



Marcia M. Athman

July 9, 1936 - November 28, 2018

Marcia Athman, 82 year old resident of Pierz, MN, passed away on Wednesday, November 28, 2018 at the St. Cloud Hospital. To honor her life, a Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 AM on Friday, December 7, 2018 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Pierz, with Father Kenneth Popp officiating. Burial will be in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Pierz. Visitation will be from 4 PM to 7 PM on Thursday and from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM on Friday at Shelley Funeral Chapel in Pierz. The Christian Mothers will pray a Rosary at 4:30 PM on Thursday.

Marcia was born on July 9, 1936 to Wilhelmina (Kruschek) and Alois Happke, in Buh Township, Morrison County, Minnesota. She was raised on the family farm west of Pierz. Growing up in a family of musicians, she taught herself how to play the piano and accordion by ear at a young age which ignited a passion for music that would endure throughout her life. Over the years, she played old-time music favorites with several bands, including Don's Concertina Band, the Nitehawks, and her sister's band, the Jolly Fisherman.

While her affection for music was strong, Marcia's greatest joy and love in life was her family. As a young woman, she met Coelestin (Cel) Athman at a dance, fell in love, and married him at St. Joseph's Catholic Church on September 7, 1954. For many years, she was a homemaker and stay-at-home mom to their four children: Clyde, Debbie, Loren and Gwen. When her

kids grew older, she began working at Hartmann's until she retired. She found great joy seeing and helping her friends and neighbors as they came through the store.

Having lived in Pierz for 82 years, Marcia loved her hometown. She was a wealth of knowledge for local and family history and was a delightful storyteller. She volunteered at The Villa, served as a Eucharistic minister, and sung with the Gesundheit Singers and the Adult Choir at St. Joseph's church. As a dedicated sports fan, she always rooted for her Pioneers. Even when it became too difficult for her to attend the games, she made sure to tune in on the radio.

Marcia was also an avid reader and committed gardener. Her friends were very important to her, and her family meant the world to her. With her parting, Marcia's children and grandchildren will deeply miss the sound of her voice, the sight of her playing piano, the taste of her homemade pickles, and the smell of bread pudding baking in the oven.

In the midst of our sorrow, there is also great joy knowing that she is reunited with her husband and true love, Cel; her parents, Wilhelmina and Alois Happke; son-in-law, Rick Powers; brother, Jim Happke; and sister, Joyce Smieja.

For those of us who remain behind, she will be deeply missed. Marcia is survived by her sons, Clyde (Carol) of St. Cloud, MN, and Loren (Denice) Athman of Pierz; daughters, Debbie Powers of New Richmond, WI and Gwen (Martin) Garber of Milaca, MN; siblings, John "Jack" (Barbara) Happke of Pierz and Lila Norton of New Richmond, WI; 14 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph's Cemetery

Pierz, MN

Previous Events

Funeral Service

DEC 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
68 North Main Street
Pierz, MN

Tribute Wall



“ *Marcia M. Athman*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *To the Athman Family. Our thoughts and prayers to your entire family. Marcia or as we called her "Marcy" was always kind to me and I have many fond memories of spending time at the Athman house as a kid and friend of Loren's. Very sorry for you loss! Rest in Peace Marcy.*

Paul & Denise Gangl

Paul Gangl - December 09, 2018 at 08:26 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marcia M. Athman.*



December 04, 2018 at 11:54 AM



“ *Milaca Public Schools Music purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Marcia M. Athman.*



Milaca Public Schools Music - December 04, 2018 at 10:54 AM

NG

“ *Natalie Gritzmacher lit a candle in memory of Marcia M. Athman*



Natalie Gritzmacher - December 03, 2018 at 08:24 AM

DH

“ *Dennis & Janice Hoffman lit a candle in memory of Marcia M. Athman*



Dennis & Janice Hoffman - December 01, 2018 at 12:10 PM

KS

“ *Kurt Schomer lit a candle in memory of Marcia M. Athman*



Kurt Schomer - December 01, 2018 at 12:00 PM

BK

“ *Barb Kmetz lit a candle in memory of Marcia M. Athman*



Barb Kmetz - December 01, 2018 at 11:14 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Marcia M. Athman.*



December 01, 2018 at 09:41 AM



“ *Rick & Judy Meyer sent a virtual gift in memory of Marcia M. Athman*



Rick & Judy Meyer - November 30, 2018 at 04:47 PM



“ *Judy & Rich Herman lit a candle in memory of Marcia M. Athman*



Judy & Rich Herman - November 30, 2018 at 02:30 PM



“ *We will miss you Marcie. You were always smiling and enjoying life. Nobody ever called me Deany Boy besides you. You will be missed. God acquired the best angel possible.*

Dean - November 30, 2018 at 02:10 PM

DF

“ *Dean & Allison Dahmen Family lit a candle in memory of Marcia M. Athman*



Dean & Allison Dahmen Family - November 30, 2018 at 01:02 PM

JK

“ *I will miss you in the adoration chapel my dear friend.*



Jan Kummet - November 30, 2018 at 11:13 AM

CB

“ *Correna Becker lit a candle in memory of Marcia M. Athman*



correna becker - November 30, 2018 at 09:17 AM

JA

“ *Justin & Angie Athman lit a candle in memory of Marcia M. Athman*



Justin & Angie Athman - November 30, 2018 at 08:58 AM

GM

“ *Marcia was a very special person to me and not just my cousin. Even though we didn't live close to each other we had long phone calls every couple of months. We could share memories and had many laughing moments. Clyde, Debbie, Loren, and Gwen you and your families are in my thoughts and prayers. Your Mom was special and I will really miss her. Love and prayers. Gloria*

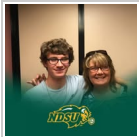
Gloria Mickschl - November 30, 2018 at 08:27 AM

TT

“ *Tate And Kathi Tetrick lit a candle in memory of Marcia M. Athman*



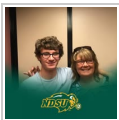
Tate and Kathi Tetrick - November 30, 2018 at 05:46 AM



“ *Pearl Wilson lit a candle in memory of Marcia M. Athman*



Pearl Wilson - November 29, 2018 at 08:49 PM



*So sorry for your loss, your mom was a very special lady! Hugs to your family!
Mike & Pearl Wilson*

Pearl Wilson - November 29, 2018 at 08:51 PM

TS

“ *Marcie was one classy lady. Always had a smile. We will miss that.* ”



Tony and Jean Sauer - November 29, 2018 at 08:43 PM

MG

“ *Mark And Colette Gangl lit a candle in memory of Marcia M. Athman* ”



Mark and Colette Gangl - November 29, 2018 at 08:39 PM

KF

“ *Prayers Love and Hugs to the Ahman Family,* ”



Kathy Watercott Funk - November 29, 2018 at 08:13 PM

NS

“ *Nancy Stuckmayer sent a virtual gift in memory of Marcia M. Athman* ”



Nancy Stuckmayer - November 29, 2018 at 06:43 PM

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“ *Nancy Stuckmayer lit a candle in memory of Marcia M. Athman*



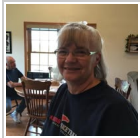
Nancy Stuckmayer - November 29, 2018 at 06:39 PM

LH

“ *LeRoy & Peggy Hoheisel lit a candle in memory of Marcia M. Athman*



LeRoy & Peggy Hoheisel - November 29, 2018 at 06:35 PM



“ *Connie Banach lit a candle in memory of Marcia M. Athman*



Connie Banach - November 29, 2018 at 06:15 PM