

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF...

Leona Regina was born on May 18, 1927, to John and Julia (Koch) Greufe in Lustre, Montana. She attended Wolf Creek and Lustre Montana grade schools and graduated from Wolf Point High School in 1945. Leona worked at Lovejoy Photography, Buttreys Grocery Store, and Wolf Point Theatre during her high school years.

On June 17, 1946, Leona was united in marriage to Howard Braton in Wolf Point, Montana. They lived in Wolf Point, Oswego, Poplar, and Bainville in Montana and Vancouver, Washington. In 1953 Howard and Leona moved to Barnesville, Minnesota. They purchased their own farm in October 1963 near Pelican Rapids, Minnesota. Howard died on May 22, 2012, then Leona moved to the High Rise in Pelican Rapids in August 2012.

Leona was a member of St. Leonard Catholic Church in Pelican Rapids.

Leona Braton, age 96, of Pelican Rapids, Minnesota, died on Wednesday, October 18, 2023, at Sanford Hospice House in Fargo, North Dakota.

Leona is survived by six children: Barbara (Duane) Seifert, Pelican Rapids, MN, Karen (Karl) Thomson, Wolverton, MN, Wayne (Cheryl) Braton, Fargo, ND, Pat Wischnak (friend Richard), West Fargo, ND, Marsha (Chuck) Dennis, Menahga, MN, Glen (Stacey) Braton, Barnesville, MN; grandchildren: Keith (Dan Adolphson) Seifert, Minneapolis, MN, David (Tami) Seifert, Pelican Rapids, MN, Sandy (Chris) Lahren, White Bear Lake, MN, Sara (David) Lepisto, Duluth, MN, Brian (Nicole) Seifert, Minot, ND, John (Karen) Waller III and Chuck (Paula) Waller, Pelican Rapids, MN, Emily (Aaron) Guest, Bemidji, MN, Lisa (Aaron) Anderson, Felton, MN, Kyle Braton, Fargo, ND, Justin Dennis (friend Alicia), Park Rapids, MN, Jason Dennis (friend Vance), Van Nuys, CA, Chelsea Dennis (friend Mathew), Fargo, ND, Tyler Braton, Krysta Braton and Brandon Braton, Barnesville, MN; six great-grandchildren; nine step grandchildren; twenty-two step great-grandchildren; and eight step great-great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; brother-in-law, Robert (Donna) Braton; sisters-in-law: Myrna Greufe, Janice Braton, Beverly Thompson; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Leona was preceded in death by her parents, John and Julia (Koch) Greufe; husband, Howard Braton; son, Neil Braton; grandson, Mark Seifert; one step great-granddaughter; son-in-law, Daryl Wischnak; brothers: Ralph Greufe, Wilfrid Greufe, George Greufe, Kenneth Greufe, Bernard Greufe, Harry Greufe; sister, Mary McEneaney; brothers-in-law: Jim Hanson, Sam Jr. Braton, James Sr. Braton, Ronald Braton, Floyd Braton, Kenny Braton, Deloris Braton; sisters-in-law: Margaret Braton, LaVonne Hanson, Joyce Braton, Beverly Braton, Theresa Greufe, Clara Mae Greufe, Hazel Greufe; nephews: Steve McEneaney, John McEneaney, David Greufe, Scott Hanson, Greg Hanson, Dan Braton, Dale Braton, Mark Thompson, and Mike Greufe; nieces: Judy (Greufe) Brown and Shirley (Greufe) Schroeder.

Blessed Be The Memory Of Leona Regina Braton



Going home...



FOOTPRINTS IN THE SAND

One night I had a dream. I was walking along the beach with the Lord, and across the skies flashed scenes from my life. In each scene I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand. One was mine, and one was the Lord's. When the last scene of my life appeared before me, I looked back at the footprints in the sand, and to my surprise, I noticed that many times along the path of my life there was only one set of footprints. And I noticed that it was at the lowest and saddest times in my life. I asked the Lord about it: "Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you would walk with me all the way. But I notice that during the most troublesome times in my life there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why you left my side when I needed you most." The Lord said; "My precious child, I never left you during your times of trial. Where you see only one set of footprints, I was carrying you."

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Leona Regina Braton

FUNERAL MASS

Saturday, October 21, 2023-11:00 a.m.
St. Leonard Catholic Church
Pelican Rapids, Minnesota

CLERGY

Father Jeff Ethen, Deacon Pete Bellavance, Deacon Joe Hilber

SCRIPTURE READER

Chelsea Dennis

MUSIC

Organist-Nancy Hilber

— Congregational Hymns —

"Here I Am Lord"

"Shepherd Me, O God"

"Be Not Afraid"

"Amazing Grace"

St. Leonard Catholic Church Choir

"On Eagle's Wings"

"Old Rugged Cross"

PALLBEARERS

LEONA'S GRANDCHILDREN

Kyle Braton, Tyler Braton, Justin Dennis
Brian Seifert, David Seifert, John Waller III

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

LEONA'S GRANDCHILDREN

Lisa Anderson, Brandon Braton, Krysta Braton
Chelsea Dennis, Jason Dennis, Emily Guest
Sandy Lahren, Sara Lepisto, Keith Seifert, and Charles Waller

INTERMENT

St. Leonard Catholic Cemetery
Pelican Rapids, Minnesota

Leona's family gratefully acknowledges your attendance and many kind expressions of sympathy during their time of loss and invite you to join them for lunch and fellowship following the service.

 Arrangements by
Larson Funeral Home
304 3rd Street S.E., Pelican Rapids, Minnesota