

In Loving Memory of
Joseph Leo Rockey
March 9, 1933 ~ June 24, 2024

Rosary & Vigil Service

Thursday, June 27, 2024 ▪ 7:00 PM

Eastgate Funeral Service ▪ 2302 E. Divide Ave

Bismarck, North Dakota

Mass of Christian Burial

Friday, June 28, 2024 ▪ 10:00 AM

Corpus Christi Catholic Church ▪ 1919 N 2nd St.

Bismarck, North Dakota

Interment

St. Mary's Cemetery

Bismarck, North Dakota

Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Responsorial Psalm 23

"The Lord is me Shepherd there is nothing I shall want"

New Testament

2 Corinthians 4:14, 5:1, 6-10

Gospel

John 14: 1-7

Music

Prelude

"Wonderful, Merciful Savior"

Opening

"Here I am, Lord"

Offertory

"Open My Eyes"

Communion

"One Bread, One Body "

Final Commendation

"Song of Farewell"

Closing Song

"On Eagle's Wings"

Celebrant Fr. Logan Obrigewitch

Assisting Deacon Kevin Leingang

Musicians Colleen Reinhardt and Sebastian Haboczki

Reader Rodger Wetzel

Urn Bearers Breanna Jose, Kalee Werner, Ciarra Cason, Collin Kemmesat,

Colton Jose, Alexis Rockey, Levi Rocky and Dalton Kemmesat

Following the graveside service, the family invites you to join them for lunch and fellowship in the Parish Hall.



Tribute Video



Joseph "Joe" L. Rockey, 91, of Bismarck, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on June 24, 2024.

He was born March 9th, 1933, at St. Alexius Hospital in Bismarck, to J.W. Rockey and Pauline (Braun) Swanson. He graduated from Bismarck High School in 1951. Joe met the love of his life in 1949 at a high school basketball game. The two got married on June 11th, 1953, at Pro-cathedral of St. Mary's Church.

He worked at Universal Motors in Bismarck as a Parts Manager and at MacCarney Ford as a Car Salesman in Bismarck. Joseph and his family picked up and moved in 1966 to Billings, MT, where he started working at Clark Lincoln Mercury as a Car Salesman until 1971. In January of 1971, his family picked up again and moved back to Bismarck, ND. He started at Pitney Bowes as a Salesman until 1995, when he retired after 25 years there. Joe was a very successful salesman, and he won many awards over the years. His biggest accomplishment was being awarded the Million-dollar club.

Joe was a longtime parish member of Corpus Christi Church. He was also a member of the Bismarck Eagles Club, Bismarck Moose Lodge, Bismarck Elks Lodge for over 53 years and a Knights of Columbus member.

Joe enjoyed boating, camping and rodeos in the summertime. He loved music, collecting records and playing the accordion. Joe loved to boogie on the dance floor with his wife Margaret to a variety of polkas and waltzes. Joe's favorite hobby of all time though was cars, whether it was rebuilding motors, restoring them, or selling them. In addition, he loved to travel and almost visited every US state. Joe's favorite trip though was to San Juan, Puerto Rico. Most important to Joe though was spending time with his family.

Joseph is survived by his wife Margaret; his is three children: Cheryl Jose, Pewaukee, WI; Charlyne Kemmesat, Bismarck; and Robert (Rhonda) Rockey, Bismarck; grandchildren: Breanna Jose, Milwaukee, WI; Kalee (Jonathan) Werner, Pierre, SD; Ciarra (Chad) Cason, Pewaukee, WI; Collin (Danielle) Kemmesat, Bismarck; Colton Jose, Sussex, WI; Alexis Rockey, Bismarck; Levi (Alie) Rockey, Bismarck; Dalton Kemmesat, Bismarck; great-grandchildren: Logan Cason, Brinley Cason, Avlyn Werner, Avra Werner, Halston Kemmesat, Adalyn Cason; siblings: Fred Swanson (Christine) Bismarck; Edward Swanson, AZ; Mary Swanson (Donald) Bismarck; Sharon Ellsworth (Terry), Mandan; Karen Nagel, Bismarck; Laurie Holt, WI; as well as many lifelong friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, J.W. Rockey; his mother, Pauline (Braun) and stepfather, Marvin Swanson; infant brother, Donald Rockey; sister, Joanna; sister-in-law, Amanda Swanson and son-in-law, Donald Jose; along with many aunts and uncles.

According to Joseph's wishes, his body was cremated, and his ashes buried at the St. Mary's Cemetery in Bismarck, ND.

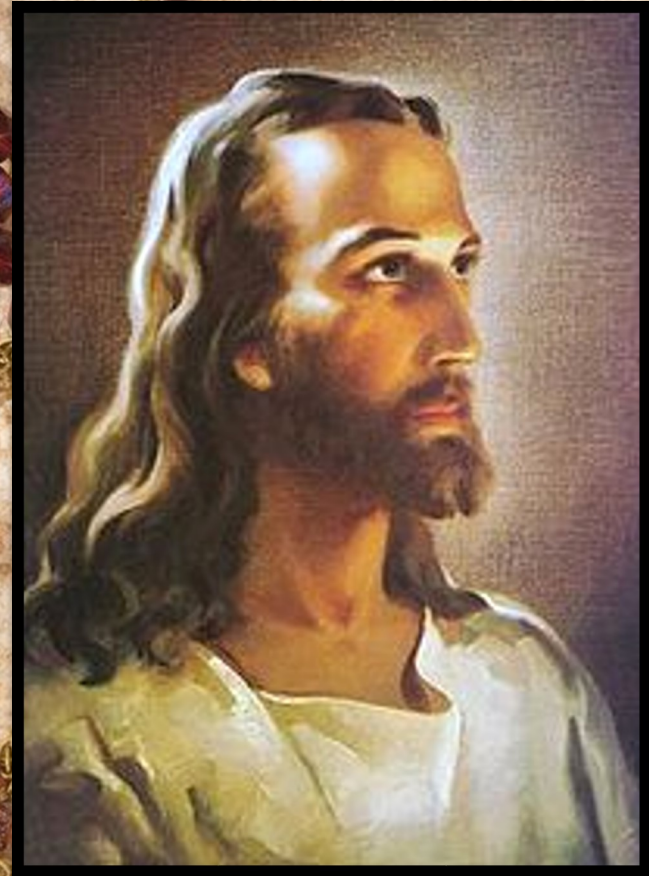
In the lieu of flowers, the family appreciates donations to Corpus Christi in Joseph Rockey's name: 1919 North Second Street, Bismarck, ND 58501.

Contact: 701-255-4600, info@corpuschristibismarck.com.

THE BROKEN CHAIN

*We little knew the day,
God was going to call your name.
In life we loved you dearly,
In death we do the same.
It broke our hearts to lose you,
You did not go alone,
For part of us went with you,
The day God called you home.
You left us beautiful memories,
Your love is still our guide,
And though we cannot see you,
You are always at our side.
Our family chain is broken,
And nothing seems the same,
But as God calls us one by one,
The chain will link again.*

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



Joseph L. Rockey

MARCH 9, 1933 ~ JUNE 24, 2024