

Remembering the precious life of...

Joan Marie Barta Michalski, 95, Devils Lake, ND, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, May 15, at Eventide Heartland Care Center in Devils Lake.

Joan Marie Barta was born July 19, 1928, in Voss, Walsh County, ND, to Stanley and Antonette (Karnik) Barta. She graduated from Grafton High School, then graduated from the University of North Dakota in 1950 with a degree in Home Economics. She worked as a Home Extension Agent in Benson County. In 1952, she married Leonard Michalski. They moved to Devils Lake and built a house in Lakewood in 1959. The house became a home not only to her family but to numerous neighbors and friends (fresh coffee day and night).

While raising her four boys, she also found a social life with her Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, Bridge Club, Catholic Daughters, politics, and a Bohemian love for the arts, supporting the Community Concert Series, Drama Clubs, and fostering her sons' interest in music. As the boys got older, she started teaching part time at Central High School and even ran for political office.

The love of her life, Leonard, died on January 8, 1986, and Joan remained in their Lakewood home, where she loved to garden, until the flood moved her into town, where she lived very independently until 2019.

Joan will always be with us in spirit and in wonderful memories. Rest in peace.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers Stanley and Darrell, and husband Leonard. Survivors include her sister, Jody Hanson, sons Mike, Nick (Becci), Timothy (Debbie), and Chris (Marjorie), grandchildren Max and Libby Michalski, and great-grandson Hendrix Michalski.

Remembering With Love



Beautiful Souls

leave lasting memories

in the hearts

of those they touched.



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

Joan Marie Michalski

HER BIRTH

*Thursday, July 19, 1928
Voss, Walsh County, North Dakota*

HER DEATH

*Wednesday, May 15, 2024
Devils Lake, North Dakota*

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

*St. Joseph Catholic Church
Devils Lake, North Dakota
Friday, May 24, 2024 ~ 10:00 a.m.*

CELEBRANT

Reverend Bernard Pfau

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Donovan Foughty, Soloist
Jean Aardahl, Pianist
Patty Cote, Soloist and Organist*

LECTOR

Debbie Michalski

GIFT BEARERS

Tim and Debbie Michalski

CASKET BEARERS

*Mike Michalski ~ Nick Michalski
Tim Michalski ~ Chris Michalski
Max Michalski ~ Libby Michalski*

EARTHLY PLACE OF PEACEFUL REST

*St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery
Devils Lake, North Dakota
At a later date*

*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want;
He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters;
He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness
for His name's sake.
Even though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death, I fear no evil;
for You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies:
You anoint my head with oil:
My cup runs over.
Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow me all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

