



## Marcella Kathleen Olson

January 9, 1947 - February 27, 2020

Marcella Kathleen Olson, age 73, of Sentinel Butte, North Dakota, passed away on Thursday, February 27, 2020 at home. A Vigil Service will be held at 7:00 PM MST on Sunday, March 1, 2020 at St. John's Catholic Church in Beach, North Dakota. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 AM MST on Monday, March 2, 2020 at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Belfield, North Dakota. Rite of Committal will be held at 1:00 PM CST on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 in the North Dakota Veteran's Cemetery in Mandan, North Dakota. Silha Funeral Home of Beach has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Marcella Kathleen (Koch) Olson was born January 9th, 1947 to Andrew and Christine (Hecker) Koch in Dickinson, North Dakota. She was the 10th of 16 children whom were raised north of Belfield. She attended school in Belfield and graduated in 1966. Following high school, she worked for the Gold Seal Company at a cafe (the current Roughrider Hotel restaurant) in Medora, North Dakota. There she met the love of her life, Jimmie Lee Olson! On May 3, 1968 she married Jimmie at St. Bernard's

Catholic Church in Belfield and from this union they had three sons. They resided in Medora until 1974 and then they moved to the North Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park by Watford City, North Dakota until the winter of 2004. She worked for approximately twenty-two years at the Good Shepherd Nursing home in Watford City and retired in 2002. After Jim's retirement from the park service they moved to the Olson family farm near Sentinel Butte in 2005 where they settled in and became extremely active

grandparents following their grandkids to their various ballgames and concerts. Marcella is known for her amazing cooking, gardening, and quilting skills. She loved to bird watch and take care of her various animals (chickens, ducks, cats, dogs, horses and a donkey). Her quiet demeanor and quick wit often comforted those when needed or made them laugh until they cried. When Marcella wasn't quilting or working in the kitchen, you would find her with her nose in a book or reading on her iPad. Faith was what her life was built around. She was a member of St. John's Catholic Church, and loved her "church hour" helping with Adoration time. As a devout Catholic, she shared her love of the Lord by raising her children in her faith and enjoyed fellowship with her family and friends.

Marcella is preceded in death by her parents, Andrew and Christine Koch; her mother-in-law, Anna (Johnson) Olson; her father-in-law Edward Olson; her brother, Arnold Koch; her sister, Clara (Koch) Dowhaniuk and numerous in-laws.

Marcella is survived by her husband, Jimmie; her sons, Shawn (Beth) Olson of Dickinson, Jay (Tiffany) Olson of Arnegard, and Jesse (Bobbie) Olson of South Heart; her grandchildren, Kylie (Zach) Krivoruchka, Brady Olson, Tiana Olson, Addison Olson, Teegan Olson, Cole Olson, Rylann Olson, Bailey Olson, Tessa Olson, and Shay Olson; her great-grandchild, Evelyn Bruns; her siblings, Lorraine Perry, Wilbert "Willie" Koch, Margaret "Margie" Millin, Andrew (Carole) Koch Jr., Anna West, Paulette (Lynn) Engelhorn, Paul (Louise) Koch, Judith (Bernard) Palahniuk, Robert (Connie) Koch, Cynthia (Maurice) Elhart, Nora (Dennis) Molm, Faye Turner and Thomas (Amy) Koch.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: [www.silhafuneralhomes.com](http://www.silhafuneralhomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## North Dakota Veterans Cemetery

1825 46th Street  
Mandan, ND 58554

# Previous Events

## Vigil Service

MAR 1. 7:00 PM (MT)

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

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 2. 11:00 AM (MT)

St. Bernard's Catholic Church  
306 4th Street NE  
Belfield, ND 58622

# Tribute Wall



“ *Marcella Kathleen Olson*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *Jim and Family: We are sorry to learn of Marcella's passing. Please know you have our sympathies.*

**Dixie and Bill Lardy** - March 10, 2020 at 05:55 PM



“ *Jim and family-our special prayers and thoughts for you and your family. May your memories bring you the greatest peace during this difficult time. Gary and Carlean Jundt*

**Carlean & Gary Jundt** - March 04, 2020 at 10:20 PM



“ *Deepest sympathy to the Olson family love Jeff Brenda and Nathaniel and garret Millin*

**Jeff Millin** - March 02, 2020 at 06:54 PM



“ *Our deepest condolences for your loss. Marcella was a great person and mother to all of us growing up. Sorry for your loss. Craig and Tammy Hovet*

**Craig Hovet** - March 02, 2020 at 10:20 AM

AR

“ All our deepest sympathies to Marcella’s family - we hope that the best memories of her kindness, cheerfulness and love will bring you comfort. Marcella was one of my classmates and I will always remember her as a good friend!

*Aljean Krogh Remsing  
Franktown, CO*

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**A.J. Remsing** - March 01, 2020 at 10:09 PM



“ Val and I send our sympathy to Jim and all. I loved being around Marcella. I attended "Renew" with her a few years ago and came to love her quiet wit and loving nature. Being around her made me want to be a better person. Rest in peace sweet woman. Hugs and prayers to her family.

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**Carol TescherObrigewitch** - March 01, 2020 at 05:27 PM

TK

*God Bless you and your family always.*

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**Tommy Kessel** - March 01, 2020 at 09:20 PM

JM

*Jeff Brenda and Nathaniel and garret send our sympathy to the Olson family*

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**Jeff Millin** - March 02, 2020 at 01:05 PM

BJ

*Our sympathy, and prayers for comfort to you, Jim and your family. Ron and Bella Jenkauski*

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**bella jenkauski** - March 03, 2020 at 09:55 AM

DG

“ My sympathy to Jim and families! Marcella was a very sweet lady and loved following her grandchildren in their activities. That is when I would see her.. bless the memories she left with you all...

Denise Grantier - February 29, 2020 at 07:54 PM

LH

“ Nothing but wonderful memories of my sister-in-law. She will be missed by so many. Rest in Peace, Marcella.

Linda Hutchins - February 29, 2020 at 02:09 PM

DE

“ I'm praying for you Olson's! I've got a lot of great memories of your family and Marcella. Her laugh was the best and is resounding in my head now--reminding me how important laughter is in life for health and well-being. I'm sure she laughed at me as a clumsy teenager when she taught me how to dance the two-step at one of the many Koch weddings. God Bless you all.

Dan Englehorn - February 29, 2020 at 01:51 PM

NN

“ Sorry for your loss. I enjoyed visiting with her at our grandkids ball games. She was a wonderful lady. Nita Northrop.

Nita Northrop - February 29, 2020 at 12:36 PM

ML

“ The family of Marcella has my deepest sympathy May she Rest In Peace

maurice lardy - February 28, 2020 at 02:38 PM