



## Mary Anne Ulfers

December 12, 1939 - April 30, 2026

Mary Anne Ulfers, age 86, of Beach, ND, passed away on Thursday, April 30, 2026, at the Wibaux County Nursing Home in Wibaux, MT, with family by her side. A Rosary and Vigil Service will be held at 6:00 PM MT, Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Beach led by Deacon Ron Zachmann. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 9:00 AM MT, Thursday, May 21, 2026, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Beach with Father Jarad Wolf officiating. Rite of Committal will follow at the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery in Mandan at 3:00 PM CT, Thursday, May 21, 2026. Silha Funeral Home of Beach has been entrusted with arrangements.

Born December 12, 1939, in Princeton, MN Mary Anne (Henschel) Ulfers, daughter of Don and Mary (Wetsel) Henschel, surrounded by loved ones her final week on earth, passed gently from this world April 30, 2026, in Wibaux, MT. In 1949 she moved with her parents and older brother to Bismarck, ND where her two younger siblings were born. After graduating from Minot State University, Mary Anne accepted a teaching position in Beach, ND. Here she caught the eye of a local lad, James Ulfers, whom she married July 21, 1960, in Bismarck, ND.

Jim and Mary Anne settled in Beach and welcomed their first child. The young family moved to Miles City, MT in 1962 where four more children were born. Raising children and caring for their home filled her days. The family moved to Beach in 1974, and Mary Anne's life became even busier. Active in St. John

the Baptist Catholic Church, Mary Anne served in a multitude of ways including as a parish council member and as a lector. She held membership and various offices in St. Anne's Guild, Catholic Daughters and the funeral committee. Confirmation classes likely remember the meals and sweets (like caramel Rice Krispies treats and chocolate chip cookies) she provided during their retreats. She truly lived her faith.

Volunteering within her community proved an essential aspect of Mary Anne's life. As an avid reader, she reveled in time spent serving the Golden Valley County Library as a member and one of her favorites, a substitute librarian. Mary Anne officiated in various roles during the local fairs, spelling bees and of course, Pumpkin Festival. She also provided countless hours behind the scenes. She supervised, and occasionally edited, her favorite Pumpkin Fest crew. Social at heart, Mary Anne treasured the friendships formed at her This 'n That homemakers club, the coffee table, and chance encounters, especially with those who stopped by to talk flowers and gardens.

Anyone coming over the hill into Beach from the north smiled when greeted with a vivid display of Mary Anne's passion for her flower gardens. For decades, the vibrant Four O'clock blossoms provided a cheerful splash of color against Jim's tall green corn crop.

Always, her greatest passion was her family. She celebrated our victories and comforted us when we weren't so triumphant. We spent endless hours playing board games, cards and puzzles. While we may have grumbled about the number of (every single one in the cupboards) pots and pans to clean after a fried chicken dinner, no one left the table hungry! We are privileged and grateful to be her children.

Mary Anne is survived by her children Lynn Ulfers, Les (Lisa) Ulfers, Leigh (Jack) Dykins and Laura (Loren) Feldmann; grandchildren Samantha (Billy) McDonald, Lane, Lance (Heather) and Kelcee Dykins, Nicholas and Jacqueline Ulfers, Tessa, Tyra, Taya and Tegan Feldmann; and great-grandchildren Lincoln, Braden and Hadleigh Dykins as well as her brother Don and sister Kathy (Armon) Doll.

She was preceded in death by her husband Jim, her parents Don and Mary; in-laws, Donald and Helen Ulfers; son, Lowell; grandsons, Antonio and Angelo Ulfers; and great-grandson, Everett Dykins.

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

## Rosary/Vigil Service

MAY 20. 6:00 PM (MT)

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

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 21. 9:00 AM (MT)

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

## Rite of Committal

MAY 21. 3:00 PM (CT)

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1825 46th Street  
Mandan, ND 58554



# Tribute Wall



“ 62 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Silha Funeral Home** - May 19 at 06:15 PM

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“ *Wibaux County Nursing Home lit a candle in memory of Mary Anne Ulfers*



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**Wibaux County Nursing Home** - May 06 at 04:24 PM

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“ *I will always remember Mary Anne and Jim were such good dancers. I can still visualize them on the dance floor. They were so fun to watch. Rest in Peace Mary Anne*

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**Brenda Maus** - May 05 at 11:41 PM

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“ *Teresa Siegle lit a candle in memory of Mary Ufers*



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**Teresa Siegle** - May 04 at 02:15 PM