



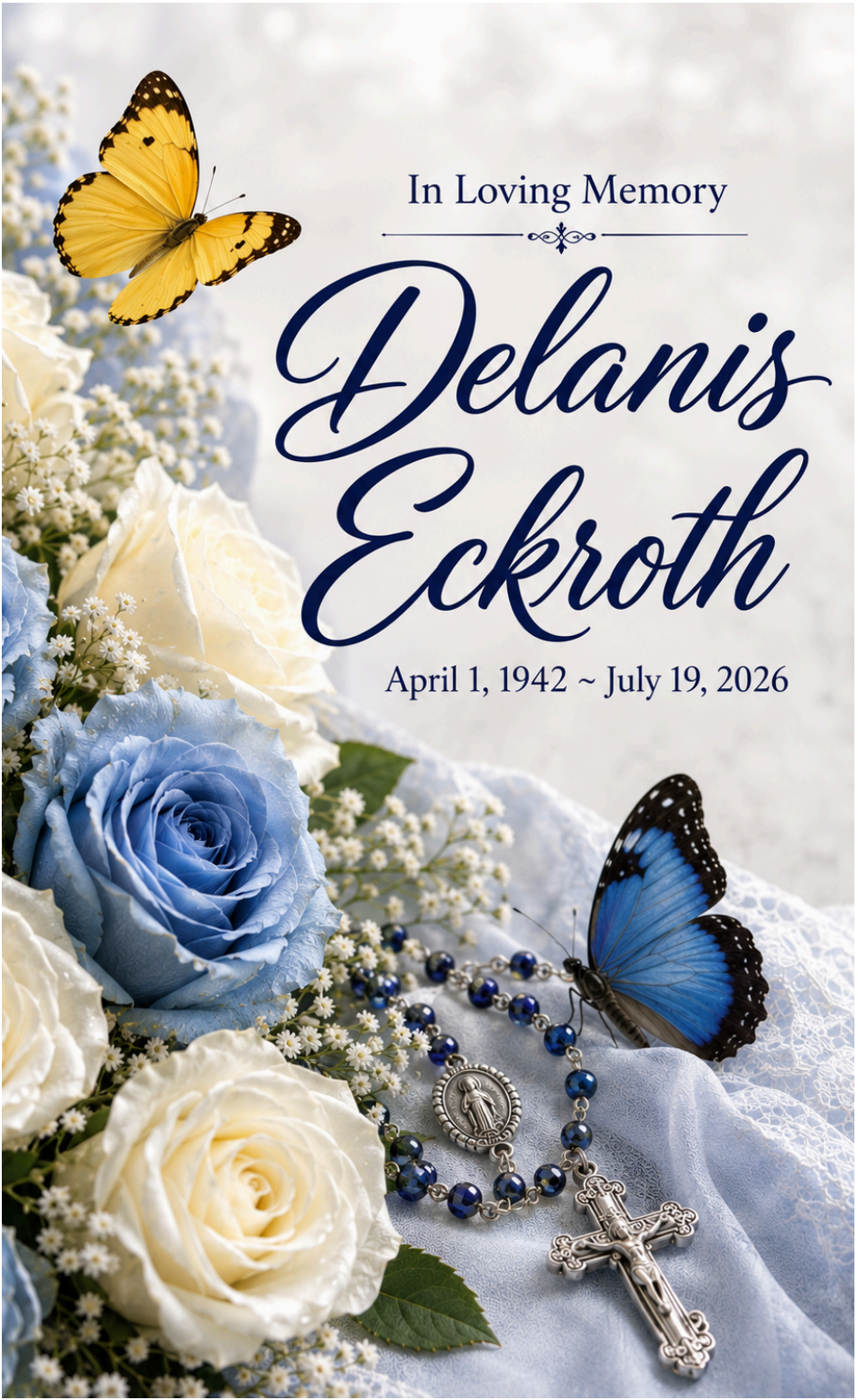
## *He Only Takes The Best*

God saw you getting tired  
And a cure was not to be  
So He put his arm around you  
And He whispered "Come To Me."

