



Margie Charlene Backowski

April 3, 1927 - August 9, 2016

Margie Backowski, 89 year old resident of Flensburg, MN passed away Tuesday, August 9, 2016 at St. Otto's Care Center in Little Falls, MN. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Saturday, August 13, 2016 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Flensburg, MN with Father Joe Backowski officiating and Father Jimmy Joseph con-celebrating. Burial will take place in the Sacred Heart Parish Cemetery in Flensburg, MN. A visitation will be held from 4-8 P.M. on Friday and from 9-10:30 A.M. on Saturday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Parish prayers will be held at 7:00 P.M. on Friday evening.

Margie Charlene Pantzke Backowski was born at home in Culdrum Township on April 3, 1927 to Edwin Fredrick Pantzke and Alice Johnson Pantzke. Margie attended District 140, a one room school house in Culdrum Township and later graduated from Little Falls High School in 1944. After graduation, Margie worked at Victor Clothing in Little Falls until her marriage on May 26, 1948 to Philip Backowski in Flensburg, Minnesota. After their marriage, Margie and Philip settled on Philip's family's dairy, hog and crop farm in Flensburg, where together they raised seven children and the place Margie called home for over fifty years.

Margie was generally found at home, working in the kitchen, canning, cooking and baking while listening to KLTF radio in the background. She enjoyed tending to her vegetable and flower gardens, so that she could provide

produce for her family and anyone else that was in need. There was often a bouquet of fresh cut seasonal flowers on the kitchen table when the flowers were in bloom.

When Margie wasn't taking care of the behind the scenes work on the farm, her life revolved around her family, faith and community. Margie was an active member of the Sacred Heart Parish in Flensburg, where she served as a rosary sodality member, funeral lunch group leader, parish council member and was available to help whenever help was needed. Margie was very devoted to her faith beliefs and the goodness of others. Generosity, compassion, acceptance and caring came easily for Margie. Because of these values, many people sought her company, friendship and fellowship, including the special friendship of the Franciscan Sisters.

Margie was very involved in the community, serving as Clerk for the Village of Flensburg for 28 years. Once her children were grown, Margie had the opportunity to share her "nurse" qualities by working for Morrison County Public Health as a Home Health Aide for 13 years.

Margie made a point to spend quality time with the love of her life, best friend...husband, Philip. Together they enjoyed fishing sunfish and walleyes on local lakes, playing cards, dancing, picking wild blueberries and being with family and friends. They never missed an opportunity to be with their children and grandchildren...having picnics in the woods, providing child care, attending school events, birthday parties, sporting events (especially baseball games), graduations and weddings. Margie's children and grandchildren recall cherished time with her, preparing and delivering meals to the field, husking corn, shelling peas, making sauerkraut and pickles, butchering chickens, hauling hogs to market, hanging clothes on the line and playing cards. The past four years of Margie's life were spent at St. Otto's Care Center in Little Falls, where she was cared for with dignity and respect.

Margie will be remembered for her comfort and acceptance of others, her wit

and humor, her steadfast faith in God, her life giving values, and her dedicated love shown to her family.

Margie is survived by her seven children: Bill (Sandy) Backowski of Little Falls, Jeanne (Ralph) Wilson of Princeton, Robert (MaryAnne) Backowski of Little Falls, Cindy (Robin) Hulst of Crookston, Wendy (Steve) Gessell of St. Cloud, Lynette (John) Gessell of Flensburg, Gary (Patty) Backowski of Flensburg, Margie's beloved 20 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren, Siblings: Wally (Marion) Pantzke of Little Falls, Donna (Hap) Johnson of Cushing, Yvonne (Lynn) Kalahar of Fort Ripley, and Sister in Law Norma Pantzke of Randall.

Margie is preceded in death by her husband Philip, her parents Edwin and Alice Pantzke and her brother Edwin "Sonny" Pantzke.

