

Dolores May Blank

Blank, Dolores May (nee Mahn), 81, passed away May 6, 2014, fortified by the sacraments. Loving wife for 59 years of Charles Blank. Devoted mother of the late David Eugene Blank and James Michael Blank. Beloved grandmother of Megan Blank. Daughter of the late George and Mary Mahn, Sr. Dear sister of John Mahn, Sr. (the late Patricia) and the late George Mahn, Jr. (Joanne). Cherished sister-in-law of John Blank, the late Jim Blank (Linda) and Margaret Selinger (Jim). Caring Aunt of John Mahn, Jr., Michael Mahn, George Mahn III, Steven Mahn and Ryan Mahn, Judi McDonough, the late Suzy Blank, Stuart Selinger, Denny Selinger, Anne Selinger, Greg Selinger, and great aunt of Stella Mahn.

Dolores was born in St. Louis, MO. She attended St. Columbkille School and graduated from Notre Dame High School in St. Louis, MO. An avid bridge player, painter, golfer and gardener, she was also previously involved in prison ministry, illiteracy programs and other social work. Dolores had a lifelong passion for politics, music, art and interior design. Dolores was a gracious, thoughtful and generous person who loved people and reached out to everyone she met. She will be dearly missed.

You are invited to visit with the family at lunch, which will be served in the St. Monica Family Center after the Mass.



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St. Monica Parish community.*

Funeral Mass for Dolores M. Blank



May 19, 1933 - May 6, 2014

*May 9, 2014
St. Monica Catholic Church*

INTRODUCTORY RITES

May the Father of mercies, the God of all consolation, be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

In the waters of Baptism, Dolores died with Christ and rose with him to new life. May she now share with him eternal glory.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Here I Am, Lord

Song # 783

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who have set limit to this present life, so as to open up an entry into eternity, we humbly beseech you, that by the grace of your mercy you may command the name of your servant Dolores to be inscribed in the book of life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

George Mahn III

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes

There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens.

A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant.

A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to tear down, and a time to build.

A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance.

A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them; a time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces.

A time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away.

A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to be silent, and time to speak.

A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 23

George Mahn III

The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

In verdant pastures he gives me repose;

Beside restful waters he leads me;

He refreshes my soul.

The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk in the dark valley, I fear no evil.

For you are at my side with your rod and your staff

That give me courage.

The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes;

You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life;

And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for years to come.

The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

SECOND READING

Romans 6:3-4, 8-9

Mike Blank

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised

from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. If, then, we

have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ,

raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL

John 11:17-27

HOMILY

Fr. Stephen W. Bierschenk

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Megan Blank

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

Michael Mahn

John Mahn, Jr.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Be Not Afraid

Song # 680

COMMUNION HYMN

Panis Angelicus

Emmanuel Espiritu

MEDITATION HYMN

Ave Maria / Schubert

EULOGY

Mike Blank

PRAYERS OF FINAL COMMENDATION

Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our sister. May our farewell express our affection for her; may it ease our sadness and strengthen our hope. One day we shall joyfully greet her again when the love of Christ, which conquers all things, destroys even death itself.

Saints of God, come to her aid! Hasten to meet her, angels of the Lord.

Receive her soul and present her to God the Most High.

May Christ, who called you, take you to himself;

May angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham.

Receive her soul and present her to God the Most High.

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.

Receive her soul and present her to God the Most High.

Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our sister Dolores, in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, she will rise with him on the last day.

We give you thanks for the blessings which you bestowed upon Dolores in this life; they are a sign to us of your goodness and of our fellowship with the saints in Christ.

Merciful Lord, turn toward us and listen to our prayers: open the gates of paradise to your servant and help us who remain to comfort one another with assurances of faith, until we all meet in Christ and are with you and with our sister forever. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Missalette Song # 250