



Marlyn "Marli" Wicka

September 28, 1934 - January 7, 2018

Marlyn "Marli" Wicka, age 83, of Beach, North Dakota passed away on Sunday, January 7, 2018 in Bismarck, North Dakota. Visitation will be held from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM on Thursday, January 11, 2018 at Silha Funeral Home in Beach. A Rosary Service will be held at 7:00 P.M. on Thursday, January 11, 2018 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Beach. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Friday, January 12, 2018 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Beach with Father Dan Berg officiating. Rite of Committal will take place at a later date. Silha Funeral Home of Beach has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Marli was born on September 28, 1934 to Mahlon and Margaret (Schauer) Stecker. She attended the Lapla Country School and graduated from Beach High School as the valedictorian of the class of 1952. Marli worked for twenty five years at MDU and then as the American Legion secretary.

Marli married Albert Charles Wicka on June 25, 1952 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Beach. The couple enjoyed fifty three wonderful years of marriage before Albert's passing in 2005. She lived at her home in Beach until March of 2017 when she moved to the Golden Valley Manor where she resided until her passing.

Marli was a talented piano teacher, an organist for the Catholic Church and junior choir leader. She loved music!! Marli also was a Girl Scout leader and served as the American Legion Auxiliary State President and as the American Legion Auxiliary State Secretary. She loved figure skating and going to the

lake. She had a passion for musicals and attended them whenever she had the opportunity. Marli enjoyed making homemade chicken noodle soup with homemade noodles. She liked watching the Broncos and the Colts and playing cards: booray, solitaire, pinochle and bridge. Marli was a champion beer chugger and could definitely hold her own. She traveled extensively with her good friend Pam. She LOVED life and will be dearly missed by all.

Marli was preceded in death by her parents, Mahlon and Margaret Stecker; her husband, Albert Wicka; her son, Scott Wicka; her brothers, Larry and Clifford Stecker and a great grandson Parker Hase.

Marli is survived by her daughters, Elaine (Alan) Begger of Beach and Sandi (David) Peplinski of Wibaux, Montana; her sons, Kirk Wicka of Beach and Jim (Ramona) Wicka of Bismarck; eight grandchildren; twenty great grandchildren; eight step-grandchildren; twelve great step-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild on the way.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the American Legion or the Golden Valley Manor. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: www.silhafuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

North Dakota Veterans Cemetery

1825 46th Street
Mandan, ND 58554

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 11. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Homes - Beach, North Dakota
125 4th Avenue Southwest
P.O. Box 488
Beach, ND 58621
(701) 872-3232
silha@midstate.net

Rosary Service

JAN 11. 7:00 PM (MT)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
162 2nd Avenue Northeast
Beach, ND 58621

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 12. 11:00 PM (MT)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
162 2nd Avenue Northeast
Beach, ND 58621

Tribute Wall



“ *Marlyn "Marli" Wicka*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *Our sympathy to the family. We enjoyed visiting with her at the lake cabin over the years. Her laugh was so sincere and enjoyable.*
Ben and Birdi Privratsky

Birdi Privratsky - January 17, 2018 at 02:39 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss of such a special person. Marli was a great mentor to me when I became the State ALA President. May she rest in peace. Thoughts and prayers to her family.*
Betty and Pete Malkowski

Betty Malkowski - January 11, 2018 at 08:28 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. So many pictures in my mind of her playing cards with my Mom, and at Bingo at the Legion. Thoughts and prayers are with you.*
Sandy Baertsch

Sandy Baertsch - January 11, 2018 at 03:24 PM

LN

“ Marli was one of my 8th grade students the first year I taught and I appreciated her sharpness and wit. I am sorry to hear of her passing, she was a rare gem. I always enjoyed visiting with her whenever I was in Beach.

Leona Nielsen

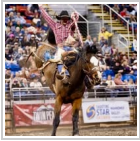
Leona Nielsen - January 11, 2018 at 01:51 PM

RB

“ RDO Truck Center Bismarck purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Marlyn "Marli" Wicka.



RDO Truck Center Bismarck - January 11, 2018 at 10:15 AM



“ I loved this woman's zest for life. Marli was an inspiration to all to live life to the fullest as God wanted. Her deep laugh will always be remembered by me. Rest in peace dear friend. My sympathy to her family. It is never easy to say goodbye to your mother.

Carol TescherObrigewitch - January 10, 2018 at 11:32 PM

ML

“ Elaine, Alan,
Sandi, David, Kirk, Jim, and Ronda

You have my deepest sympathy, May she Rest In Peace

maurice lardy - January 10, 2018 at 12:09 PM

EJ

“ *Evie & Jim purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Marlyn "Marli" Wicka.*



Evie & Jim - January 09, 2018 at 12:16 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marlyn "Marli" Wicka.*



January 09, 2018 at 12:09 PM

PK

“ *Pat, Rick, Marilyn, Bob, Jayne, Gary, and Keely purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Marlyn "Marli" Wicka.*



Pat, Rick, Marilyn, Bob, Jayne, Gary, and Keely - January 09, 2018 at 11:49 AM

MS

“ *Marli Wicka was the Department President of the North Dakota American Legion Auxiliary , 1985-1986. Marli was a delight to know and visit with and always encouraged me as a new, young Unit President. She will be greatly missed by the Auxiliary family. Marcy Schmidt, Fargo, ND*

Marcy Schmidt - January 09, 2018 at 09:09 AM

DH

“ So sad to have lost such an important part of The American Legion Family. Marli has been part of the bedrock of The Legion Family for many years and she will be greatly missed. She was one of the first people I met when I started attending Legion functions and have enjoyed her friendship for around 30 years.

Don & Annamarie Herrly - Watertown, SD

Don Herrly - January 09, 2018 at 02:22 AM

TD

“ Toney Dickerson lit a candle in memory of Marlyn "Marli" Wicka



Toney Dickerson - January 08, 2018 at 11:37 PM