ Shaanan Domschine ~ Justin Domschine
Nathanael Domschine ~ Jeremiah Domschine ~ Mark McCormick*

HONORARY BEARERS:

*Granddaughters: Stephanie Lobeck ~ Rachel Ramsey
Amanda Marcuccio ~ Lyndsey Meier ~ Morgan Farrington
Michelle Borg ~ Chanda Olson ~ Holly DeMarce*

INTERMENT:

2:00 PM, MT, Monday February 7, 2022

*Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota*