

In Loving Memory

Remembering the life of ...

Marla Joy Nelson, 76 of Devils Lake passed away on Sunday, June 30, 2024, in Devils Lake.

Marla Joy, daughter of Harold and Marion (Clifton) Swanson was born on May 4, 1948, in Devils Lake ND. Her early years were spent with the family in Montana. The family moved back to North Dakota and Marla was raised and educated in New Rockford, ND. She graduated from New Rockford High School with the class of 1966. She continued her education attending a hairdressing school in Fargo. She worked as a beautician in Maddock and New Rockford for a few years.

Marla was united in marriage to Wayne Nelson on May 5, 1969, in Crookston, Minnesota. After their marriage they established their home in New Rockford for five years, and eleven years in Carrington. In 1987 they moved to Devils Lake and have called it home through the years.

Marla was a devoted wife and loving mother and grandmother. She enjoyed the fun of collecting cups and saucers and many items with a duck theme.

Though Marla may no longer walk beside us, her spirit will be with us always. Rest in peace.

Marla's loving family include her husband Wayne of 55 years, son Jason Nelson, Devils Lake, daughter Jessica (Jeff) O'Rourke, St. Paul, MN, grandchildren Brandon Thomas (Alesha) and Jobey, Jonas and Jorin O'Rourke, great granddaughter Eilee Thomas, brother Michael (Theresa) Swanson of Albany, New York and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents Harold and Marion and in-laws Harold and Minnie Nelson.





Forever Loved, Forever In Our Hearts

*Our Precious Wife, Mother, Grandmother,
Great Grandmother, Sister, Aunt, Cousin and Friend*

Marla Joy Nelson

HER BIRTH

Tuesday, May 4, 1948

Devils Lake, North Dakota

HER DEATH

Sunday, June 30, 2024

Devils Lake, North Dakota

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

New Rockford Cemetery

Rural New Rockford, North Dakota

Tuesday, July 9, 2024 ~ 1:00 p.m.

OFFICIATING

Pastor Jon Benson

CASKET BEARERS

Brandon Thomas ~ Jobey O'Rourke

Jonas O'Rourke ~ Jorin O'Rourke

Jason Nelson ~ Jeff O'Rourke

EARTHLY PLACE OF PEACEFUL REST

New Rockford Cemetery

Rural New Rockford, North Dakota



*Beautiful Souls leave
lasting memories in the
hearts of those they touched.*