



Marge Gessell

April 1, 1933 - October 4, 2023

Marge Gessell, 90 year old resident of Swanville, MN passed away peacefully Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at her home surrounded by loved ones. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Friday, October 13, 2023 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Swanville, MN with Father Ron Dockendorf officiating. Burial will take place in the St. John's Parish Cemetery in Swanville, MN. A visitation will be held from 9:00-11:00 A.M. on Friday, October 13, 2023 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Swanville, MN. Caring for Marge and her family is the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Swanville, MN.

Margaret "Marge" Ann Karnowski was born on April 1, 1933 in Little Falls, MN to the late Chris and Julia (Sobiech) Karnowski. She was united in marriage to John J. Gessell on January 19, 1956 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Little Falls, MN. The couple made their first home in rural Swanville where they raised their 5 children and kept busy farming, raising livestock and turkeys for 20 years. They then moved to the town of Swanville. Marge attended grade school at Our Lady of Lourdes in the Antler Hotel Building in Little Falls and then Little Falls Public School, where she took part in the on-the-job training program during her senior year at American National Bank in Little Falls. She continued working at the bank until she was married. Marge took on the role of performing various duties on the farm, including bookwork for over 30 years. Marge was an active member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

where she helped on the funeral committee for many years. The love of her life was family.

Left to cherish her memory is her husband John Gessell of over 67 years; children, Steve (Wendy) Gessell of St. Cloud, Joan Gessell of Swanville, John (Lynette) Gessell, Jr. of Flensburg, Mary (Joe) Miller of Swanville and Mike (Tamara) Gessell of Sartell; 11 grandchildren and their spouses; 14 great-grandchildren and counting, who brought so much joy to her life and whom she loved very much. Besides being known as Grandma, she was affectionately called MiMi. She is also survived by her brothers, Jerry (Kard), Bob and Gary Karnowski; sisters, Cathy Schlumpberger, Joanie LeBlanc, Judy Holt and Carol Vogel; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law.

Marge was preceded in death by her parents, Chris and Julia Karnowski; and brothers, Donald, Roger and David.

In lieu of flowers or memorials, please consider making a donation to your favorite charity.

Cemetery Details

St. John the Baptist Cemetery - Swanville, MN

Swanville, MN

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 13. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John's Catholic Church - Swanville
12 First Street
Swanville, MN

Funeral Mass

OCT 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John's Catholic Church - Swanville
12 First Street
Swanville, MN

Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Marge Gessell*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - October 10, 2023 at 03:37 PM

LM

“ *Lois Mechels lit a candle in memory of Marge Gessell*



Lois Mechels - October 13, 2023 at 06:00 PM

LM

Joan, I am so sorry I didn't find out about this until today. Shari didn't know either. Your mother must have been a wonderful woman to have raised a daughter like you. Sending you hugs and love from someone who always adored you.

Lois Mechels - October 13, 2023 at 06:03 PM

KG

“ *Peace, Love and Prayers to Marges's family.*



Kathryn Gessell - October 13, 2023 at 08:52 AM

LW

“ *What a beautiful tribute of your beautiful Mother!* 🤍🙏

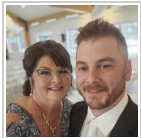
Lynn Wrnzel - October 13, 2023 at 12:14 AM

FK

“ *From Richard and Steve Knopik purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Marge Gessell.*



From Richard and Steve Knopik - October 11, 2023 at 07:13 PM



“ *Jill Guith lit a candle in memory of Marge Gessell*



Jill Guith - October 11, 2023 at 11:38 AM

CM

“ *Joan and family - May the sorrow you feel in your hearts lighten by the love that surrounds you.*



Cindy Meyer - October 10, 2023 at 07:14 PM



“ 62 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - October 10, 2023 at 03:36 PM

DW

“ *My deepest sympathy to the entire family.
Marge was a very humble and kind lady.*



Denise Welters - October 09, 2023 at 11:37 AM

TP

“ *Trudee Preimesberger lit a candle in memory
of Marge Gessell*



Trudee Preimesberger - October 09, 2023 at 11:36 AM

TP

Joanie and family, I wish you comfort during this time of grief. May your mother's soul rest in peace and may you always feel her joy and love with you. Thinking of you all. -Trudee

Trudee Preimesberger - October 09, 2023 at 11:42 AM

CW

“ *Carol Wallace lit a candle in memory of Marge Gessell*



Carol Wallace - October 08, 2023 at 01:53 PM

BB

“ *Sending prayers to the family 🙏 Sorry for your loss*



Brenda Baum - October 07, 2023 at 10:44 PM

JK

“ *Judi Kosbau lit a candle in memory of Marge Gessell*



Judi Kosbau - October 06, 2023 at 04:20 PM

JS

“ *May God's Peace and comfort find the entire Gessell family during this difficult time.*

We are very saddened to hear of Margie's recent passing.

We hope remembering the remarkable life Margie lived and cherishing all the memories you shared will bring some comfort to all of you.

I remember a tractor ride at the Gessell farmstead when I was about 12 years old. It was such a blast.

I remember Margie being loving, caring and kind, always willing to lend a hand when called upon.

We are thinking and praying for all of you and your family's during this difficult time.

*In God's Peace,
Jeff and Andrea Schlumpberger and family*

Jeff Schlumpberger - October 06, 2023 at 02:13 PM

CT

“ *Cathy Theis lit a candle in memory of Marge Gessell*



Cathy Theis - October 06, 2023 at 02:03 PM

CT

I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers to the entire Gessell family.

Cathy Theis - October 06, 2023 at 02:05 PM

DS

“ *Del And Arnelle Schlicht lit a candle in memory of Marge Gessell*



Del and Arnelle Schlicht - October 06, 2023 at 12:53 PM

DS

“ *Our thoughts, prayers and sincere condolences to the entire Gessel family.* 🙏🏻

Del and Arnelle Schlicht - October 06, 2023 at 12:51 PM

RC

“ *Robert & Pam Czech lit a candle in memory of Marge Gessell*



Robert & Pam Czech - October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM

BT

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. Marge was always so nice. I worked with her in the chicken stand & she was fun & good to work with. Betsy Tepley-Manbeck*

Betsy Tepley-Manbeck - October 05, 2023 at 11:24 PM

JH

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the entire Gessell family.*



Julie & Jerry Hollermann - October 05, 2023 at 05:39 PM

CV

“ *A LITTLE BIT OF MY SISTER WILL ALWAYS LIVE IN ME*



CAROL VOGL - October 05, 2023 at 02:37 PM