

Mass of Christian Burial from
St. Mary's Catholic Church
Shenandoah, Iowa
Thursday, February 23, 2017
Ten O'Clock a.m.

Celebrant
Rev. Raphael Assamah

Lectors
Michelle Cassebaum Jacob Owens

Memory Register
Cathy Larsen

Caring for Flowers
Rosy Fuentes Alexis Fuentes

Ushers
Norb Martin Mike Lenowski

Cantor *Organist*
Jane Emge Mary Beth Gowing

Gift Bearers
Kaelin Black Ethan Owens Sophie Owens

Casket Bearers
Mike Brannen Riley McWilson Tim Brannen
Rick Brannen Tony Taylor Kaleb Fuentes

Place of Rest
Rose Hill Cemetery
Shenandoah, Iowa

Memorials
Iowa Council for the United Blind
C/O Catherine Witte
200 Parkview Dr., Wake, Iowa 50263
OR
St. Mary's Catholic Church



Beatrice Davis (Williams) Brannen was born January 23, 1916 on a farm near Oakland, Iowa to James Sylvester Williams and Katherine Blanche Davis. Beatrice passed away on February 18, 2017 at the Elm Heights Care Center in Shenandoah, Iowa at the age of 101.

Bea grew up in Council Bluffs, Iowa and graduated from Abraham Lincoln High School. She was united in marriage to Charles Howard Brannen at Holy Family Catholic Church in Council Bluffs, Iowa. In 1936, they moved to Shenandoah where Howard went into the retail grocery business and where they raised their large family of thirteen children. Bea was a faithful member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and served in St. Mary's Altar Guild. She and Howard attended the many sporting events and school activities of their children.

Bea was a caring and loving wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. She was affectionately known as "Grandma Bea." She was a great cook and enjoyed preparing meals for her huge family, especially at holidays. She was very artistic whether it was constructing May baskets or bridal favors, decorating birthday cakes, designing church banners, or sewing memorable Christmas stockings for her grandchildren. She was competitive at completing crossword puzzles and sharp at playing bridge with her friends. Bea and Howard enjoyed spending family vacations at Lake Okoboji and later traveling to visit their adult children and friends. The grandchildren remember the trips to the donut shop and the famous Grandma Bea Easter egg hunts - with a twinkle in her eye, Grandma Bea would find that each grandchild had a "prize" egg.

Bea was preceded in death by her husband of sixty-one years, Howard Brannen; her parents James and Katherine Williams; her only sibling, Col. Carroll James Williams; son James Brannen (Kay), infant son John Brannen, son-in-law Jeffrey Fishbaugh (Alexis), daughter-in-law Sarita Workman Brannen (Chuck), daughter-in-law Barbara Sheridan Brannen (Jerry), son-in-law Harvey Adam (Regina), significant other Vikki Dickinson (Ed) and grandson William Patrick Brannen (Jerry and Barbara).

Bea is survived by her children, Regina Adam, Dr. William Brannen (Kathleen), Jerry Brannen, Dr. Charles Brannen, Edward Brannen, Patrick Brannen (Kay), Angela Yaeger (John), Valori O'Meara (Steve), Terry Brannen (Mary Ann), Alexis Rainey (John), and Stephan Brannen (Sheila). She was blessed with 41 grandchildren, 85 great-grandchildren, 15 great-great-grandchildren and numerous nephews and nieces.

The Twenty-Third Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the
paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art
with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the
presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my
head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the
house of the Lord for ever.

**Following the committal service at the graveside
everyone is welcome back to the church for
fellowship and lunch.**



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