

Visitation

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Rosary

7:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 16, 2022

Goglin Funeral Home

Yankton, South Dakota

Funeral Mass

10:30 a.m.

Visitation begins at 9:30 a.m.

Monday, January 17, 2022

St. Benedict Catholic Church

Yankton, South Dakota

Celebrant

Fr. Bob Lacey

Music

Carla Bahm ~ organist & soloist

St. Benedict's Catholic Church Funeral Choir

Hail Mary, Gentle Woman

Shepherd Me, O God

Prayer of St. Francis

Ave Maria

Be Not Afraid

Song of Farewell

How Great Thou Art

Pallbearers

Alex Becker, Tony Becker

David J. Frank, Brandon Peterson

Nick Stutzman, Carl Livingston

& Matthew Froehlich

Honorary Pallbearers

Women of St. Isidore Circle

Interment

Sacred Heart Cemetery

Yankton, South Dakota

The Next Place

by Warren Hanson

There is not a single thing
I have collected in my life,

That I would ever

want to bring, except...

the love of those who loved me
and the warmth of those who cared,

the happiness and memories
and magic that we shared.

I'll be embraced

by all the family and friends

I've ever known.

Although I might not

see their faces

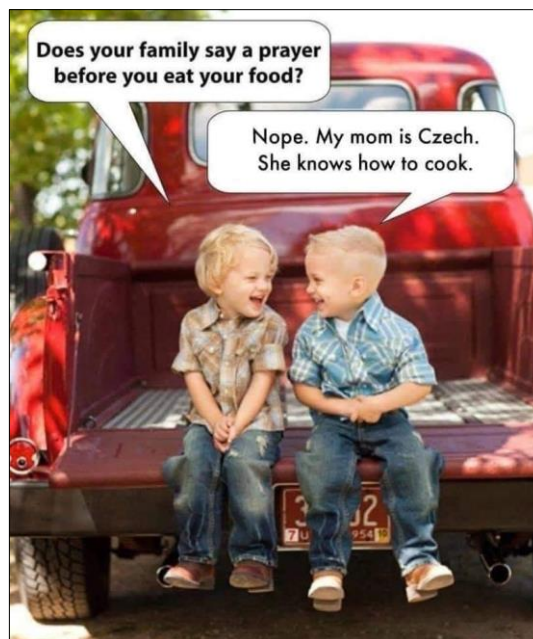
all our hearts will beat as one.

I will cherish all the friendships

I was fortunate to find,

all the love and all the laughter

in the place I leave behind.



In Loving Memory



Leona Marie Cwach

April 11, 1931

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January 11, 2022

Leona was born April 11, 1931 to Martin A. and Antonia (Cap) Mazourek, on her grandparent's homestead "The Welcome Farm" in Dante, South Dakota. Through her childhood she cared for the farm animals, collected wood for cooking and heating, learned to sew, crochet and bake wonderful Czech meals. Growing up in a Czech family, Czech was the primary language spoken in the home. As a child, the family lived at several area farms in the communities of Dante, Wakonda and Tabor. The country schools she attended included Lonetree #3, Colfax and Debois and graduated from Tabor High School in 1949. That summer she went to work in Yankton at Moore's Confectionary as an ice cream and soda fountain waitress.

Leona was introduced to her future husband, Luvern Cwach, by her brothers and her Uncle Joe Straka. Luvern was the love of her life and they were married June 27, 1950 at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church in Tabor and also renewed their 50th Anniversary vows at Lakeport Church. Luvern and Leona were married for 57 years until he passed away on January 6, 2008. Through their union they raised 5 daughters. The family further grew to include 13 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren. For 17 years they lived on his family homestead until they purchased a farm, in the same section, where she lived until her last month of life. Their lives were filled with raising cattle and hogs; growing grain crops and a huge garden with their famous horseradish. They enjoyed attending local dances at Tabor and Utica, gatherings with neighbors and friends and traveling together.

Being called to serve in her community Leona found great delight serving in several organizations, including, The Wee Willing Worker's 4-H club with her daughters, 4-H Extension, Westside Susan's Club, Czech Heritage, Antique Auto, Farmer's Union and

many more. One notable contribution is the 21 years she worked to restore Lakeport Church as a board member of the restoration committee. The church built of chalk rock was more than just a "Smiling Church" it was a church full of history of the Cap/Mazourek families.

Leona cherished history and heritage and she found great joy in sharing her knowledge, skills and values with her family and friends. She carried her experiences from her childhood through gardening in the summer then pickling and canning much of her harvest. Many quilts, crocheted afghans and thoughtfully sewn gifts were made by her hands and gifted to loved ones.

Continuously in the kitchen, she loved cooking meals for guests. Leona was always on the hunt for new dessert recipes to bake and share or new recipes for her two favorite Czech pastries: Kolaches and Houska. If you would catch her sitting, she loved to spend time reading the newspaper, autobiographies or history books.

Even though Leona was committed to her roots and heritage she wasn't without her surprises. The latest years of her life were filled with travels, publishing, car shows, concerts and construction. In 2013, with the help of her family, Leona replaced her old house with a house built by the Yankton High School students. Once settled into her new home she compiled and printed the Cwach family heritage, along with a cookbook for relatives. Confident in her cooking skills, she submitted many recipes that were published in newsletters.

When seeking some entertainment, Leona would travel with her St. Isidore group, to music events such as Mollie B and the Glenn Miller orchestra with family and friends.

During the summers, not a week would go by, where Leona would remind the family of the upcoming classic car dinner cruise, which she was committed to attending.

Faith and people were two highly valued things for Leona. She was a member of St. Benedict Parish and St. Isidore Circle, since its formation. Her happiest and most treasured moments were times spent with her husband, daughters, sons-in-law, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, especially playing games and cards including Dominos, King's Korner and 10 Down and the many gatherings to make homemade ice-cream or canning corn or her famous canned pickles.

Leona will always be remembered by friends as a true friend to have coffee, lunches and desserts that she wanted to share with others. Anyone who came to her house never left without dessert. When Leona celebrated her 90th birthday, it was celebrated with a car parade around her house while looking forward to checking her mailbox every day for her card shower.

Leona Marie Cwach, 90, died peacefully surrounded by family on January 11, 2022 at Avera Sister James Care Center in Yankton, SD.

Leona leaves her daughters, Norma Froehlich, Donna (Gary) Peterson, Ruth Frank, Nancy (Darrell) Livingston and Renee (Gary) Becker; 13 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; brother, Martin (Joan) Mazourek and sister, MaryAnn Tielke.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Luvern Cwach; her parents; brothers, Theodore, Ben, Adolph and Frank Mazourek; sons-in-law, David Frank and Lorin Froehlich.

She will be remembered by many family members and friends, too numerous to name and carry her love and friendship to all.

Dobry Den – Good Day

Floral Tributes



Ruth & DJ



*Your loving Big Sky Friends
Colleen & Mike Boyer*

Floral Tributes



*Management and Staff of
First National Service Center*



Renee, Gary & Family



Floral Tributes



*Wes, Peggy, Renee & Bonny
FNN Trust Company*



Susan



Donna, Elora, Brandon & Gary



Froehlichs, Legners, Isaaks