

TO THOSE I LOVE AND THOSE WHO LOVE ME



*When I am gone, release me, let me go-
I have so many things to see and do,
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears,
Be thankful for our beautiful years.*

*I gave to you my love. You can only guess
How much you gave to me in happiness...
I thank you for the love you each have shown,
But now it's time I traveled on alone.*

*So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must,
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a time that we must part,
So bless the memories within your heart.*

*I won't be far away, for life goes on.
So if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you can't see or touch me,
I'll be near
And if you listen with your heart,
you'll hear,
All me love around you soft and clear.*

*And then, when you must come
this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile, and say - -
"Welcome home!"
-- Author Unknown*



*A Mother holds
her children's hands
for a while...
their hearts forever.*

Thompson-Larson Funeral Home, Minot, North Dakota

Mary Ellen Alford

Date and Place of Birth

June 9, 1929
Douglas, North Dakota

Date and Place of Death

March 28, 2007
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Vigil Prayer Service

Thompson-Larson Funeral Home
Minot, North Dakota
Sun., Apr. 1, 2007-5:00 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial

St. John the Apostle Catholic Church
Minot, North Dakota
Mon., Apr. 2, 2007-10:30 a.m.

Service Participants

Father Joseph Senger - Celebrant of the Liturgies
Sara and Erin Nelson - Readers

Music

Processional Hymn: "Be Not Afraid"
Offertory Hymn: "How Great Thou Art"
Communion Hymn: "I Am The Bread of Life"
Commendation: "Song of Farewell"
Recessional Hymn: "On Eagle's Wings"
David Nelson, Vocalist
Don Hoffart, Song Leader
Jeanne Artz, Organist

Honorary Bearers

Mary Ellen's family and friends

Active Bearers

Virgil Volk James Keyes Steve Volk
Roger Gulbranson Ryan Nelson Jeremy Gulbranson

Final Resting Place

Rosehill Memorial Park ~ Minot, North Dakota

Those wishing to attend the graveside service are asked to drive with both headlights and hazard lights "ON". Please follow the vehicle in front of you as close as safety permits. Once at the cemetery please double park and follow the family to the graveside for the final prayers.

Following the graveside service, there will be a time of fellowship and lunch in the fellowship hall of the church. Everyone is invited to join the family for this time.

*Our family would like to thank all of you for your many acts of kindness.
Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated during this difficult
time. May God bless the memory of Mary Ellen.*