

Maryann Rita Huelsman was born June 28, 1934, at home in Foxhome, MN. She was the eighth of nine children born to Raymond and Winnie (Cudd) Huelsman.

Maryann grew up in a very loving Catholic family where faith, high morals, and work ethics were taught to her verbally and by examples by her parents and older siblings. Growing up she enjoyed many games in the family's big yard with her siblings and the neighborhood children. She attended grades 1-8 in Foxhome (District 55), the school, no longer there, was only a block from her home. She attended Breckenridge Public High School and graduated in 1952. Maryann worked for a short time at a law firm in Fergus Falls and decided secretarial work was not the career she wanted to pursue.

On June 2, 1955, Maryann married Norbert Althoff at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Foxhome. They lived and farmed one mile north of Mooreton, ND. Norbert died November 26, 1955 at St. John's Hospital in Fargo, ND. Maryann left Norbert's family home and returned to Foxhome to spend time with her family.

In September 1956 she attended the Minnesota Teacher Training Department at Fergus Falls and graduated in May 1957. Upon graduating, Maryann accepted the position as teacher for grades 1-4 in the two-room school at Almora MN, where she taught for three years. She taught at District 1396 near Perham, MN, where she once again taught grades 1-4 and then grades 1-3. After five years, she resigned to attend Moorehead State College to get her degree in Education. After only one day of college her mother suddenly passed away. Maryann dropped out of college to be with her dad during this sad and difficult time. She took night classes offered in Fergus Falls and Breckenridge, MN to continue her education.

In 1967 she accepted the position to teach grades 1-2 at Doran, MN. Maryann continued teaching at Doran after Doran and Breckenridge consolidated. She continued to teach at the Breckenridge Elementary School after the closure of Doran School. She taught first grade until she retired in 1992 after 33 years of teaching.

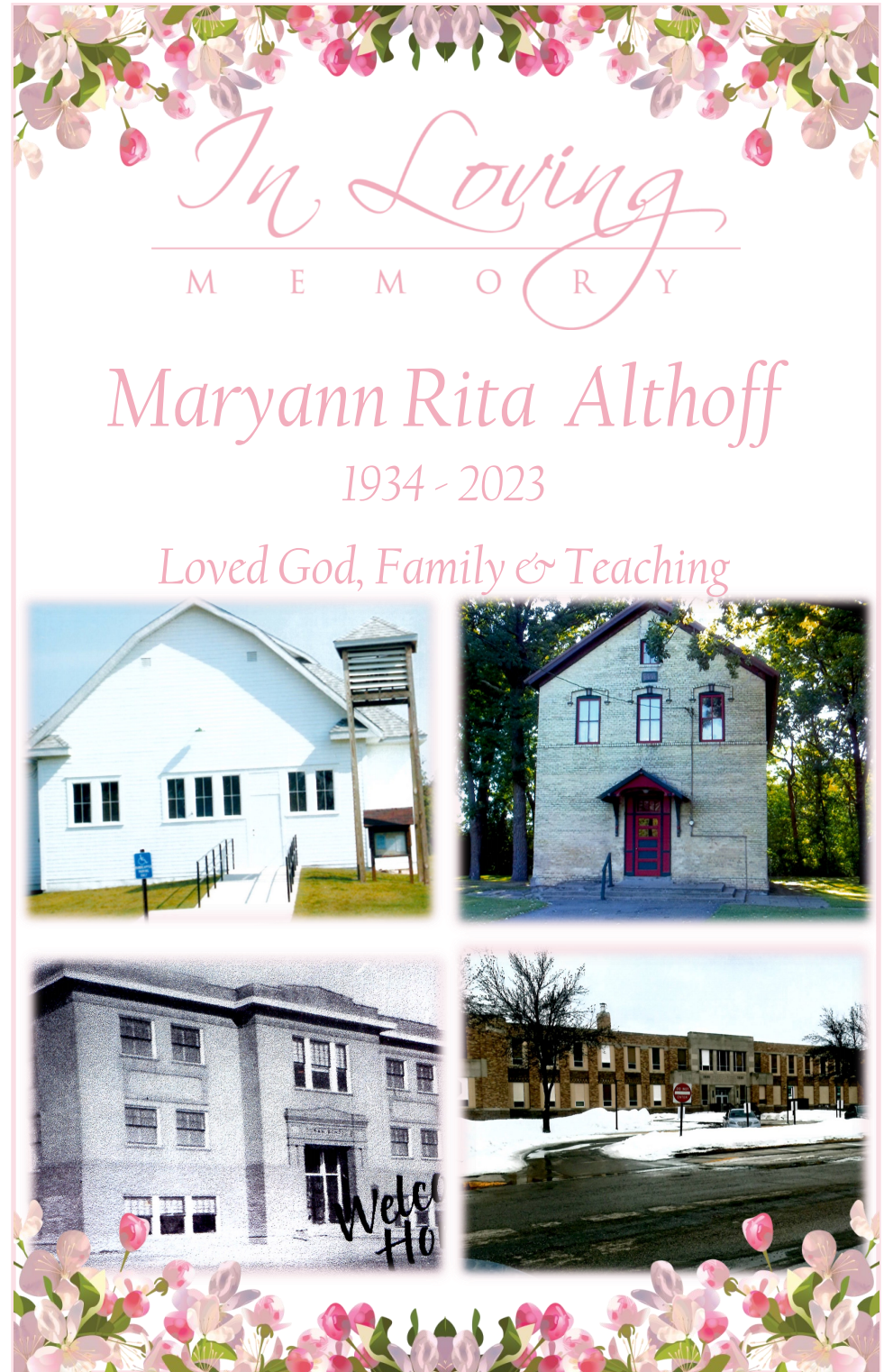
Maryann taught Religion at St. Joseph's Church in Foxhome, MN and at St. John's Church in Wahpeton for many years. After retiring from teaching, she tutored many children in reading and math. Maryann loved each child she taught as if each child was her own.

