



It is with great sadness that the family of MARIA "MARLENE" STROEVE announces heaven has received another angel. She passed away at St. Michael's Palliative Care Centre in Lethbridge, Alberta on Thursday, April 13, 2023 at the age of 67 years.

She had a tough battle with cancer and fought a hard fight at home with amazing grace for almost two years. She moved to palliative care on Monday and passed away peacefully surrounded by her family 3 days later.

She will be greatly missed by her husband of 50 years, Joseph Stroeve.

Her children will greatly miss her beautiful presence in their lives. Michael (Gisele) Stroeve, Tanya (William) Slomp, Angie (Mark) Van Zeggelaar and Jackie (Jason) Kraemer.

She loved her family with all her heart and soul and when her grandchildren came along, she cherished every moment with them and made many priceless memories and traditions that will be cherished for years to come. She will be greatly missed by Rylan, Kyler and Mylee Stroeve; Ethan, Ella, Clara, Liam and Liza Slomp; Matthew and Emma Van Zeggelaar; Jaxon & Jonas Kraemer.

She was predeceased by her precious granddaughter Cora Rose Kraemer, and by her loving parents, Joe and Abby Poppe. She is survived by her siblings, Alfons (Freda) Poppe and Helen Poppe.

Marlene's most important thing in life was looking after her family and connecting with friends. Her house was open to all, and she was always there with a listening ear. She touched the hearts of many. She shared her love for camping with her children. When Marlene was not spending valuable time with her family, you could find her on the dance floor, dancing the night away with Joe and her friends.

Marlene was a devoted farm wife and loved her time raising her family on the farm. But she also had a need to connect with more children. The best place for her to reach out and support so many, was her time employed at St. Catherine's School in Picture Butte. She was the smiling supportive face that welcomed an abundance of new faces and families to the school, consoled and gave hugs to many children and covered up many cuts and bruises over the years. She was a strong advocate for all children and embraced her time spent at the school.

In heaven, she will be holding and cuddling her beloved granddaughter Cora Rose Kraemer, while updating her mom and dad about everything new on the farm and what her children and grandchildren have been up to. Always a proud wife, momma and grandma, she will never be forgotten.

PRAYER VIGIL

St. Catherine's Catholic Church 762 Crescent Avenue, Picture Butte, AB Tuesday, April 18, 20233 at 7:00 PM

Officiant - Father Ian Gagne

Musical Selections

Entrance: *Thy Word*Responsorial: *Psalm 25*Recessional: *Angels Among Us*

Funeral Mass

St. Catherine's Catholic Church Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 11:00 AM

> Celebrant - Father Ian Gagne Pianist - Laurel VanVaerenbergh Soloist - Nicki Murray

Musical Selections

Entrance: On Eagle's Wings
Offertory: Open My Eyes
Communion: Miracle of Grace
Communion: 10,000 Reasons

Recessional: Going Home

READINGS

Wisdom 4:7-15 Fenny Vanden Dungen Psalm 25 Romans 8:14-23 Ethan Slomp Matthew 25:31-46 Father Ian Gagne

HONOUR GUARD

St. Catherine's Catholic Women's League



INTERMENT

Following the Funeral Mass, Marlene will be laid to rest in Royal View Cemetery

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Ethan Slomp | Rylan Stroeve | Kyler Stroeve | Liam Slomp Matthew Van Zeggelaar | Jaxon Kraemer | Jonas Kraemer

PALLBEARERS

Mike Stroeve | William Slomp | Mark Van Zeggelaar Jason Kraemer | Randy Poppe | Alfons Poppe

Reception

Family and friends are invited to further share this day in the St. Catherine's Hall