

Weep not for me though I am gone,

Into that gentle night.

Grieve if you will but not for long,

Upon my soul's at rest.

There is no need for tears,

For with your love I was blessed,

For all those many years.

There is no pain, I suffer not,

The fear now all is gone.

Put now these things out of your thoughts.

In your memory I live on.

Remember not my fight for breath.

Remember not the strife.

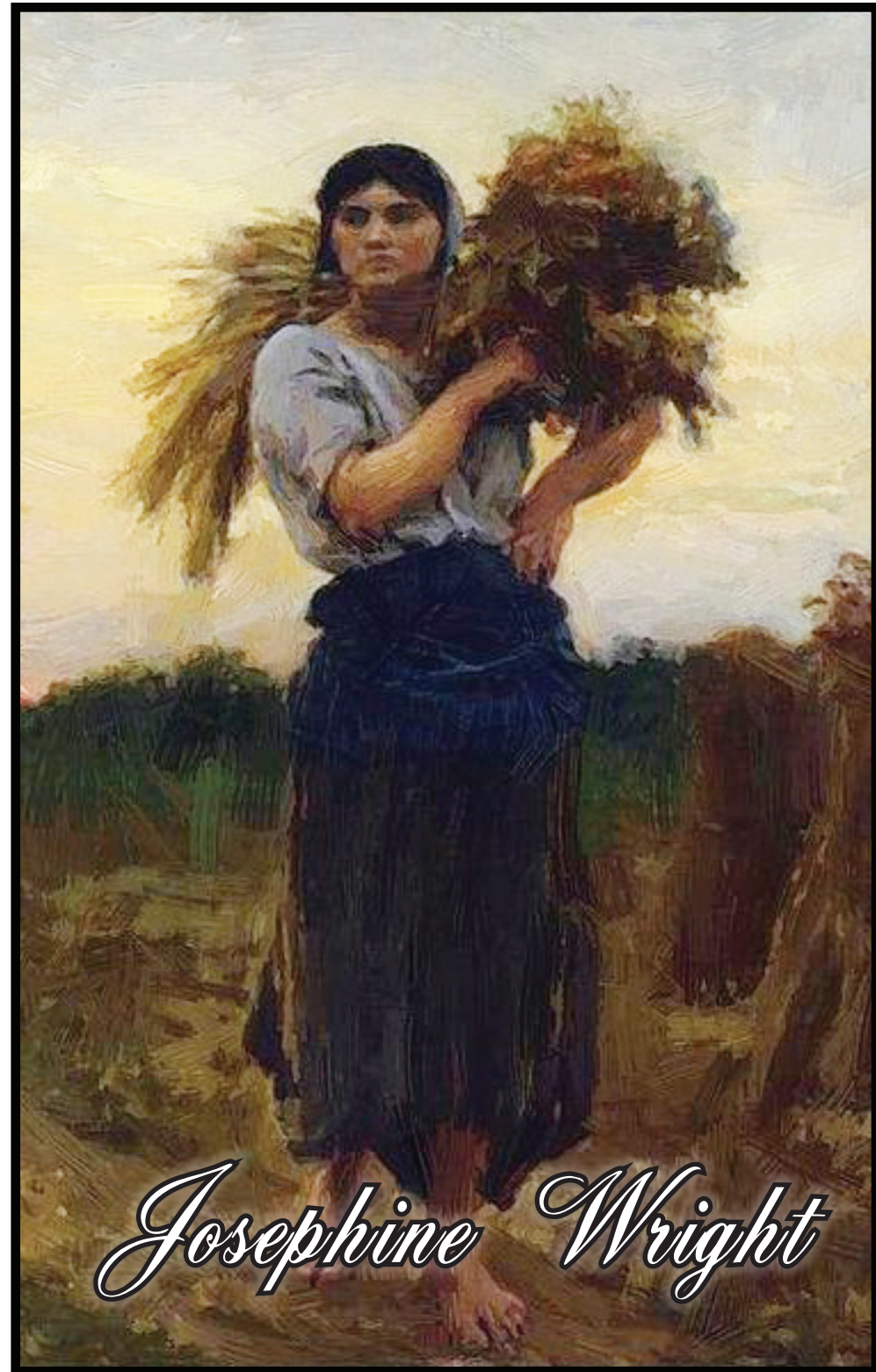
Please do not dwell upon my death,

But celebrate my life.

Constance Jenkins

"First Day in Heaven" by Kerolos Safwat

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Josephine Wright



Josephine "Jo" Wright, 88, Flasher, passed away on September 9, 2018, at Elm Crest Manor, New Salem, surrounded by her loving family.

Josephine was born May 1, 1930, in Bismarck to Henry and Josephine "Josie" (Toman) Novotny. Growing up, Jo's family spoke Bohemian and English, as both of her parents were born in Czechoslovakia. She attended Big Bend Country School through the eighth grade, often riding her horse, Ribbon, to school. She was the only child in her family to attend high school and was proud to graduate from Flasher High School. After she

graduated, there was a massive teacher shortage because of the war so Jo was allowed to teach. She loved the three years she spent teaching grade school. On September 19, 1951, she married Martin Wright in Flasher. After Martin was discharged from the Army, they made their home on Jo's family farm where they worked together for 46 years and raised their family. Jo was the model for a farming wife. She drove tractor, raised cattle, and rode horse during the day and raised her family at night. Jo was a wonderful cook and baker and was famous for her chocolate cake and an extra plate of frosting. She also mastered the art of making "Pult", a Swedish potato dumpling dish that Martin and her family loved. She treasured time spent with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and always put other's needs before her own. A loving and devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, she will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Blessed to have shared her life is her husband of nearly 67 years, Martin Wright, Flasher; four children, Ron (Patricia) Wright, Williston, Iris (Gary) Weihemuller, Baxter, MN, Lori (Rob) Lighthizer, Mandan, and Nola (Mark) Schafer, Flasher; 15 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and one brother, Ed Novotny, Alexandria, MN.

Jo was preceded in death by her parents; son, Todd; sister, Adel; and brother, Henry.

Memorials are preferred to the Alzheimer's Association, 406 W. Main St. #105, Mandan, ND 58554 or the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery, 1825 46th St., Mandan, ND 58554.

Please go to www.BuehlerLarson.com to share memories of Jo.

Prayer Service

Thursday, September 13, 2018; 7:00 PM

Funeral Service

Friday, September 14, 2018; 9:30 AM

First Lutheran Church
Mandan, North Dakota

Pastor Dale Carmen

Loretta White

Officiant

Musician

Honorary Casketbearers

All of Jo's Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren

~ Celebrating the Life of Josephine Wright ~

Gathering	p.279 ELW
Processional Hymn	"On Eagles Wings" #779 WOV
Prayer of the Day	p.280 ELW
Scripture Readings	Ecclesiastes 3:1-4 Genesis 25:7-8 Matthew 11:28-30
Homily	
Special Music	"Holes in the Floor of Heaven"
The Apostles' Creed/Prayers	p.282 ELW
The Lord's Prayer	p.283 ELW
The Commendation	
Recessional Hymn	"How Great Thou Art" #856 ELW

Committal will take place at the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery immediately following the memorial service.

The family invites you for lunch and fellowship at the Mandan Eagles Club, 1400 Collins Avenue, following the burial service.

