

# In Loving Memory



*60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary June 1, 2019*



# Mary Jo Bertrand

December 11, 1939 ~ March 31, 2026

Goglin Funeral Homes are honored to serve  
the family and friends of Mary Jo Bertrand.  
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1939 - 2026

VISITATION 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

*I Am Not Okay* by Jeremy Bertrand

ROSARY 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 8, 2026

Goglin Funeral Home

Scotland, South Dakota

MEMORIAL MASS 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, April 9, 2026

St. George Catholic Church

Scotland, South Dakota

CELEBRANT

Fr. Bob Lacey

MUSIC

Sara Schott - pianist

Sophie Schott – cantor & violinist

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

*Ave Maria*

*I am the Bread of Life*

*On Eagle's Wings* – Jeremy Bertrand

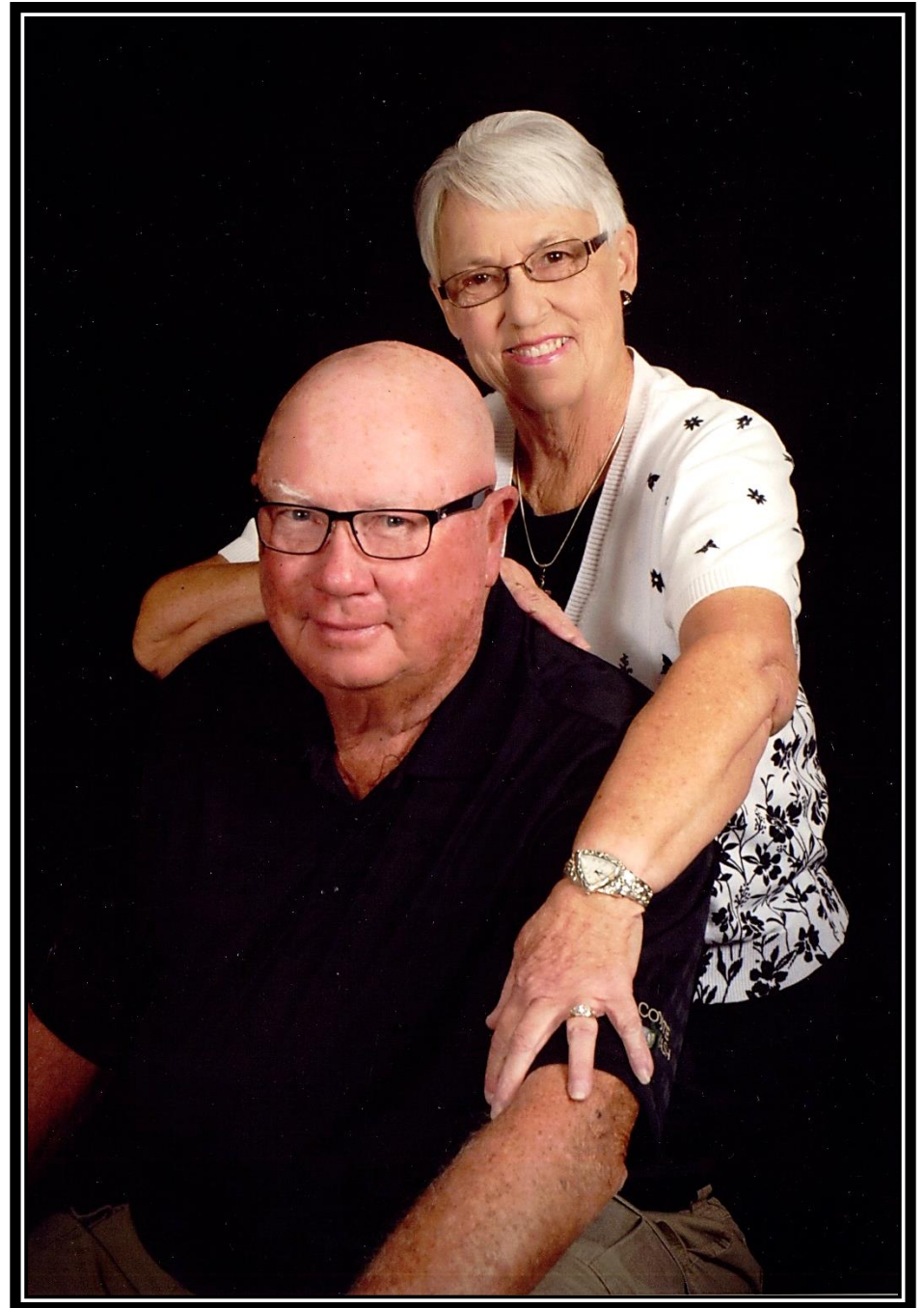
HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Grandchildren

BURIAL

St. George Catholic Cemetery

Scotland, South Dakota



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Mary Jo married Wayne Bertrand, on June 1, 1959, in Tripp, SD. The couple moved to Centerville, SD, in 1959, where their daughter Kimberly “Kim” was born. They moved to Scotland in 1961 after Wayne accepted a position at the Scotland Journal. Their daughters, Michele & Kristi were born while they resided in Scotland. They moved to Sleepy Eye, MN in 1964, when Wayne accepted a position at the Sleepy Eye Herald Dispatch. While residing in Sleepy Eye, their son Robert was born. The couple moved back to Scotland, SD in 1967 after they purchased the Scotland Journal and took over the paper. They later bought the Tyndall Tribute and Springfield Times, and briefly owned the Tripp Star Ledger. They started B & H Publishing with business partner, Marvin Blaha.

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Mary Jo enjoyed spending time with family camping, fishing, and golfing. She was very active in the Scotland Golf Course and ran the clubhouse for several years. She played golf on the ladies league, couples league and played in numerous golf tournaments over the years. Even after she was unable to play golf, she still enjoyed spending time at the golf course.

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Mary Jo is survived by her husband of almost 67 years, Wayne Bertrand, Scotland, SD; her children Kim and husband Marlin Kocourek, Springfield, SD; Michele and husband Tony Kunkel, Yankton, SD; and Kris and Richard Pechous, Tabor, SD; grandchildren Jeremy & Donal Bertrand, Springfield, SD; Shawn & Jayme Kocourek, Menno, SD; Shannon & Jon Robinson, Springfield, SD; Michael & Angie Pechous, Humboldt, SD; Corey & Nicole Pechous, Sioux Falls, SD; Jacquie Schneider, Sioux Falls, SD, Ivy & Jeremy Bigge, Yankton, SD; and Ian Parkhurst, Lennox, SD; also 22 (and one on the way) great-grandchildren, 4 great-great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

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