

## *To Those I Love And Those Who Love Me*

*When I am gone, release me, let me go —*

*I have so many things to see and do.*

*You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears,*

*Be thankful for our many beautiful years.*

*I gave to you my love, you can only guess*

*How much you gave to me in happiness.*

*I thank you for the love you each have shown,*

*But now it's time I traveled on alone.*

*So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must,*

*Then let your grief be comforted by trust.*

*It's only for a time that we must part*

*So bless the memories within your heart.*

*I won't be far away, for life goes on*

*If you need me, call me and I will come.*

*Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near*

*And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear*

*All my love around you, soft and clear.*

*And then, when you must come this way alone*

*I'll greet you with a smile and say — "Welcome Home!"*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

# *Jean Marion Schell*

## **WHO WAS BORN**

December 24, 1932

Milbank, South Dakota

## **AND CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME**

December 1, 2025

Milbank, South Dakota

## **MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL**

Saturday, December 6, 2025 - 10:30 a.m.

St. Lawrence Catholic Church

Milbank, South Dakota

## **CELEBRANT**

Father Tom Hartman

## **MUSICIANS**

Sandy Tucholke, Accompanist

St. Lawrence Funeral Choir

## **GIFT BEARERS**

Cassidy Schell | Amber Siedell | Shannon Love

## **CASKET BEARERS**

Matthew Schell | Benjamin Schell | Joshua Mills

Charles Mills | Blaine Schell | Roger Love

Dustin Love | John Schell | Nicholas Schell

## **HONORARY BEARERS**

All of Joan's Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren

## **INTERMENT**

St. Lawrence Cemetery

Milbank, South Dakota

## **APPRECIATION**

Joan's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.  
Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated.

Following the graveside service, please join the family  
for a luncheon in the church fellowship hall.

*Mundwiler Funeral Home - Milbank, South Dakota*

Joan Marion (Keller) Schell was born in Milbank, SD, on Christmas Eve, December 24, 1932, to Michael and Iva (Schmidt) Keller. She grew up in the Milbank area and was a proud graduate of Milbank High School.

On February 23, 1952, Joan married Francis "Tex" Schell in Appleton, MN. Together, they raised nine children, nurturing a vibrant and loving household that became the heart of family gatherings. Joan was not only a devoted wife and mother but also had a great work ethic, working at Bell Telephone in her earlier years and later contributing her time to Flanery Foods, Midland Atlas, Bill's SuperValu, the Milbank Golf Course, and the Lantern Motel.

Joan was an active member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church, where her voice graced the choir, enriching the spiritual lives of those around her. She had a deep passion for nurturing life, evident in her many flower gardens, and a love of reading that led her to collect books, especially prized first editions. Joan also found joy in roller-skating in her youth, and enjoying jigsaw puzzles, and playing Solitaire later in life. She also enjoyed the challenge of solving crossword puzzles, particularly the Minneapolis Star Tribune every Sunday. This was something special Joan would share with her mother and the two would often call one another for help or just to chat about the puzzles.

Most notably, Joan's home was the cherished venue for family Christmas celebrations, a tradition steeped in love and festivity, which intertwined her birthday with the holiday spirit. Her affectionate spirit extended to her love for dogs, reflecting her warmheartedness and compassion. Joan cherished every moment she got to spend with her family, especially grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Left to cherish Joan's memory are her children: Charles (Donna) Schell of Salt Lake City, UT; Robert (Sandra) Schell of Big Stone City, SD; Laurie (Dave) Love of Brandon, SD; Jane (Ken, Jr.) Vanorny of Brandon, SD; Patty (Jack) Mills of Flandreau, SD; David (Lisa) Schell of Milbank, SD; Mark Schell of Rapid City, SD; Sandra Schell of Milbank, SD; and Michael Schell of Milbank, SD; 16 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; siblings: Mary Nelson, Phyllis Hegge, Sue Jackson, Tim Keller, Jeanne Keller, Colette Hills, and Colleen Johnson; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Tex in 1988; her parents: Michael and Iva Keller; brothers: James Keller and Michael Keller; and sister, Pat Seehafer.

*Before he passed away, Tex had this to say about Joan:*

*"I admire that little lady greatly – she is a woman of courage, integrity, and great stamina. The time ahead of her is difficult but she is meeting the problems head on."*

Please use this QR code to view Joan's video tribute, obituary & online guestbook.

