



Joan Betty Oberthaler

January 22, 1932 - November 20, 2016

NORWAY- Joan B. Oberthaler age 84 of Norway, died Sunday, November 20, 2016 at Evergreen Meadows in Norway, Michigan.

She was born January 22, 1932 in Kingsford, MI, daughter of the late Herbert and Augusta (Busse) Waltz.

She married Curtis Oberthaler on May 23, 1953 in Milwaukee WI.

Joan worked as an Office Manager in various medical facilities. She shared a deep passion for volunteerism and gave generously of her time and talents as an organist and Keeper at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, director of the Jake Menghini Museum, Genealogy club, and Hospice respite care and hosted a foreign exchange student. Joan loved the Lord, her family and her church family at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Joan is survived by her husband of 63 years Curtis, three sons Peter (Diane) Oberthaler of Wichita, KS, John (Sara) Oberthaler of Stevens Point, WI, Joe (Peggy) Oberthaler of Dallas, GA; one daughter Lori (Brett) Mayer of Green Bay, WI; grandchildren Andrew Oberthaler, Katie Oberthaler, Jody Oberthaler, April Oberthaler, Alex Oberthaler, Claire Oberthaler, Luke Mayer, Eric (Megan) Mayer and Karlee Mayer; honorary son Oliver Thiel and many nieces and nephews including RoseAnne (Ronald) Aman and Ronda Lucas and special

family friends Walt and Diane Bellmore.

She was preceded in death by her sisters Irma Eisenmann, June Peskey, Joyce Baldinelli & Judith Owsley.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, November 23 from 9 to 11 a.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Funeral Services will be held on Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran with Rev. Dr. Michael J. Langlais officiating.

Interment will follow at the Norway Township Cemetery.

The family would like to extend their gratitude to the staff of Evergreen Meadows for their care, kindness & compassion while caring for our mother.

Family request that if you are thinking about a memorial contributions please consider donating to [GEMISSION.org/donate](https://www.gemission.org/donate) (Eric Mayer) or Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Cemetery Details

Norway Township Cemetery

Norway Township, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **23**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
805 Iron Street
Norway, MI 49870

Service

NOV **23**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
805 Iron Street
Norway, MI 49870

Tribute Wall

CC

“ *To the Oberthaler Family,*

We were so sad to see that your Mom had passed away. She had the most contagious smile of anyone I know. Her devotion to the history of our area and her activities at church were an inspiration to us all.

Our deepest sympathy to you.

Sincerely,

Tom and Colleen Carlson

Colleen Carlson - November 30, 2016 at 09:42 PM

WC

“ *Joan was an inspiration to all of us with her warm personality, ready smile and gentle ways. But she was also a person who worked with determination to achieve many goals throughout here life. I knew Joan mainly through the Dickinson County Genealogical Society and the Menominee Range Historical Museum. Her persistence finally resulted in the microfilming of The Current, and she copied and filed thousands of items for use for researchers at the Jake Menghini Museum. I know she was a devout Christian who shared her faith and love with all who surrounded her, touching many lives and many hearts. She will be missed by all, but there certainly is another star in the heavens and another voice in the angel choir.*

With sincere sympathy,

Bill Cummings

William J. Cummings - November 23, 2016 at 05:28 PM

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Cris Hamlin - November 22, 2016 at 01:25 PM

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Cris Hamlin - November 22, 2016 at 01:22 PM

CA

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time.*

Cheryl & Brian Adams

Cheryl Adams - November 22, 2016 at 12:56 PM

CJ

“ *Connie, Jack, Tom, Maggie, Pete and Joyce purchased the Sapphire Skies Bouquet for the family of Joan Betty Oberthaler.*



Connie, Jack, Tom, Maggie, Pete and Joyce - November 22, 2016 at 11:57 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Joan Betty Oberthaler.*



November 22, 2016 at 10:28 AM

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“ *The Knapp Family - Lorna, Paula, Eric, Ron & fams purchased the Heart's Companion Bouquet for the family of Joan Betty Oberthaler.*



The Knapp Family - Lorna, Paula, Eric, Ron & fams - November 21, 2016 at 10:49 PM

PB

“ *The Heavens have opened and Angels are singing and playing the organ welcoming Joan Home. I have many fond memories of Joan from my years of Bethany Lutheran Church, from Sunday School to playing the organ for many years. she loved her Lord and her Church families dearly. If you ever wanted to know anything regarding your history she was always the one person you could count on to give you answers. She was a beautiful woman inside and out and her smile would light up a room. Prayers to her family as I know she will be missed dearly by each of you. I am sorry but I will not be able to attend the funeral but know that my heart and prayers are with you all, May God Bless you all.*

Pam Bjorkman - November 21, 2016 at 08:51 PM

DP

“ *Joan had the heart of gold, she always made a point to come and talk to me at church or anytime I would see her. She always had kind words for me. She will be greatly missed with all her talents and I am sure she is still enjoying life in heaven.*

DeeAnn Pfister - November 21, 2016 at 07:22 PM

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My deep sympathy and prayers for all of Joan,s family. My friendship with Joan goes back at least 60 years, mostly as Lutheran Church women. She was always one you could count on when it came to Lutheran Women activities. She even wrote a song for us to sing while traveling by bus to an LCW Women's Convention and we sang it for many years after. She used her gifts of writing, music, geneology and friendship to the glory of the Lord and shared by so many. She will be missed by not only her family but by all whose lives she touched in her community, church and hospice. Jesus has welcomed her into his arms and her joy and peace is won.

God loves you Joan and so do I.

Orice Walters

Orice Walters - November 23, 2016 at 11:35 AM