She is survived by two brothers, Arlo Huelsman, rural Foxhome, MN, Raymond (Barbara) Huelsman, Sellersburg, IN; sister-in-law, Emma Huelsman, and many nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Norbert; three brothers, Lone Huelsman, Allen Huelsman, and Henry Huelsman; three sisters, Charlotte Corell, Sr. Elaine Huelsman OSF and Louise Haarstad; 4 sisters-in-law, Doris Huelsman, Val Huelsman, Boise, ID, Betty Huelsman, Turtle Lake, ND, Peggy Huelsman; brothers-in-law, Richard Haarstad, Roscoe Corell, Omaha, NE; 4 nephews, Roscoe "Punky" Corell, Kevin Huelsman, Michael Haarstad, and Ron Corell.

Maryann will always be loved and remembered as a wonderful sister, aunt, friend, and teacher. She was a very special person to all who knew her.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to the Carmelite monastery in Wahpeton, ND or Hospice or charity of your choice.





John 14:1-6, 19

“Do not let your hearts be troubled.
You believe in God; believe also in me.

My Father’s house has many rooms;
if that were not so, would I have told you that
I am going there to prepare a place for you?
And if I go and prepare a place for you,
I will come back and take you to be with me
that you also may be where I am. You know
the way to the place where I am going.”

Jesus the Way to the Father

Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are
going, so how can we know the way?”

Jesus answered,
“I am the way and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me.
If you really know me, you will know my
Father as well. From now on, you do
know him and have seen him.”
Before long, the world will not see me
anymore, but you will see me.
Because I live, you also will live.



In Loving Memory of

Maryann R. Althoff



Born

June 28, 1934 - Foxhome, Minnesota

Passed Away

April 17, 2023 - Wahpeton, North Dakota

Age

88 Years 9 Months 20 Days

Mass of Christian Burial

11:30 AM | Friday, April 21, 2023
St. John’s Catholic Church | Wahpeton, North Dakota

Officiant

Fr. Dale Lagodinski

Organist

Mary Jane Pauly

Cantor

Brian Olsen

Congregational Hymns

“Be Not Afraid” | “On Eagles Wings” | “The Old Rugged Cross”
“The Lord’s Prayer” | “The Strife Is O’er”

Honorary Pallbearers

Maryann’s Former Students

Interment at a Later Date

Calvary Cemetery | Wahpeton, North Dakota