



“A butterfly lights beside us like a sunbeam and for a brief moment its glory and beauty belong to the world. But then it flies on again and though we wish it could have stayed we feel so lucky to have seen it.

Oh God! Dear God! I pleaded that it stay – a loving imprint on my heart it caused . . . its absence, such a void. It took a while for me to see . . . that wonderful butterfly I experienced . . . was actually God’s gift . . . to me”

“I Will Always Love You”



Afterglow

*I'd like the memory of me
to be a happy one.
I'd like to leave an afterglow
of smiles when life is done.
I'd like to leave an echo
whispering softly down the ways,
of happy times and laughing times
and bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve,
to dry before the sun of happy memories
that I leave behind when day is done.*

Helen Lowrie Marsall



In Loving Memory of GLORIA BOEHM



MARCH 24, 1937 – APRIL 12, 2026

Gloria Don Boehm (89), Temecula, CA formerly of Bismarck, North Dakota peacefully passed away on April 12, 2026, in Peoria, Arizona.

Gloria was born in Washburn, North Dakota on March 24, 1937, to parents Leland Rupert and Mabel Pearl (Erickson) Miller. They had 4 children (3 boys and 1 girl). She was raised in Bismarck, North Dakota and graduated from Bismarck High School in 1955. She was later crowned Miss Bismarck in 1956.

In 1956, she met and married her husband of 67 years, Ralph C. Boehm, formerly of Mandan, North Dakota. After the wedding they moved to Fargo, North Dakota where her husband taught and worked at North Dakota State University.

By 1962, she moved to Memphis, Tennessee with her 2 young boys and later became involved in competitive singing with Sweet Adelines. She would compete internationally for decades.

A few years later and 2 more boys to care for, she moved to Fairfax, Virginia raised her boys for 10 years before moving out west to Escondido, California due to her husband's promotion. Here she worked as office manager for a medical group for many years before retiring in the late 1980s.

Following retirement, she focused on traveling, photography, gardening, reading and especially loved spending time with her grandchildren. She briefly moved back to Mandan, North Dakota before relocating to different areas of Washington.

Gloria was blessed with 4 boys Mark, Eric, Todd and Timothy. She dedicated her life to her family and career. Respected for her hard-working, honest and trust-worthy qualities, she became a very reliable coworker and friend to many.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Leland and Mabel, her brothers, Deane, Gary and Jim, her husband Ralph and oldest son Mark. She is survived by 3 remaining children, Eric of Loudon, Tennessee, Todd of Temecula, California and Timothy from North Carolina.

Also, her beloved Grandchildren Shauna, Michelle, Ryan, Connor, Sarah, Jessica, Daniel, Karl, Katie and Emily. Her great grandchildren Alyssa, Brooklyn, Declan, Taylor-Anne, Riley-Mae and Owen. She will be dearly missed.

Funeral Liturgy

Thursday, May 14, 2026; 1:00 PM
St. Joseph Catholic Church, Mandan, ND

Celebrant

Fr. Josh Waltz

Musicians

Regina McLain & Emily Storick

Prelude

“How Great Thou Art” & “Beautiful Savior”

Processional Song

“Amazing Grace”

Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading

Wisdom 3:1-9

Response

Psalm 23

“The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.”

New Testament Reading

Romans 6:3-9

Gospel Reading

John 14:1-6

Homily

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of Gifts Song

“Prayer of St. Francis”

Presentation of Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion Songs

“Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless”

Communion Meditation

“Song of Farewell (Sands)”

Final Commendation

“In Paradisum/May Angels Guide You”

Closing Song

“On Eagles Wings”

Committal Service

**2:00 PM at the ND Veterans Cemetery
Mandan, ND**

