



## Janette Marie Merrill

December 10, 1937 - September 25, 2014

### JANETTE MARIE MERRILL

1937 – 2014

Janette Marie (McGinnity) Merrill age 76 of Plattsmouth, NE passed away peacefully on Thursday, September 25, 2014 at Hillcrest Health Plaza in Bellevue, NE.

Janette was born on December 10, 1937 to Eugene Francis and Florence Jeanette (Sagaser) McGinnity in Powers Lake, ND. She was raised and schooled in McGregor, ND and graduated from McGregor High School with the class of 1955. After graduating from high school, she attended business school in Minot, ND for a year. Then Janette moved to Montana and met William "Bill" Daniel Merrill and they were later married on August 19, 1957 in McGregor, ND. Since Bill was in the US Air Force, Janette and Bill made their home and raised their children in many different locations around the world until settling in Plattsmouth, NE in 1973. Janette had worked at the Plattsmouth Manor for twenty years, until she retired in 1998. She was a wife, mother, grandmother, and a homemaker. She donated much of her time to the Church of The Holy Spirit, she helped to organize and manage the church's Fall Festival for several years and was a chair for Totus Tuus from its inception from 2001 until 2014. Janette was very family oriented, she always put God and family first. She was also loved by many who were dear to her, who were not related, but still referred to her as grandma and mom.

She was a member of the Church of The Holy Spirit and the Parish Council of

Catholic Women (PCCW) both of Plattsmouth.

Janette is survived by her four daughters: Debra Devaney and significant other Walt Gregg of Glenwood, IA, Karen Markey and husband Mike of Omaha, NE, Pati Weaver and husband Dan of Turin, IA, Megan Essex and husband Michael of Cozad, NE, four sons: William M. Merrill and wife Donna of Plattsmouth, NE, Darren Merrill and wife Pam of Omaha, NE, Donovan Merrill and wife Nanette of Murray, NE, Tedd Merrill of Plattsmouth, NE, twenty-two grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, one great great granddaughter, two brothers: Gary McGinnity and wife Sandy of Powers Lake, ND, Michael McGinnity and wife Sylvia of Mohall, ND, two sisters: Clarice Troxel and husband Gary of Cody, WY, Dianne Pressnall of Yakima, WA, brother-in-law: Roger Philippi of Havre, MT, four sisters-in-law: Rene McGinnity of McGregor, ND, Joyce McGinnity of Watford City, ND, Marian Merrill of La Mirada, CA, Carole Russell of St. Petersburg, FL, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband: Bill Merrill, parents: Eugene and Florence McGinnity, two sisters: Phyllis Philippi, Marilyn Filicetti and her husband Sam, two brothers: Leon McGinnity, David McGinnity, three infant children, and two infant grandchildren.

A Memorial Mass will be held at 10:30 A.M., Tuesday, September 30, 2014 at Church of the Holy Spirit in Plattsmouth with Father Loras K. Grell officiating, Michael Markey as lector, Ken Aylor and George Sachs as acolytes, Terry Little as vocalist, and Laurie Hajek-Jones as organist.

A Rosary Service followed by Vigil will be at 7:00 P.M., Monday, September 29, 2014 at the Church of The Holy Spirit.

The Final Resting Place will be at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Plattsmouth. The family suggests Memorials to Totus Tuus (Church of The Holy Spirit Summer Religious Program), St. John School, Lourdes High School, Wounded Warriors, and/or for Masses.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Janette Marie Merrill*

October 09, 2023 at 12:23 PM



“ *At God bless you and your family*

**Janie Acklin** - April 29, 2018 at 09:43 PM



“ *God Bless you and your family. My heart goes out to you all.*

**Stephen Acklin** - April 29, 2018 at 09:43 PM



“ *darren & pam  
my thoughts and prayers go with you today at the loss of you  
mother, take comfort from God and the memories you hold dear in  
you heart and the hope we have in Jesus to be reunited again after  
death love you barbara*

**barbara smith** - April 29, 2018 at 09:43 PM



“ *Our church fish fry during lent was always special with Bill and  
Janette. They were great volunteers! Bill has been gone several  
years but Janette still worked hard every year. St. Patrick's Day she  
and Teddy decorated the hall and made it special. They will be  
missed. Our prayers to the family.  
Keith & Joyce Wiese*

**Joyce** - April 29, 2018 at 09:43 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Aunt Janette. We all were always so far away from each other, we never really knew everyone. Please know my mom, Carol Russell, sends her sincere condolences, as we just learned of this. My mom knew something must have happened when she didn't receive a Christmas card or a phone call this year. Blessings to you all.

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**Heidi Russell Varley** - April 29, 2018 at 09:43 PM

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“ I am so sorry for you and your family. May God be with you all.

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**Pat Hemker** - September 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM