



Mary "Toddy" O'Neill

Date and Place of Birth

December 31, 1925

Williston, North Dakota

Date and Place of Passing

June 22, 2010

Williston, North Dakota

HER MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

St. Joseph's Catholic Church

Saturday, June 26, 2010

Ten O'Clock, AM

CELEBRANT

Father Dennis Schafer

MUSICIANS

Priscilla Keck, Cantor

Richard Falcon, Musician

BernaDyne White, Vocalist

Sandi Blikre, Organist

CASKET BEARERS

Les Urbatsch

Don Urbatsch

Cal Urbatsch

Al Urbatsch

Dallas Dullum

Randall Torgerson

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Toddy's Loving Family and Friends

INTERMENT

Riverview Cemetery

Williston, North Dakota

ARRANGEMENTS BY

Everson Funeral Home

Williston, North Dakota

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 musn't tie yourself to me with tears.
Be happy that we had so many years.

I gave 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 while 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 of my 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".

Friends may visit www.eversonfh.com to share remembrances of Toddy

Mary Ward was born December 31, 1925 in Williston, ND, the daughter of Arthur and Mable (Davis) Ward. From the beginning she became affectionately known as Toddy, the nickname her dad always fondly called her. Unfortunately, Toddy lost her dad in an accident when she was four. At the age of eighteen, Toddy would also come to lose her mom.

After schooling, she traveled with her brother to Billings for work. After several years there, she returned to Williston and took a job at a local chicken hatchery. She then moved on to Mercy Hospital, where she worked until shortly after getting married.

On January 28, 1946, Toddy was united in marriage to Leonard O'Neill at St. Joseph's. They made Williston their home until 1979 when they moved to Springbrook, ND. They lived there for ten years until returning to Williston. Together they had and raised eight children.

Toddy enjoyed crocheting and knitting, creating many afghans, and made clothing for her children. Toddy could envision how something should look in her mind and never needed a pattern for any clothing, quilts or afghans that she made. Toddy liked decorating her home inside and out, for all the various seasons and holidays. She loved collecting new additions to her holiday and seasonal decor to see the look of wonder on the kids' faces. She was a wonderful baker and excellent cook. Toddy was especially known for her potato salad in a great big yellow bowl; it was no surprise there was never any left over.

Given her husband's love for horses, Toddy also loved camping and horseback rides, especially the Culbertson Trail Ride. She also liked spending time playing Bingo with Leonard. Every year they planted a vegetable garden and she also spent many hours in her flower gardens.

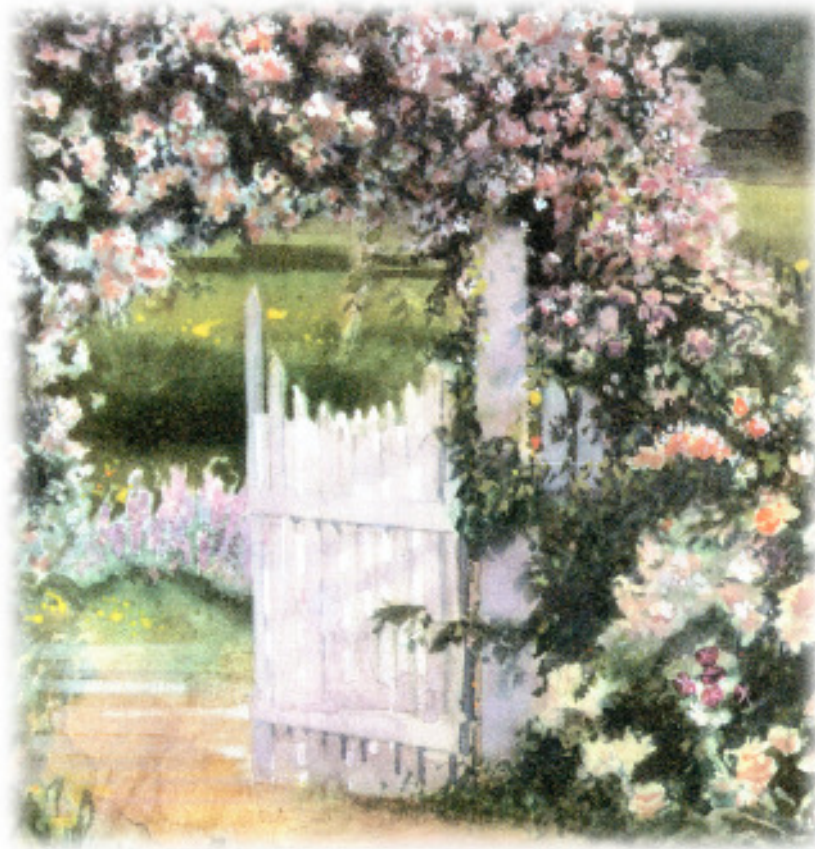
Family was extremely important to her. Toddy and Leonard's home was always full of activity and the center for many family gatherings. She was proud of her five generations of O'Neills, and adored all her grandchildren and followed their many activities.

Toddy is survived by her children and their spouses: Leonard and Barb O'Neill, Mary Pitman, Phyllis and Lester Woodward, John and Lauren O'Neill, Shelly and Tim Theige, and Gerald and Dana O'Neill, all of Williston. Also surviving are twenty-seven grandchildren, fifty-one great-grandchildren, and fourteen great-great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and two sisters-in-law, Alice Ward and Millie Langager.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband in 1999, Leonard; two sons, Thomas and Bruce O'Neill; a daughter-in-law, Linda O'Neill; her brothers, Michael, Lloyd, Clifford, Bud, and Dale Ward; her sisters, Ruth Britton, Grace Jellison, and Betty Dullum; five great-granddaughters, Ariel Fettig, Carissa Irving, Shawnee and Elizabeth Pitman and Miranda Theige; a great-grandson, Thomas O'Neill; a great-grandson-in-law, Tuscan Rice; and her parents.



In Memory of
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