

Remembering the life of...

Marcy (Senger) Schafer died peacefully surrounded by family at Eventide Heartland Care Center in Devils Lake, ND on September 17, 2024

Marcy was born September 24, 1931 in rural Devils Lake to Anton and Mary (Axtman) Senger. After going to rural school, she attended St. Mary's and graduated in 1949. She was a natural born teacher, earned her teaching certificate at Minot State College, and immediately accepted the challenge of teaching grades 1-8 in a one-room rural schoolhouse.

On October 15, 1951, she married Julius Schafer and they settled in Devils Lake. Together they raised their family of 5 daughters and 1 son. Once most of the children were in school, Marcy again caught the 'teaching bug' and started a kindergarten in the basement of her home, with her youngest daughter, Juli, as one of the students in her first class. The demand to get into her kindergarten quickly grew and before she knew it, she had both morning and afternoon classes. After 13 years as a private kindergarten teacher, Marcy joined the staff of Devils Lake Public Schools when public kindergarten was offered. She served as a para-professional for special needs students for 11 years before retiring.

Marcy was an active member of the community, serving as a St Mary's school board member, a member of Infant of Prague Circle and a member of St Joseph's church choir. Her other interests were playing cards with family and friends, knitting, sewing and later in life discovered her artistic talent. She progressed from a few watercolor paintings to a wide variety and abundance of oil paintings that are still treasured by many, including 2 paintings of St Joseph church, which were donated and displayed in the church's gathering areas.

Growing up in a family of 13 children, family was always very important to Marcy. Gatherings with her siblings were always filled with much love and laughter, and memories of those times are still treasured by the next generation. Before genealogy became so popular and easily accessible using the Internet, Marcy started gathering and organizing ancestral details about their German & Russian heritage. This laid the groundwork for the Anton Senger family book, 'Lest We Forget,' dating back to 1803. She and her siblings each wrote additional memories and family stories which were compiled into the treasured family keepsake.

Marcy is survived by her 6 children: Debbie Minette, Wichita, KS; Jeanette (Mike) Klier, Minot, ND; Judi (Albert) Bryl, Maple Grove, MN; Linda (Terry) Rosen, Bismarck, ND; Greg (Jeanne) Schafer, Devils Lake, ND; Juli (Kevin) Bryl, Devils Lake, ND; 12 grandchildren and 30 great grandchildren; Siblings – Marie Bosch, Issy Bosch, Louise Everson, Donna Mae Leiphon and Diane Christianson.

Marcy was preceded in death by her loving husband, Julius, her parents and siblings Margaret Jager, Frank Senger, Wendelin Senger, John Senger, Jennie Bertsch, Frances Wentz, Tim Senger.



*Our Beloved Mother, Grandmother,
Great Grandmother, Sister, Aunt and Dear Friend
Catherine Marcella Schafer*

"Marcy"

ENTERED EARTHLY LIFE

*Thursday, September 24, 1931
Rural Devils Lake, North Dakota*

PASSED TO ETERNAL LIFE

*Tuesday, September 17, 2024
Devils Lake, North Dakota*

ROSARY, SCRIPTURE SERVICE AND TIME OF SHARING

*Gilbertson Funeral Home Chapel
Devils Lake, North Dakota*

*Tuesday, September 24, 2024 ~ 7:00 p.m.
Led by Reverend Mr. Ken Severinson, Deacon*

MASS OF THE RESURRECTION

*St. Joseph Catholic Church
Devils Lake, North Dakota*

Wednesday, September 25, 2024 ~ 10:00 a.m.

CELEBRANT

Reverend Bernard Pfau

MUSIC

*Lynne Webster, Soloist
Patty Cote, Vocalist and Organist*

LECTORS

Marcy's Grandsons
Jake Klier and Brandon Rosen

GIFT BEARERS

Marcy's Granddaughter
Sara Schafer

Marcy's Great Grandchildren

CASKET BEARERS

Marcy's Grandsons

*Jamie Minette ~ Derek Bryl ~ Jared Bryl
Brandon Rosen ~ Chad Rosen
Jake Klier ~ Ryan Klier ~ Matt Klier*

EARTHLY PLACE OF REST

St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery



GOD CALLED

*God looked around His garden
And He found an empty place.
He then looked down upon this earth,
And saw your tired face.*

*He put His arms around you
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful
He always takes the best.*

*He knew that you were suffering
He knew you were in pain
He knew that you would never
Get well on earth again.*

*He saw that the road was getting rough
And the hills are hard to climb.
So He closed your weary eyelids,
And whispered, "Peace Be Thine".*

*It broke our heart to lose you
But you didn't go alone
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home*

As Marcy's family we thank you for your prayerful support and presence here today. A special thank you to the staff of the Eventide Care Center and Devils Lake Hospital for their loving care and kindness to our mother.

God Bless You All!