

In Loving Memory of
*Alice "Toni" Bernard
and John Bernard*

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL
Saturday, May 10, 2025 - 10:30 a.m.
St. Lawrence Catholic Church
Milbank, South Dakota

CELEBRANT
Fr. Brian Eckrich

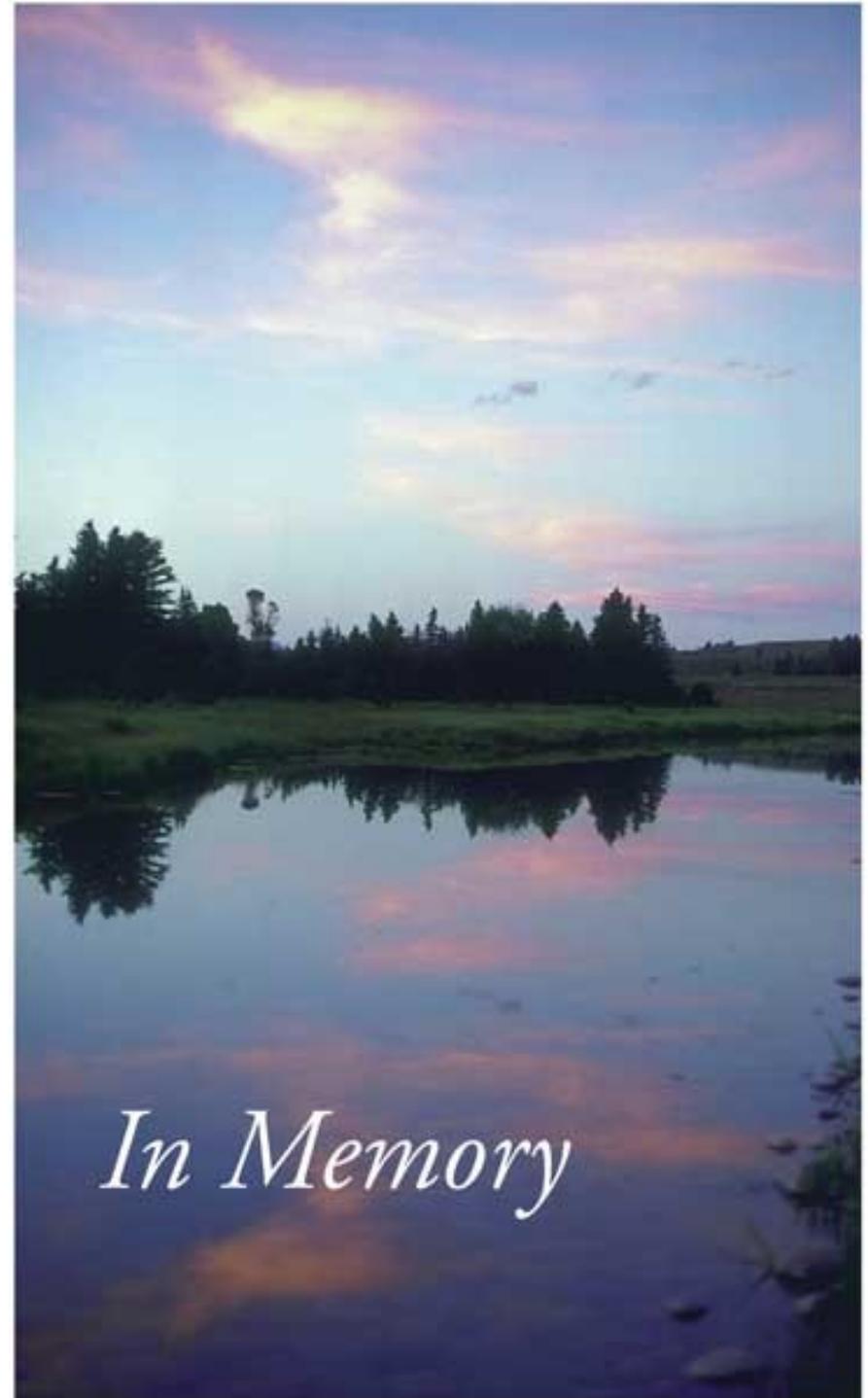
MUSIC
Sandra Tucholke, Pianist
Zita Sanzone, Vocalist

SPECIAL SONGS
"Here I Am, Lord" | "Ave Maria" | "Morning Has Broken"

INURNMENT
St. Lawrence Catholic Cemetery
Milbank, South Dakota

APPRECIATION
Toni and John's family are grateful for your attendance at their service. Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Following the inurnment, please join the family for a time of fellowship and a luncheon at the church dining hall.

