



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Mavis Martha Bjella

WHO WAS BORN

February 9, 1927
Milbank, South Dakota

AND CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME

December 19, 2023
Milbank, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE

Wednesday, December 27, 2023 - 3:00 p.m.
Mundwiler Funeral Home Chapel
Milbank, South Dakota

OFFICIANT

Pastor Chris Davis

CASKET BEARERS

Jason Dodd | Andy Perhus | Chad Dodd | Lisa Cornell

HONORARY BEARERS

Great-Grandchildren | Staff and Residents at Avantara

INTERMENT

Milbank City Cemetery
Milbank, South Dakota

APPRECIATION

Mavis's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.
Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated.
Following the interment, please join the family for
light refreshments at the funeral home.

ARRANGEMENTS BY
Mundwiler Funeral Home
Milbank, South Dakota

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me.

I took His hand when I heard Him call

I turned my back and left it all

I could not stay another day

To laugh, to love, to work or play

Tasks left undone must stay that way

I found that peace at the close of the day

If my parting has left a void

Then fill it with remembered

Joy

A friendship shared,

a laugh, a kiss Ah, yes, these things I too will miss

Be not burdened with times of sorrow

I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow

My life has been full, I've savored much

Good friends, good times,

a loved one's touch

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief

Don't lengthen it now with undue grief

Lift up your heart and share with me

God wanted me now, He set me **FREE!**

mavis Martha Bjella was born at St. Bernard's Hospital in Milbank, SD, on February 9, 1927. She was the daughter of Frank and Martha (Bohlen) Schwandt. Mavis grew up in the Milbank area and graduated from Milbank High School. After graduation, she worked as a clerk at JC Penney in Aberdeen, SD, and later in Jamestown, ND. She resided in Fargo, ND, for a few years after her retirement. In July 2020, she moved back to Milbank and resided at Avantara until her death.

Mavis was united in marriage with Leon E. Bjella on November 30, 1962. Together, they were blessed with 45 years of marriage and three daughters: Linda, Jody, and Peggy. Mavis was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and St. John's Lutheran Church in Fargo. A lover of country music, she enjoyed attending concerts and traveling to Nashville, TN, and Branson, MO, with Leon. Mavis adored cats and always had a pet cat in her home. She enjoyed shopping and hot fudge sundaes from Dairy Queen. In the summer-time, she enjoyed flower gardening. She was especially fond of geraniums and the color pink. She was an avid reader, and in her younger years, a softball competitor.

Mavis is survived by her daughters: Linda Sandbeck of Fargo, ND; Jody Schonberg of Fargo, ND; and Peggy Anderson of Fargo, ND; sister, Vera Easterby of Milbank, SD; grandchildren: Jason, Chad, Lisa, and Andy; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents: Frank and Martha; husband, Leon Bjella; and siblings: Bill Schwandt, Robert Schwandt, and Doreen Chan.

