

NO MORE BREAKFASTS SHE'LL COOK, OR LUNCHES SHE'LL PACK,  
OR SUPPERS SHE'LL PLAN.  
NO MORE HUGS SHE'LL GIVE OR PHONE CALLS SHE'LL TAKE.  
NO MORE BE CAREFUL OR DON'T YOU DARE WILL SHE SAY.  
WE MAY NEVER KNOW WHY GOD TOOK HER AWAY SO SOON.  
BUT WE KNOW WE ALL GAINED A GUARDIAN ANGEL THAT DAY.  
BUT IN THAT EMPTY SPOT AT THE TABLE,  
OUR EYES WILL ALWAYS SEE HER SMILE,  
OUR HEARTS WILL FEEL HER LOVE,  
OUR EARS WILL HEAR HER LAUGHTER  
SHE ALWAYS BROUGHT TO A ROOM.  
WE'LL MISS MOST OF ALL THE PERSON SHE WAS.  
KIND, GENTLE, LOVING. CARING.  
A SISTER. WIFE. MOTHER. GRANNY. AUNT. FRIEND.

-BY CALLEN



Scan to watch Mary Jo's Celebration of Life video.





**Mary Jo Clarys**, 57, Olive, MT, formerly of Mandan, passed away on September 6, 2024, at Glendive Medical Center, with her loving family and caring nursing staff by her side after a courageous and hard-fought battle with Melanoma cancer.

Mary Jo was born April 15, 1967, the youngest of five children to Edwin and Josephine (Voigt) Boger at St. Joe’s Hospital in Minot. She was baptized at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Foxholm. Mary Jo attended school in Berthold, ND, graduating in 1985. She went on to attend Dickinson State, Bismarck State, and Minot State colleges, before receiving her Certified Dietary Managers degree from UND in Grand Forks. On October 30, 1993,

Mary Jo was united in marriage with Marshal Clarys at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Killdeer, ND. They made their first home in “the Bunkhouse” that Marshal’s great grandparents moved to a farmstead southwest of Mandan when their home place was flooded by the Garrison Dam in 1953. It was here that Callen, the first of their four children was born. In the spring of 1995, they moved to their “Little House” in New Salem, living there until January of 1998, when they purchased a homestead southwest of Mandan. It was here that Dane, Tyrel, and Miranda were born and completed their family of six. They spent the next 22 years there raising their family. In 2020, Mary Jo and Marshal moved to Olive, MT to join and continue the ranching operation that Marshal’s parents started. During their 30 years of marriage, Mary Jo worked many jobs outside of their home that helped them get to where they are today. This included working at HIT (Housing Industry Training) from 1993-2001, she drove the little school bus from 2001-2012, was the Jr. High and High School Rodeo secretary, bookkeeper at Berger Cattle Company for 5 years, office work at Firestone and Big O Tire, and the Broadus FSA office. In between, she also worked part time at Richardton Nursing Home and Medcenter One dietary department, video sales for D.V. Auctions, and helped in the office at Kist Livestock and Buehler-Larson Funeral Home. She filled in at the Montana Bar and was a tax prep worker for Intuit Tax Service. All of this while raising four children, keeping the books for their family businesses, and helping around the place. Mary Jo spent many hours working in her flower beds, maintaining her yard and garden boxes, and working in her woodshed. Her woodshed was filled with many craft projects that she would gift to family members and friends. After Mary Jo’s Dad moved to Bismarck in 2002, she accompanied him to as many appointments as she could and ran errands for and with him. She especially enjoyed working with him at Lowe’s spring green house in north Bismarck. Mary Jo was very strong in her faith, attending Mass regularly in St. Anthony and later watching Spirit of Life Mass online. She enjoyed listening to Fr. Josh’s podcast and prayed the rosary on trips to doctor appointments in Bismarck and at Mayo. A devoted daughter, beloved sister, dedicated wife and mother, loving and patient grandma, and a kind and generous friend with the greatest smile and an infectious laugh, Mary Jo will be deeply missed by those who knew and loved her.

Blessed to have shared in her life is her husband of 30 years, Marshal Clarys, Olive, MT; four children, Callen (Stephanie) Clarys, Center, Dane, Tyrel, and Miranda Clarys, all of Mandan; grandson, Max Clarys, Center; brother, Charles (Judy) Boger, Bismarck; sisters, Julene Boger, Flagstaff, AZ and Patricia (Harold) Voigt, Dunn Center; sister-in-law, Audrey Boger, Hazen; and her dad’s wife, Shirley, Bismarck; numerous nieces and nephews; as well as countless close friends and wonderful neighbors. Mary Jo was preceded in death by her parents, Ed and Josephine; and her oldest brother, Eddie Jo Boger.

**Rosary & Parish Vigil**

Friday | September 13, 2024 | 7:00 PM

St. Joseph Catholic Church | Mandan, ND

Friends ~ Kristie Nielsen & Tammy Hopfauf

Deacon Randy Frohlich

**Rosary Leaders**

**Vigil Presider**

**Funeral Liturgy**

Saturday | September 14, 2024 | 1:00 PM

St. Joseph Catholic Church | Mandan, ND

Fr. Josh Waltz

**Celebrant**

**Church Music Director**

Regina McLain

**Special Music**

Cousin ~ DeAnn Bueligen

Family Friends ~ Jessie, Ashley, & Libby Bateman

Nephews ~ Darren & Brady Gappert

**Altar Servers**

Prelude

“The Old Rugged Cross”

Opening Song

“On Eagle’s Wings”

**Liturgy of the Word**

Old Testament Reading

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

Reader

Miranda Clarys

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23

*“Though I walk in the valley of darkness, I fear no evil, for You are with me.”*

New Testament Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Reader

Stephanie Clarys

Gospel Reading

Luke 6:27-31

Homily

**Liturgy of the Eucharist**

Preparation of Gifts Song

“Be Not Afraid”

Presentation of Gifts

Siblings ~ Julene, Chuck, & Patricia

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion Song

“I Am the Bread of Life”

Communion Meditation

“Hail Mary, Gentle Woman”

Final Commendation

“Song of Farewell”

Closing Song

“Amazing Grace”

**Pallbearers**

Callen Clarys | Dane Clarys | Tyrel Clarys | Ryan Hanna | Brady Hanna | Dane Hanna

**Honorary Pallbearers**

Miranda Clarys | Stephanie Clarys | Max Clarys

*Following the funeral service, the family invites you for food & fellowship in the basement of the Mandan Eagles. Per Mary Jo’s wishes, an open house will follow at the Clarys residence, 4855 30th Ave., Mandan, for food, fellowship, & reminiscing.*

**Graveside Service**

Sunday | September 15, 2024 | 1:00 PM

Heart River Cemetery, Southwest of Mandan