Joyce Marie Marshik, born on May 26, 1944, to Isadore & Catherine Eleanor (Meyer) Litchy, peacefully passed away on the morning of Monday, October 2, 2023, at Essentia Health in Fargo, ND. She was a woman of remarkable life and enduring love. Joyce'searly years were spentin the Avon, MN area, where she received her education and graduated from Albany Senior High School. Her journey into the professional world led her to St. Cloud, where she dedicated her skills to an evewear business. In 1963, destiny intertwined her path with Alan Marshik's, and their love story blossomed into a beautiful marriage on September 28, 1968. Together they embraced the joys of parenthood, welcoming their beloved daughter, Loretta, into their lives. Joyce and Alan chose to build their family's foundation in Minnesota, nurturing their daughter and creating a loving home. Joyce's nurturing nature extended beyond her family as she spent time working in childcare before making her mark at Caterpillar Paving Products, where she dedicated nearly two decades of her professional life. Retirement became the gateway to further adventures, highlighted by an unforgettable Alaskan Cruise, and many more travels that followed. Together, Joyce and Alan forged cherished memories on the open road. Joyce's zest for life was nothing short of inspiring. She revealed in culinary delights, creating mouthwatering dishes, and mastering the art of baking. Her love for books took her on countless literary adventures, and she was at home in the great outdoors, be it tending to her vibrant garden or enjoying many fishing excursions winter and summer. Her enthusiasm for travel was boundless, and she was always ready to embark on a new adventure. Additionally, she found joy in her countless hours spent with the Hillman American Legion Auxiliary, her water aerobics sessions at the community center, and she

treasured her time spent with the "Coffee Clutch" as she called it. Her presence added vibrancy to every activity she embraced, and her absence will be deeply felt by those who knew her. Joyce is survived by her beloved husband, Alan, of Dickinson; her devoted daughter, Loretta (Bret) Marshik Nitzsche; her cherished granddaughter, Samantha (Seth) Otte; and her precious great-grandson Rhett. She is also survived by her brother Jerry (Elaine) Litchy; her brother-in-law, Louie Raab; her life-long friend, Jean Ostenberg, and held fondly in the hearts of her goddaughter, Molly (Tim) Frensko, and her godson, Rob (Eileen) Litchy. Joyce was preceded in death by her loving parents and her dear sister, Sheila Raab. In remembrance of Joyce, let us celebrate the beauty of her life, enduring love, and the countless memories she has left behind. She will forever be cherished in our hearts. In lieu of flowers, it is asked that donations be made to Dickinson State University for a scholarship in her name for their new Trap Shooting program, to Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Dickinson, ND, or to Poor Clare Monastery of Sauk Rapids, MN.



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**FUNERAL MASS** Friday, October 6, 2023 10:00 am Queen of Peace Catholic Church Dickinson, North Dakota

## **ROSARY & VIGIL**

Thursday, October 5, 2023 7:00 pm Stevenson Funeral Home Dickinson, North Dakota Deacon Leonard Krebs

> **CELEBRATING** Monsignor Thomas Richter

> > MUSICIAN Sandy Tibor

GIFT BEARERS Bret Nitzsche & Molly Frensko

PALLBEARERSDean MarshikBret NiSeth OtteStevEric BrunerMat

Bret Nitzsche Steve Otte Matt Ross

INURNMENT

At a Later Date MN State Veterans Cemetery Little Falls, Minnesota

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Lunch will be served in the Queen of Peace Fellowship Room following the Funeral Mass. Everyone is welcome.



