

On Thursday, May 18th, 2023, Marianne “Mary” Catherine Leitner (Schwartz), age 89, passed away at her home in Perham, MN.

Born on January 26th, 1934, in Meeme, Wisconsin, Mary was the second of four children born to Henry and Irene (Salm) Schwartz. She grew up on a dairy farm and graduated from Kiel High School in 1952.

She caught the love of her life’s eye, Robert, while working in the office at Lake-to-Lake cheese factory. Their first date was attending a Wayne King concert. They were married December 27th, 1958, at St. Fidelis Catholic Church, in Meeme, Wisconsin. They were blessed with four children, Lisa, Mark, Linda, and Michael.

Mary was a wonderful example of a Godly woman who dearly loved her husband, Robert through their 64 years of marriage. She represented genuine love, exemplary faith in God, and was rich in kindness. Mary was a devoted mother, a woman that was deeply rooted in her values, and dutifully served the Lord. She was known as always being calm, ever so patient, and was always there for her children and grandchildren whenever they needed her. One of her greatest joys was attending her grandchildren’s activities and visiting and seeing her great-grandchildren. There was always a sugar cookie or two to be had while visiting! She passed her love of reading down to her daughter Lisa, granddaughter Gina, and great-granddaughter Carly. She was deeply loved by her family.

She and Robert moved several times in Wisconsin including farming at the Schwartz family homestead, before settling in Perham, MN in 1974 where she worked a few years at the Eye Clinic for Dr. Kupferschmid as a receptionist. In 1986, they moved a few miles outside of Perham, which their family lovingly refers to as the “farm”. They returned to their formative years and were fortunate to grow alfalfa & grain, enjoyed picking raspberries, canning the plentiful vegetables grown in their garden, and appreciated countless walks up the trail. Over the years, she and Robert enjoyed playing many rounds of golf, dancing the waltz and polka, playing Sheepshead and Rummy, and much to the dismay of their Minnesota friends, cheering on the Green Bay Packers!

Winters were spent in McAllen, Texas where they enjoyed playing card games with friends new and old. Her rhubarb pie was savored by many at the community’s potlucks. Her homemade bread, buns, and coffee cake, jams, tomato soup, and pickle relish were enjoyed by many throughout the years. Special birthday cakes were often made for her children and grandchildren. Mary spent time volunteering at the public library where she would pick up several more books to devour. She loved reading a good non-fiction book, ice skating on the pond, and enjoyed sewing and altering many garments over the years.

While we miss her deeply, we will rejoice knowing that she is home with her Savior and that she is with her parents, sister Bernice, and other loved ones that have gone before her. Our time will come when we see her again, until then we rest knowing she is watching over us. Blessed be the memory of Mary Leitner.

She is survived by her husband, Robert, Perham, MN; daughter, Lisa (James) Hemmelgarn, Richville, MN; son, Mark (Sue), Hastings, MN; daughter, Linda (Brian) Mahoney, Reiles Acres, ND; son, Michael (Nicole), Dilworth, MN; brother, Leander (Helen), Green Bay, WI; sister, Louise Lundie, Mt. Juliet, TN; brother-in-law, Wayne Olm, Green Bay, WI; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Ken (Ginny) Leitner, Waupun, WI; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Dick (Joan) Leitner, De Pere, WI; grandchildren, Gina (Tyler) Ice, Fergus Falls, MN; Troy (Megan) Hemmelgarn, Perham, MN; Travis (Chelsey) Hemmelgarn, Perham, MN; Joe (Kebi) Struyk, Minneapolis, MN; Josh Struyk, Hastings, MN; Brandon Mahoney, Reile’s Acres, ND; Taylor (Karen) Mahoney, Dilworth, MN; Zach (Ashley) Mahoney, Grand Forks, MN; Maddie Leitner, Moorhead, MN; Nathan Leitner, Dilworth, MN; Mallory Leitner, Dilworth, MN; great-grandchildren, Carly, Morgan, & Jolie Ice, Peyton, Noah, & Lauren Hemmelgarn, Parker & Rylie Hemmelgarn, and Zoe & Chloe Struyk; along with many nieces and nephews.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents; mother-in-law, Ethel Leitner; father in-law, Severin Leitner, her sister, Bernice Olm; brothers-in-law, Thomas Mathews, Mel Lundie, and Marv Leitner; sisters-in-law, Patricia Leitner and Diane Leitner.

In Loving

M E M O R Y



Marianne C. Leitner

January 26, 1934 - May 18, 2023



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 & mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house
of the LORD *forever.*
- Psalm 23

Funeral Mass

Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.
St. Henry's Catholic Church
Perham, Minnesota

Officiated By
Father Tom Skaja
Deacon Randy Altstadt

Musicians
Teresa Ingebrand
Gina Cavanagh

Musical Selections
"10,000 Reasons"
"Be Not Afraid"

"Psalm 23, The Lord is my Shepherd"
"Ave Maria"
"Hail Mary, Gentle Woman"
"Fly Like A Bird"
"Song of Farewell"
"Go In Peace"

Readers
Nathan Leitner
Louise Lundie

Gift Bearers
Gina Ice
Mallory Leitner

Casket Bearers
Troy Hemmelgarn ~ Taylor Mahoney
Travis Hemmelgarn ~ Zach Mahoney
Joe Struyk ~ Nathan Leitner

Interment
St. Henry Catholic Cemetery
Perham, Minnesota