A golden heart stopped beating  
A precious soul at rest  
God broke our hearts to prove to us  
He only takes the best

With tearful eyes we watched you  
And saw you pass away  
And though we loved you dearly  
We could not make you stay

A golden heart stopped beating  
A precious soul at rest  
God broke our hearts to prove to us  
He only takes the best



In Loving Memory

*Delanis  
Eckroth*

April 1, 1942 ~ July 19, 2026





Delanis Eckroth, 84, of Mandan, passed away on Sunday, July 19, 2026 in Mandan.

Delanis Marlene was born April 1 1942 in Bismarck, the daughter of John and Mary (Boehm) Ferderer. She was raised and educated in Mandan.

Delanis was part of one of the first graduating classes from the former Mandan High School building, graduating in 1960. She was very proud of being her class Valedictorian. Delanis (Ferderer) Eckroth began her career with the Leach family. She started in the accounting department of North American Royalties Inc., an independent oil firm. After the proprietors' death in 1966, Del continued working for his wife at Leach Enterprises. Beginning in 1981, she has worked directly for the Leach Foundation, keeping the Foundation running on a daily basis as administrative secretary and grants coordinator. Through the foundation Del helped make a tremendous impact on her communities.

On July 7, 1962, Delanis married Don Eckroth at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Mandan. In 1968, their family grew with the birth of their daughter, Dori Jean.

Delanis enjoyed camping, fishing, reading, scrap-booking and volunteering -especially in Medora during the spring and fall for 10 years.

She was a faithful member of St. Joseph Catholic Church. An active member of the Women of the Moose, Eagles Auxiliary, and the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, where she was a life-time member. She also enjoyed spending time with friends as a member of the Red Hat Society as well as leading a local chapter of TOPS.

Grateful for having shared in her life is her daughter, Dori Jean Ost of Maple Valley, WA; grandchildren, Dylan Lee Ost and Jake Donald (Abby) Ost; great-granddaughters, Maeve Marie and Iyla Jean; sister, Kelly (Frank) Felcyn; in-laws Pauline Cushman, Raymond Eckroth, Rosella Kuhn, Gene Hatzenbeler, and Phyllis Eckroth; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Delanis was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Don and brother, Eugene Gress.

Memorials are suggested to the Theodore Roosevelt Foundation PO Box 1696, Bismarck, ND, 58502.

## Funeral Services for **Delanis Eckroth**

### **Parish Vigil**

Wednesday, July 22, 2026; 7:00 PM  
Weigel Funeral Home, Mandan, ND  
Presider: Deacon Randy Frohlich

### **CDA Rosary & Mass of Christian Burial**

**Rosary:** Thursday, July 23, 2026; 12:30 PM  
**Mass:** Thursday, July 23, 2026; 1:00 PM  
Church of St. Joseph, Mandan, ND  
Celebrant: Fr. Keith Streifel

### **Casket Bearers**

Eric Eckroth Jason Mildenberger  
Sam Mettler Don Patterson  
Denny Hugelen Dylan Lee Ost

### **Honorary Casket Bearers**

Robert Dofezal Bobby Heller  
Rusty Gress Tom Gress  
Ray John Eckroth Kent Berger

### **Lector**

LeAnn Eckroth  
Melinda Miller

### **Musicians**

Alanna Carlson  
Emily Storick

## **Order of Service**

Prelude

Processional Song

*"In the Garden"*

*"Be Not Afraid"*

## **Liturgy of the Word**

Old Testament Reading  
Responsorial Psalm

Wisdom 3:1-6, 9  
Psalm 23

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

New Testament Reading  
Gospel Reading  
Homily

Romans 8:14-23  
John 14:1-6

## **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"*

*"I am the Bread of Life"*  
*"How Great Thou Art"*  
*"Song of Farewell"*  
*"Lead Me Lord"*

## **Committal Service**

Mandan Union Cemetery  
Mandan, ND

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