

Joan (Lia) Marotzke, age 85, passed away peacefully on December 7, 2022 surrounded by her children and grandchildren. She was a kind soul and an incredibly good person and will be sorely missed by all.

Joan was born July 10, 1937 in Detroit Lakes, MN to Iver and Lucille Lia. She graduated from DLHS in 1955 and from NDSU with a degree in Home Economics. She taught school in Kennedy, MN and Grand Forks, ND before moving back to DL. She married Emil Marotzke in September of 1957 at First Lutheran Church.

Joan loved to spend time with family and friends and was known to never miss a garage sale or antique shop. She was involved in retail sales in Detroit Lakes for many years, where she owned the Green Apple and Moose & Granny's retail stores and worked at other DL area stores. (Norby's, Elks, Floral Impressions). She was a lifelong member of First Lutheran Church in Detroit Lakes and a member of the Damien Society.

Joan is survived by her partner of many years, Don Getz, brother, Andy (Sandy), sisters, Betty Lou, Donna (Don), and Kay Ann (Andrew), daughter Dana (Ray), and sons Matthew, and Eric (Angela), and grandchildren Matthew, Savannah, Indy, Emily, Amber, Mecenha and Nathanyl-Nicklaus.

She was preceded in death by parents Iver and Lucille Lia.



In Loving Memory Of

Joan Marotzke

July 10, 1937-December 7, 2022

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me,
I took His hand when I heard him call
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work, or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found that place at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things, I too, will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief;
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.

Joan Marotzke

Memorial Service

Tuesday, May 2, 2023-11:00 a.m.

First Lutheran Church
Detroit Lakes, Minnesota

Officiated by

Pastor Lauryl Ivers

Readings by
Mecenha Price

Soloists
Emma Duncan

Guitarist

Rich Johnson

Special Arrangement by

The First Lutheran Alleluiah Ringers

Arrangements by

West-Kjos Funeral Home & Cremation Services
Detroit Lakes, Minnesota

