



You can shed tears that she is gone,  
Or you can *smile because she lived*,  
You can close your eyes & pray that she will come back,  
Or you can open your eyes  
and see all that she has left.

Your heart can be empty because you can't see her  
Or you can be **FULL OF LOVE** that you shared,  
You can turn your back on tomorrow  
and live yesterday  
Or you can be *happy* for tomorrow  
because of yesterday

You can remember her and only that she is gone  
Or you can **CHERISH HER MEMORY**  
and let it live on,  
You can cry and close your mind be empty  
and turn your back,  
Or you can do what she would want;  
smile, open your eyes, *love and go on.*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

# *Margaret Mildred Karsky*

WHO WAS BORN  
October 17, 1932  
Dickinson, North Dakota

AND CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME  
November 9, 2022  
Graceville, Minnesota

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL  
Thursday, November 17, 2022 - 11:00 a.m.  
Holy Rosary Catholic Church  
Graceville, Minnesota

CELEBRANT  
Fr. Brian Oestreich

MUSICIANS  
Diane Vangsness, Accompanist  
Arens Girls, Vocalists

CASKET BEARERS  
Adyson Karsky | Cody Bietz | Carrie Andrews | Tracy Keindl  
Arianna Karsky | Andrew Karsky | Nathan Karsky | Justin Prokosch

HONORARY BEARERS  
All who called her "Grandma Marge"

INTERMENT  
Clinton City Cemetery  
Clinton, Minnesota

APPRECIATION  
Marge's family thanks you for your presence today  
and for your many acts and words of kindness.  
Following the interment, please join the family for a time  
of food and fellowship at the Holy Rosary Parish Center.

ARRANGEMENTS BY  
Mundwiler and Larson Funeral Home  
Graceville, Minnesota

*M*argaret Mildred (Havelka) Karsky was born on October 17, 1932, at St. Joseph Hospital in Dickinson, ND, to John and Mary (Ridle) Havelka. She grew up in Dickinson and graduated high school with the Class of 1950. Marge attended Dickinson State College for one year. She taught country school in North Dakota from 1951 to 1956, two of her students included a younger sister and younger brother.

On June 6, 1956, Marge was united in marriage with Otto Karsky. Together, they were blessed with eight children. They resided in New Hradec, ND, until 1961, when they moved to the farm outside of Clinton, MN, where Marge resided until only a few months before her passing.

From 1999 to 2016, Marge was a foster grandparent and was known as “Grandma Marge” to many Headstart and Pre-school children. She was active in the 4-H program as a leader and the Minnesota Dairy Association. Marge looked forward to working at the ADA malt stand at the Big Stone County Fair. Marge enjoyed volunteering at the Grace home and the Clinton nursing home. Marge’s faith was important to her as she was active in the Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Graceville: serving on the CCW, and as a CCD instructor. She was also a member of the Catholic War Veteran’s Auxiliary of New Hradec, ND.

In 1980, Marge and Otto won Big Stone County Soil and Water Conservation District’s “Beautiful Farmstead” award. Marge enjoyed gardening, reading, raising fowl, especially Pheasants and spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Left to cherish Marge’s memory are her children: Audrey (Steve) Prokosch of Redwood Falls, MN; Alan (Debra) Karsky of Clinton, MN; Adrian Karsky (signifant other, Jamie) of Oak Park, MN; Armon (Laurie) Karsky of Wheaton, MN; Annette (Gary) Kleindl of Morris, MN; Arleen (Brian) Athey of Ortonville, MN; Arthur (Nina) Karsky of Nisswa, MN; and Arnold (Becky) Karsky of Dickinson, ND; 31 grandchildren; 62 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild on the way; sisters: Mary Ann (Ernie) Fitterer, and Tillie Havelka; brother, Otto (JoAnne) Havelka; sister-in-law, Tillie Volesky; brother-in-law, Edward (Gina) Karsky; along with many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Otto Karsky, in 2004; her parents, John and Mary Havelka; parents-in-law, Frank and Emma Karsky; brothers: Joe, George, Laudie, Robert, David; and sister,

