



## Beverly Joan Wilhelmi

April 17, 1935 - February 23, 2026

Beverly Joan Wilhelmi, 90, went to be with our Lord on February 23, 2026, at the Richardton Health Center, Richardton, ND. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 AM, Saturday, February 28, 2026, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 142 2nd Ave SE, Beach, ND.

Visitation will be held at 6:00 PM, Friday, February 27, 2026, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church.

Beverly was born April 17th, 1935, at 5:00 a.m. to Leo and Petra (Isackson) Ness. Her birth took place at a farmstead with her mother assisted by midwife, Christina Vestesso. Beverly was one of nine children: Howard, Phyllis, Lloyd, Leo Jr, Betty, Harold, Robert, and Patricia.

Beverly's early years were spent in Egeland, ND where she attended school until the fifth grade. She spent the next two years attending a country school in Webster, ND, arriving to school during the winter months by horse and buggy driven by her brother Bob. She attended one year at Central High in Devils Lake, ND until her family moved to Starkweather, ND. She graduated from Starkweather in 1953.

On May 31st, 1954, Beverly married James Wilhelmi in Starkweather, ND. To this union five children were born: Bonnie, Tim, Elizabeth, Karen and Tom.

James and Beverly lived in Washburn and Hazen, ND, until settling in Stanley, ND, raising their children until their divorce after 38 years of marriage. Beverly spent the following years living in Bismarck, Dickinson, and Medora until she moved into Edgewood Hawks Point assisted living and later to St. Lukes nursing home in Dickinson, ND. Her last years of life were spent at the Richardton Health Center, Richardton, ND.

While living in Washburn, ND, Bev worked at Chase Drug store. Ceramics were a big part of her life, and she spent many years teaching classes at her ceramic shop in her home. After her children were raised, she had a clothing and doll boutique in Stanley, ND, Grandma B's. She worked at Dayton's department store in Bismarck until moving to Medora where she managed the clothing boutique, Bandannas and Bows, for her daughter and daughter-in-law, Bonnie Juma and Jolene Wilhelmi. Bev volunteered for many years at the Stanley nursing home fixing hair for the residents.

During her lifetime she had many wonderful friends, including relatives. She had fond memories making meals for friends and special "Klube" dinners for her children and grandchildren. Her grandchildren were her reason for living, spending as much time as she could going to their sporting events and activities.

Bev was known for creating some of the most beautiful Christmases for her children and friends, from her handmade ornaments to handmade stockings to her Christmas cookies and Christmas dinners. She loved to decorate for the holidays and entertain her friends with Christmas teas.

Beverly's life was guided by her strong faith. Sharing her faith and teaching the message was also important to her by leading Catechism for 17 years in different parishes. Reading, singing, dancing and eating were some of Beverly's favorite pass time activities. She was also an avid doll collector.

Bev is survived by her children, Bonnie Juma, Detroit Lakes, MN; Tim (Jolene), Dickinson, ND; Elizabeth (Mark) Payne, Detroit Lakes, MN; Karen (Larry) Fritel, Stanley, ND; and Tom (Tammy), Beach, ND; nine grandchildren, Hannah (Josh) Boyko; Whitney (Scott) Hebert ; Cole Wilhelmi; Emily (Nick) Olsgaard; Luke (Riley) Payne; Anna Payne; Sam (Megan) Fritel; Abigail Wilhelmi; Madison Wilhelmi; ten great grandchildren, Brayden and Kimber Fritel; Colt, Henry, Daisy, Etta, and Benjamin Fritel; Lyla and Wes Payne; Jozy Hebert; brother Robert Ness; and one sister; Patricia; numerous nephews and nieces.

Bev was preceded in death by her parents, grandson, Zach Fritel; son-in-law, Brad Juma; brothers, Howard, Lloyd, Leo Jr and Harold; sisters, Phyllis and Betty.

A special thank you to Bev's extended family and friends at Richardton Health Center for providing exceptional care and comfort throughout her last few years. Bev's family would also like to thank the staff from Hospice for providing comfort and care for the last few days of her life.

Silha Funeral Home of Beach has been entrusted with arrangements. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at [www.SilhaFuneralHomes.com](http://www.SilhaFuneralHomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Medora Cemetery

Medora, ND 58645

# Previous Events

## Vigil Service

FEB 27. 6:00 PM (MT)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church  
162 2nd Avenue Northeast  
Beach, ND 58621

## Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 28. 10:00 AM (MT)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church  
162 2nd Avenue Northeast  
Beach, ND 58621

# Tribute Wall

PS

“ From all of the Schulte sisters, we remember Bev and loved her so much. Her Christmas gatherings for her friends was something we always looked forward to as an excuse to wear our fur coats! Carol and Pam remember this most vividly. I loved Bev and will always remember her energy, her love for others, her creativity and her kindness to others. Pam Schulte

---

**Pamela Schulte** - March 12 at 05:29 PM

BC

“ I am so saddened to learn of Bev's passing. What beautiful soul. She showed who she was, by showing her Faith, her Love, especially for her dear family, and by graciously always welcoming friends into her life. She gave me a deeper love for my church and the comfort of being her friend. We exchanged May baskets.

