



*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 close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void then fill it with remembered joy.*

*A friendship stored, a laugh, a kiss. Ah yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow. I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.*

*My life's been full, I've savored much.*

*Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

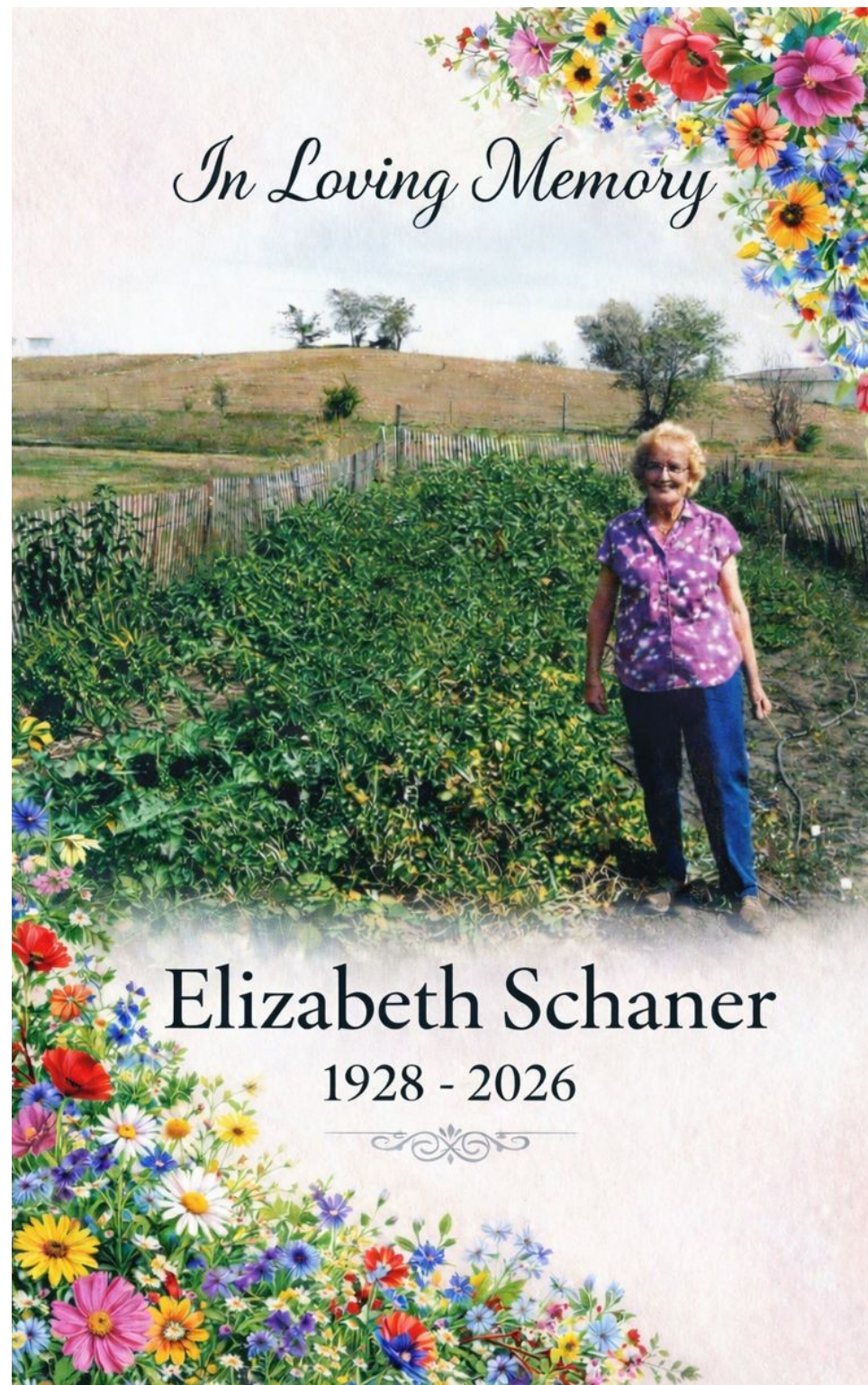
*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief. Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.*

*Lift up your hearts and share with me. God wanted me now.*

*He set me free.*



Please scan the QR code  
to view Elizabeth's  
Celebration of Life video.





**Elizabeth “Betty” Schaner**, 98, formerly of Center, passed away January 27, 2026, at Missouri Slope Lutheran Care Center in Bismarck.

Elizabeth was born January 5, 1928, the daughter of Kasper and Barbara (Heck) Barth. Raised and educated in Center, she attended Center Consolidated School. Elizabeth later received her GED in 1988.

Elizabeth met Alfred Schaner while both sang in the St. Martins Church choir. The

two were married on October 28, 1946. They farmed and ranched on the Schaner family farm. Elizabeth worked as a cook at the 4-H Camp in Washburn for a few years and later as a Home Health Aide in Center for 18 years. She eventually retired to spend time with Alfred, and together they traveled throughout the US.

Elizabeth enjoyed gardening, flowers, and her chickens, and was a member of several card clubs. She loved the outdoors--especially fishing--and volunteered with the ND Game & Fish for many years. Elizabeth was a member of the Merry Mixers Homemakers Club and was the longest-standing member. She was instrumental in initiating the effort to place a monument for Hazel Miner. Along with the Merry Mixers, they raised donations and the stone was dedicated in 1995.

Blessed to have shared in her life are her 8 children, Gary (Leona) Schaner, Dennis (Patti) Schaner, Jeanette (Robert) Thomas, Alfred (Connie) Schaner, Renee (Dennis) Price, Donna (Rick) Roemmich, Marlys (Mark) Weichel, and Wayne Schaner; 21 grandchildren; 30 great grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; and her sister, Katherine Schmidt.

Elizabeth was preceded in death by her husband, Alfred; two children, Arnold and Karen; grandchildren, Loren and Kyle; and brothers, Jack and Ottmar.

The family wishes to thank the Second Floor staff of Missouri Slope Lutheran Care Center for their amazing care given to Elizabeth.

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*The family invites you for food & fellowship at the church  
immediately following the burial service.*

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## MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL FOR ELIZABETH SCHANER

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### **Knights of Columbus Rosary & Parish Vigil**

Sunday, February 1, 2026; 5:00 PM  
Weigel Funeral Home, Mandan, ND

#### **President**

Deacon Tony Ternes

#### **Funeral Liturgy**

Monday, February 2, 2026; 11:30 AM  
St. Martin Catholic Church, Center, ND

#### **Officiant**

Fr. Patrick Cunningham

#### **Musician**

Matt Erhardt

#### **Honorary Casketbearers**

Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren

#### **Lectors**

Ashley Weichel & Bobbie Jo Hyttinen

#### **Gift Bearers**

Kelly Thomas Family

#### **Music Selections**

Here I am, Lord  
Amazing Grace  
Prayer of St. Francis  
On Eagles Wings  
Be Not Afraid

#### **Scripture Readings**

Wisdom 3:1-6, 9  
Psalm 23 ~ *“The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.”*  
Romans 6:3-4, 8-9  
Matthew 11:25-30

#### **Committal Service**

St. Martin Cemetery  
Immediately following the funeral service