

Senger, Margaret obit  
SENGER, MARGARET 1917-2005

Obituary

Margaret Senger, age 87, of Grand Forks, ND, formerly of Michigan, ND, died Wednesday, June 1, 2005 at 4000 Valley Square, Woodside Village, Grand Forks. Margaret was born at Hague, ND Oct. 5, 1917 the daughter of Balzer and Magdalena Martian. The family moved to Hillsvew, SD in 1923 where they resided in a sod house. In 1930 they moved to Glencross, SD. Margaret and her siblings literally did walk three miles to attend Spring Lake School. Margaret moved to Michigan, ND in 1936 where she worked for the James Lamb family. She married the love of her life, Joe Senger, October 2, 1939 at St. Lawrence O'Toole Catholic Church in Michigan. Together they raised five children and farmed in the area until 1978 when they retired and moved into town. Margaret took great pride in her career which was that of farm wife, mother, caretaker and friend that would help anyone whenever help was needed. She loved caring for her home, cooking and baking and generously shared these talents with her family and neighbors. That was her special expression of love. No family event was complete without mom's famous brownies. Times spent with family were very important to her and we all loved the reminiscences of her rich German/Russian heritage. Recalling days gone by gave her particular pleasure. Margaret was very involved in the Altar Society and church activities of St. Lawrence O'Toole, as well as many community events. She was a 53 year member of the American Legion Auxiliary, and was a Michigan Ambulance babysitting volunteer for many years. Joe died July 24, 2001 and Margaret moved to Grand Forks where she continued to care for those around her. She will be remembered for her warm, caring ways and her wonderful sense of humor, always delivered with that twinkle in her eye. We love and miss you but know that you are celebrating in the presence of God and your family. Margaret is survived by four daughters: Marion (Rodger) Wyman, Grand Forks, ND, Sheila (Dale) Fosjord, Billings, MT, Terri (Rod) Kalis, Grand Forks, ND, Susan (Tom) Kaplan, Bemidji, MN, one son: Larry (Jane) Senger, Bemidji, MN, 12 grandchildren 18 grandchildren, a sister, Mary Kraft, Timber Lake, SD, brother Lawrence Martian, Sturgis, SD. She was preceded in death by her parents, sisters Helen and Frances and brothers John, Jake, Joe, and Frank as well as two infant sisters. Funeral Mass: June 6, 1:00 p.m., St. Lawrence O'Toole Catholic Church, Michigan, ND. Visitation: Sunday, June 5, from 3-6 p.m. with a 6 p.m. vigil service, and one hour prior to funeral mass. Interment: Michigan Cemetery Arrangements - Aaker Funeral Home, Lakota, ND  
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