*I will truly miss dear Bev. May she rest in peace.  
Beth & Kevin Clyde*

---

**Beth Clyde** - February 28 at 11:48 AM



*So ThankFul4sister♥Bev&Freind2give  
May♥Bskets\*Love♥inSpiRiT♥4Bev*

---

**Patricia Ordahl** - March 04 at 12:11 AM



*Thankful4Sister  
 BeV#8&me#9Patsy♡With\*Family in Our Journey\*to  
 Share>Growin'up  
 &Also In raising>  
 Our\*Children♡In  
 BeV'&Jim\*Family  
 Coming2play\*in  
 Snow@Our Stkw  
 Farm♡in Family\*  
 Joyful SpiRiT beyond Measure*

Patricia Ordahl - March 04 at 12:20 AM

LG

“ *I met her in Medora and instantly liked her, a great lady! My condolences to the families. Laura Griffin*

Laura Griffin - February 27 at 10:42 PM

BO

“ *Dear Wilhelmi Family, I have many memories of the Wilhelmi family in Stanley, North Dakota especially Tom who was my son Rob's friend. Beverly was a great lady & friend. God bless you all! From Beverly Jean Grumann Olson*

Beverly J Olson - February 27 at 02:44 PM

LF

“ *Love, Robert Ness Family purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Beverly Joan Wilhelmi.*



Love, Robert Ness Family - February 26 at 05:12 PM

JL

“ What a great picture of Bev! Nancy and I would like to extend our condolences to all of Bev's family. Any day I got to see her made for a better day whether it was in Medora or at my folks house in Washburn. She was a wonderful person. Jeff and Nancy Leidholm

jeff leidholm - February 26 at 03:39 PM

JM

“ Jeff M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Beverly Joan Wilhelmi.

Jeff M. - February 26 at 03:31 PM

TF

“ Tom and Karin Will Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Beverly Joan Wilhelmi.

Tom and Karin Will Family - February 26 at 02:50 PM

TF

“ Tom and Karin Will Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Beverly Joan Wilhelmi.



Tom and Karin Will Family - February 26 at 02:50 PM

DB

“ Dean & JoAnn Beilke purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Beverly Joan Wilhelmi.



---

**Dean & JoAnn Beilke** - February 26 at 01:10 PM

FM

“ First State Bank of Beach, Golva, Medora planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Beverly Joan Wilhelmi.

---

**First State Bank of Beach, Golva, Medora** - February 26 at 01:05 PM

FM

“ First State Bank of Beach, Golva, Medora purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Beverly Joan Wilhelmi.



---

**First State Bank of Beach, Golva, Medora** - February 26 at 01:05 PM

GF

“ Garry & Shelley Fritel planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Beverly Joan Wilhelmi.

---

**Garry & Shelley Fritel** - February 26 at 11:42 AM

GF

“ Garry & Shelley Fritel purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Beverly Joan Wilhelmi.



---

**Garry & Shelley Fritel** - February 26 at 11:42 AM

LB

“ Lisa/Mike Ens, Brad/Patsy Varty, & Bruce purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Beverly Joan Wilhelmi.



---

**Lisa/Mike Ens, Brad/Patsy Varty, & Bruce** - February 26 at 10:19 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Beverly Joan Wilhelmi.



---

February 25 at 11:11 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Beverly Joan Wilhelmi.

---

February 25 at 11:11 PM

LP

“ Lynn (Nelson) Petz purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Beverly Joan Wilhelmi.



---

Lynn (Nelson) Petz - February 25 at 10:17 PM

LF

“ Love The Lawrence Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Beverly Joan Wilhelmi.



---

Love The Lawrence Family - February 25 at 07:36 PM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Beverly Joan Wilhelmi.



---

February 25 at 05:08 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Beverly Joan Wilhelmi.

---

February 25 at 05:08 PM

LF

“ Love David & Rhonda & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Beverly Joan Wilhelmi.



---

**Love David & Rhonda & Family** - February 25 at 02:14 PM

JG

“ John and Karen Gray purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Beverly Joan Wilhelmi.



---

**John and Karen Gray** - February 25 at 11:51 AM

JG

“ John and Karen Gray planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Beverly Joan Wilhelmi.

---

**John and Karen Gray** - February 25 at 11:51 AM

JG

“ Sending our most sincere condolences. I think back so fondly of Bev, as a kid I was at the Wilhelmi home all the time and she always was so nice and caring, just loved here. A really wonderful person

---

**JOHN GRAY** - February 25 at 11:34 AM