Mundwiler Funeral Home - Milbank, South Dakota



Alice "Toni" Bernard

May 20, 1946 — March 18, 2025

Alice "Toni" Marie Antoinette Bernard grew up on a farm in Woodbury, MN, with her five siblings and often spent time with her close cousins, the Sanzones and Yaegers. She graduated from the University of Minnesota with degrees in French and Native American Studies. During her time at the university, she lived with her future sister-in-law, Barbara Jane "BJ" Revane McGuire, and future cousin-in-law, Joeline Tessari Hicks. While attending school and for many years after graduation, Toni worked at the University of Minnesota Libraries and Bookstores. She also helped several nieces and nephews learn how to navigate the large campus during this time. She had a deep love for history, particularly Native American and French-American history. This passion led her to work for the Minnesota Historical Society for several years. She also worked at Fort Snelling and participated in the Grand Portage Rendezvous. She enjoyed bringing history to life at both places. An excellent artist, Toni was well known for her drawings of horses and Native Americans. She lived in Walker, MN, for a few years before returning to Woodbury. After her mother passed away, she and her brother John moved to Milbank.



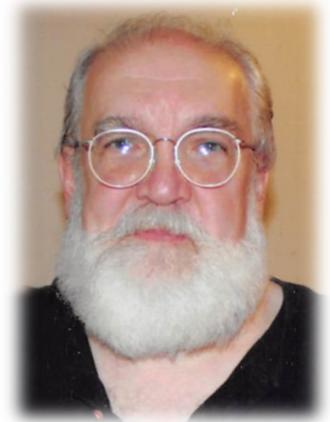
For many years, Toni lived in the Kaercher family home on Park Avenue, where her mother had been raised. She was active with the Grant County Historical Society and volunteered at the Milbank Historical House, Grant County Historical Museum, Community Thrift Shop, and the Grant County Library. Toni and John were frequent visitors to the Mill Theatres, where they loved spending time with employees, customers, and their cousins, Rob and Joeline Hicks, who own the theater. Both Toni and John cherished the friendships they made there and enjoyed being involved in the lives of young people in their community.

Toni is survived by sisters-in-law, Rose McGuire; and Barbara Jane "BJ" McGuire; numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents: Thomas Bernard and Alice Kaercher McGuire Bernard; her brothers: Charles McGuire; Michael McGuire; John Bernard; and her sister, Mary McGuire Edwards. Her sister, Dorothea Moga; passed away after Toni's death.

John Bernard

March 11, 1953 — February 28, 2020

John Thomas Bernard was born on March 11, 1953, in Minneapolis, MN, to Thomas Vincent and Alice (Kaercher) Bernard. He grew up in Woodbury, MN. He graduated high school in 1971 and attended the University of Minnesota. John was a loving care-taker for his family and friends. For a number of years, John enjoyed playing Santa Claus at Emanuel Lutheran Church. He will be remembered for saying, "Uncle John doesn't think that is a good idea!" John enjoyed spending time at Mill Theater and visiting with friends. He also enjoyed trap shooting, hunting, and deer camp. John was a very inclusive person. If someone in a group was uncomfortable, he would get up, introduce himself, and help make them feel included. He made many friends by including new people in his activities or conversations.



Left to cherish his memory are his sisters-in-law: Rose McGuire; and Barbara Jane "BJ" McGuire; many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. John was preceded in death by his parents: Thomas and Alice; and siblings: Charles McGuire and Mary Edwards. His sisters, Alice "Toni" Bernard; Dorothea Moga; and brother, Michael McGuire; passed away after John's death.