

Mom,

I fell, and you picked me up,  
I cried, and you wiped my tears  
I was lost, and you brought me home  
I wanted fame  
and you were my audience.  
I desired a friend,  
and you were there.  
I needed Love,  
and you handed me your heart.

We'll Love you always,

Love, your children

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*In Loving Memory Of*

**Donna Robbennolt**

*December 28, 1936 - August 31, 2020*



“There’s nothing more important in life than family and friends and there is no job too large to handle, nor one too small not to lend a hand” was the philosophy of life for Donna Louise Robbennolt who was born to Robert and Dorothy (McGilvrey) Bown, December 28, 1936 in Thief River Falls, MN. As a young child the family moved to a farm in Northwest Hyde County where she attended country school and graduated from Gettysburg High school in 1954. On May 21st, 1955 she married Gene Robbennolt at Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Donna led a very busy life, raising three children and being a very active member of the community, serving on many boards and belonging to many clubs and organizations including, Oahe M & M Extension Club, several arts councils, American Legion, Sacred Heart Alter Society and Dakota Sunset Museum, just to name a few.

She wasn’t just a member of these organizations. She dedicated herself to them and it showed as she received Good Neighbor Award 1986, Citizen of the Year 1988, Legionette of the year in Gettysburg and the district 1997. The most prestigious award came in 2011 when she received the Eminent Homemaker of the year for the state of South Dakota. The word “NO” was not in her vocabulary!

Donna loved gathering with her group of friends portraying many different characters in parades and programs throughout the area. Traveling and seeing many parts of the world was also very exciting for her. Reading, crocheting, gardening, playing cards, board games, singing in community groups and exercising were the things she enjoyed in her free time.

Her love for her family surfaced every single day, whether it be a delectable treat from her kitchen or attending grandchildren’s concerts and sporting events.

Grateful for having shared in her life are her children and grandchildren: Mark (Anne) Robbennolt, Bobby (Jaimie); Micki (Joe) Izzillo, Elicia (Chris) Byrne, Angela (Scotty) Miller; Steve (Laurie) Robbennolt, Amber (Andy) Mikkelsen, Tyler (Kelsey) Fischer, Michael Fischer, Katelyn (Chris) Ampe, Blake (Blair) Robbennolt, Kelcey Robbennolt; 14 great grandchildren; brother, Jeff; sisters: Janet, DiAnn, JoAnn, Robbie, Vicki and Kate; brothers-in-law, Ed, Dick, and Jim; sisters-in-law, Judy and Pris; and many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Gene; parents, Robert and Dorothy; parents-in-law, Max and Mary; brother, Jerry; daughter-in-law, Marie; grandson, DJ; and brother-in-law, Dan.

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# *Donna L. Robbennolt*

*December 28, 1936*

*August 31, 2020*

*Thief River Falls, Minnesota*

*Gettysburg, South Dakota*

## **VISITATION**

*10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 8, 2020  
Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
Gettysburg, South Dakota*

## **MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL**

*1:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 8, 2020  
Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
Gettysburg, South Dakota*

## **OFFICIATING**

*Fr. Jerry Kopel*

## **EULOGIST**

*Lewis Robbennolt*

## **CASKET BEARERS "Grandchildren"**

*Amber Mikkelsen, Bobby Simon, Tyler Fischer,  
Elicia Byrne, Michael Fischer, Angela Miller,  
Katelyn Ampe, Blake Robbennolt, Kelcey Robbennolt*

## **HONORARY CASKET BEARERS**

*Oahe M & M's*

## **MUSICIAN**

*Sarah Thorne*

## **MUSIC**

*“Amazing Grace” “I Walk By Faith” “I Am the Bread of Life”  
“Song of Farewell” “Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling”*

## **GRAVESIDE SERVICE**

*2:15 p.m., Tuesday, September 8, 2020  
Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery  
Gettysburg, South Dakota*