



Bernadette Dunnigan

February 23, 1935 - September 14, 2007

Bernadette Dunnigan, 72, wife of departed long-term Bismarck physician, Dr. Ralph J. Dunnigan, died September 15, 2007, at home, surrounded by her family. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday at 12:30 PM at Cathedral of the Holy Spirit in Bismarck with Rev. Thomas E. Kramer officiating. Burial will be at St. Mary's Cemetery. Family will greet the public on Monday evening starting at 6:00 PM at Parkway Funeral Service where a rosary service will be held at 7:00 PM. Per Bernadette's request, no viewing will be held. Bernadette Rose Marie Choiniere was born on February 23, 1935, in Detroit, Michigan, to Florence Chartiere and Joseph Choiniere. After graduating from Saint Phillip's High School in Detroit, Michigan, she completed training as a licensed practical nurse. She was a nurse at Saint John's Hospital in Detroit when she met Ralph J. Dunnigan. They were married in October of 1956 and moved to Bismarck in 1959. They lived in Bismarck and raised six children. When her children were older, she resumed her nursing career at Mandan Villa. She was active in her church, Cathedral School, Saint Mary's High School, Boy Scout functions, and as a volunteer at Saint Vincent's Nursing Home. She is survived by her six children and their families: Dr. Earl Dunnigan of Bismarck and his son, Matthew; Mike and Ann Thorson of Bismarck and their children, Andrea Joseph Gerlach, Nicole and Bryan LaBore, Marisa and Troy Thorson; Kevin and Sharon Dunnigan of Fort Collins, Colorado and their children, Alexa, Kristie, Taylor and Macy; Dr. Ralph T. and Leanne Dunnigan of Bismarck and their children, Brittany, Meghan, Ryan and Erynn Dunnigan;

Shawn and Lisa Dunnigan of Fort Collins, Colorado and their children, Jack and Nicholas Dunnigan; and Terrance and Julia Dunnigan of Bismarck; her three sisters, Sr. Mary Choiniere, Rita Brus, and Margaret Harvey Richardson; one brother, Joseph Choiniere, all of Detroit, Michigan; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Ralph J. Dunnigan; her brother, Bobby Choiniere; and her parents, Joseph and Florence Choiniere, all of Detroit, Michigan. In lieu of flowers, please direct memorials to the UND School of Medicine: Dunnigan-Buckingham Foundation or the American Cancer Society.

Tribute Wall

AR

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Angie Ross - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ *Kevin and family, So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.*

Karla, Kris, Karen and Debbie - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ *Condolences from the Enyeart family at Lake Audubon.*

Marian Enyeart - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Dear Dunningan family - we offer our symypathy to your family and our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time. Bernie was a wonderful lady - she and Ralph sure raised some great kids!! Keep your memories close to your heart and your faith strong. God bless you all. Jeff & Sherry*

Jeff & Sherry Schulz - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ To the Dunnigans,It feels like part of my childhood has just passed away. All the memories of "the Dunnigans" across the street came flooding back ~ and there are alot of them. Cherish all the memories of your loving family! Your parents/grandparents/in-laws gave you awesome roots and shared with you an incredible faith! They were always so proud of each and everyone of you. Bernie was never shy about sharing how wonderful you each are. What a gift! I will miss her. God Bless You and grant you peace.Love you guys!The girl next door,Brenda Tschider Smith

Brenda Tschider Smith - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Ralph & LeanneWe're so very sorry to learn of your loss. It's always hard to lose a parent because they have been a part of you since the day you were born and it doesn't matter how old or sick they were, they're still your parent. You'll miss them always but keep all the great memories close to you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you always but especially now in your time of sorrow.God Bless you always,Mike and Cheryl Cameron

Mike and Cheryl Cameron - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Just wanted to express my condolences to the family of Bernadette Dunnigan. I did not know Bernadette very well but my mother Hazel spoke very highly of her and liked to visit with her when they were in the Walhalla area visiting.Our prayers are with you.Sincerely,James & Julie DunniganHazel Dunnigan

James Joseph Dunnigan - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Dunnigan family. Bernadette was such a caring and loving person. We are so blessed to have known her. God's Blessings to all.

Trevor and Amy Lee - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Kevin and family - My thoughts are with you at this very difficult time.

Amanda Shamley - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KV

“ Kevin and family -My thoughts and prayers are with you.Kim Viner

Kim Viner - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Please know our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Take comfort in the wonderful memories you have of your family. God Bless!

Mike & Peg Haug - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM