

Shirley Rinde, 92, passed away peacefully under hospice care on Feb 9, 2026, at Bethany on 42nd. Her family spent hours by her side and over video chat as they said goodbye.

Shirley Joann Rinde was born on December 7, 1933. She was born to Michael and Anna Birrenkott; raised in Breien and Bismarck ND, and graduated from Bismarck St. Mary's High School. After high school, she worked at the North Dakota State Capitol in the Vital Statistics Office. She met James H. Rinde, from Hoople, ND, who was stationed in Bismarck with the Army. They married on December 28, 1957, in Bismarck, ND, at St. Anne's Catholic Church. They settled in St. Thomas, ND, where they farmed and raised their daughter, Nancy, and son, James. Shirley was a member of the St. Thomas Catholic Church, an active member of the St. Thomas Altar Society and taught catechism classes for many years.

Jim and Shirley moved to north Fargo after retiring from farming. She was an active member of Holy Spirit Catholic Church and volunteered with the church and diocese. Shirley and Jim enjoyed traveling and spending time with family and friends, especially spending time with their children and grandchildren. She and Jim also enjoyed attending UND and NDSU basketball games, both at home and on the road. She was an avid walker and bike rider in the north Fargo neighborhoods. She and Jim enjoyed having their Ohio-raised granddaughter, Anne, living in Fargo and attending NDSU for her undergrad and graduate degrees. Shirley said Anne and her friends kept her and Jim feeling young. Their grandson, Zachary, made many trips to spend time with them, especially when his parents were living in Belgium. Shirley was appreciative of Zachary's technical expertise; he patiently showed her how to use her cell phone and other electronics. Shirley and Jim treasured their time with their grandchildren. Shirley was an avid card player, and loved to play UNO with her entire family.

After Jim's death in 2019, she moved to Touchmark and enjoyed playing trivia and listening to the musical events. She spent many nights playing cards with her son, Jim, during his visits to Touchmark. Shirley's last game of trivia (with assistance from Nancy and Tom) resulted in a win with bragging rights and a traveling trophy.

Shirley is survived by her children, Nancy (Tom) Zmyslinski, Fargo, ND, and James N. Rinde, Gahanna, OH, grandchildren, Anne (Aaron) Zmyslinski-Seelig, Bend, OR, and Zachary (Camlinh) Zmyslinski, Houston, TX, and great grandchildren, Runa, Silje and Thora Seelig, and Zuri and Zander Zmyslinski, her brother, Michael Birrenkott, Bismarck, ND, and many nieces and nephews.

Shirley was preceded in death by her husband, Jim, parents Anna and Michael Birrenkott, sisters, Eileen, Dorothy, and Audrey, and sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law.



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Memory



Shirley Joann Rinde

December 7, 1933 - February 9, 2026



### **Vigil**

Thursday, March 12, 2026 - 7:00 PM  
Hanson-Runsvold Funeral Home - Fargo

### **Mass**

Friday, March 13, 2026 - 10:30 AM  
Holy Spirit Catholic Church - Fargo

Father Ross Laframboise, *Officiant*  
Jennifer Splonskowski, *Accompanist*  
Samantha Dols, *Cantor*  
Anne Zmyslinski-Seelig & Camlinh Zmyslinski, *Readers*  
Jim N. Rinde, *Urn Bearer*  
Anne Zmyslinski-Seelig, Zach Zmyslinski,  
& Shirley's Great-Grandkids, *Gift Bearers*

### **Congregational Hymns**

Opening Hymn - "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" #411  
Responsorial Psalm - "Psalm #27"  
Offertory Hymn - "Prayer of St. Francis" #473  
Communion Hymn - "I Am the Bread of Life" #355  
Communion Hymn - "Ubi Caritas" #354  
Closing Hymn - "The Summons" #388

### **Scripture Readings**

First Reading - Job 19:1, 23-27  
Second Reading - Romans 6:3-9  
Gospel - Matthew 11:25-30

### **Honorary Pallbearers**

Runa Seelig - Silje Seelig - Thora Seelig  
Zuri Zmyslinski - Zander Zmyslinski

### **Interment**

Friday, March 13, 2026 - 1:00 PM  
Fargo National Cemetery - Harwood

All are invited to a luncheon following the service.



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