Arrangements are with the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN (320) 632-5242

www.shelleyfuneralchapels.com

Cemetery Details

Sacred Heart Parish Cemetery - Flensburg

18 Pine Street
Flensburg, MN

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 12. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church - Flensburg
18 Pine Street
Flensburg, MN 56328

Visitation

AUG 13. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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Service

AUG 13. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Margie Charlene Backowski*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Judith Meyer lit a candle in memory of Margie Charlene Backowski*



Judith Meyer - August 12, 2016 at 01:05 PM



“ *Lisa Nolan lit a candle in memory of Margie Charlene Backowski*



Lisa Nolan - August 12, 2016 at 01:01 PM



“ *Judy Berger lit a candle in memory of Margie Charlene Backowski*



Judy Berger - August 12, 2016 at 12:32 PM

MA

“ *Michelle Adamietz lit a candle in memory of Margie Charlene Backowski*



Michelle Adamietz - August 12, 2016 at 12:01 PM

TF

“ *The Beam Family lit a candle in memory of Margie Charlene Backowski*



The Beam family - August 12, 2016 at 09:15 AM

JA

“ *Candle lit in honor and memory of Margie, with love from Janet, Ron, Carter and Lilli Denison*



janet - August 11, 2016 at 10:59 PM



“ *Comfort & Light 30" Sonnet was purchased for the family of Margie Charlene Backowski.*



August 11, 2016 at 10:40 AM



“ *Delicious Delights Basket was purchased for the family of Margie Charlene Backowski.*



August 11, 2016 at 10:15 AM



“ *Roxie Grow lit a candle in memory of Margie Charlene Backowski*



Roxie Grow - August 11, 2016 at 05:19 AM



“ *Mark Ans Cathy Hebig lit a candle in memory of Margie Charlene Backowski*



Mark ans Cathy Hebig - August 10, 2016 at 11:01 PM



“ *Laura, Brad, Marcus, Blake Brekken lit a candle in memory of Margie Charlene Backowski*



Laura, Brad, Marcus, Blake Brekken - August 10, 2016 at 09:55 PM

AZ

“ Amelia Zehowski lit a candle in memory of Margie Charlene Backowski



Amelia Zehowski - August 10, 2016 at 08:51 PM

TF

“ The Meschke, Leffler and Belina Families purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Margie Charlene Backowski.



The Meschke, Leffler and Belina Families - August 10, 2016 at 06:07 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Margie Charlene Backowski.



August 10, 2016 at 05:25 PM



“ Brenda Baum lit a candle in memory of Margie Charlene Backowski



Brenda Baum - August 10, 2016 at 05:22 PM

SS

“ *Staci Stoner lit a candle in memory of Margie Charlene Backowski*



Staci Stoner - August 10, 2016 at 05:09 PM

SG

“ *I loved her and will miss her very much. She was such a dear friend, not only to me but Scott and the kids as well. She was mom's dear friend and they solved the world's problems during their many phone visits. Now they can talk "everyday" 😊. That is what she told me during my last visit with her. Love to all of you. She will be missed by many.*

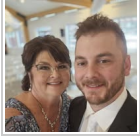
💙💚. *Sheila, Scott and family*

Sheila Gardner - August 10, 2016 at 03:43 PM

AE

“ *I used to drive the senior citizen bus to pick Marge up when she lived out by Flensburg. She was one of the sweetest people I ever knew. One time I took her to her son's house instead of her house and her grandchildren came out to get her groceries . They accidentally took a sack of my groceries and when I got home with the bus I discovered the mistake . I drove to Flensburg to exchange grocery bags.*

Aleta Edin - August 10, 2016 at 11:06 AM



“ *Jill Guith lit a candle in memory of Margie Charlene Backowski*



Jill Guith - August 10, 2016 at 10:20 AM

KE

“ *KATHY EISEL lit a candle in memory of Margie Charlene Backowski*



KATHY EISEL - August 10, 2016 at 09:59 AM

SO

“ *Susan Ogaard lit a candle in memory of Margie Charlene Backowski*



Susan Ogaard - August 10, 2016 at 08:53 AM

RB

“ *Richard And Jill Berg lit a candle in memory of Margie Charlene Backowski*



Richard and Jill Berg - August 10, 2016 at 08:34 AM