



Joan Michalenko

May 9, 1945 - November 7, 2007

Joan Michalenko, 62, Hazen, ND, and Green Valley, AZ, died on November 7, 2007, in Tucson. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday at 10:30 AM at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Bismarck with Rev. Marv Mutzenberger officiating. Burial will be at the ND Veterans Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Tuesday from 4:00 - 9:00 PM at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway, Bismarck, where a prayer service will be held at 7:00 PM. Visitation will continue one hour prior to the service at the church. Joan Louise Merwin Michalenko was born on May 9, 1945, in Lewistown, MT, to Dan and Gladys Johnson Merwin. Joan's family moved to Hettinger, ND, in 1949 where she lived until graduating from Hettinger High School in 1963. Joan Joni attended college at UND in Grand Forks, ND, and DSU in Dickinson, ND, obtaining her teaching certificate and Bachelor of Science Degree in elementary education. She taught three years in country schools in north Lemmon, SD, and the remaining 26 years in Jefferson Elementary in Dickinson, ND, and Dorothy Moses Elementary in Bismarck, ND. Joni married Gerald Jerry Michalenko, the love of her life. After retirement, the couple spent their time between their winter home in Green Valley, AZ, and their lake home in Pick City, ND. Joni and Jerry loved entertaining friends and family - their beautiful homes were filled with laughter and love. Joni had many hobbies and was known for doing everything to perfection. She liked counted cross stitch, quilting, raising flowers and being with her beloved husband while they fished, worked on home projects and in their vegetable garden. They also volunteered at the

"White Elephant", a thrift store, and liked to go rummaging for bargains in the Tucson area. Joni was an active member of the Lutheran Churches of Pick City and Green Valley and belonged to a quilting club that makes quilts for the needy. Joni left this world on November 7, 2007, with her family by her side. Surviving her is her husband Jerry; her parents, Dan and Gladys Merwin; her sister, Arlene Leo Johnson; her nephews, Steven and Tony Heidi Johnson; her extended families, Richard and Ronnie Michalenko and children; and a host of friends and family. Passing before her was her little brother, Dennis. The family prefers memorials to Badland's Bible Camp or Jerry's nephew, Kenny Hendrickson Memorial, the Bismarck Public School Foundation.

Tribute Wall

DP

“ Jerry, Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers at the loss of your beloved wife Joan. I have often relected back to the times in our lives where you were instrumental. Our deepest sympathy to you and your family. Sincerely, Don and Winnie Pratt

Don Pratt - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Uncle Jerry and family, we are so sorry to hear of Joan's passing. We send our sympathy and love, our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of loss. Joan's warmth and smile was always a joy whenever we visited, leaving all of us with wonderful memories. She was an amazing lady and will not soon be forgotten. Our prayers for you is that God will bless you and provide you with all that you need during this difficult time, and that happy memories will fill your hearts. We wish we could be there but send our love.

Mark and Rita Michalenko - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Joan Michalenko

March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Uncle Jerry, I am so very sorry for your loss. I know what Joan meant to you and her to you. Such an awesome lady and is hard to even think she has left us. I sure am glad I stopped at the cabin and got to talk to her when we saw you guys leaving for Arizona. Special moments that I will never forget. She was one that always put a smile on your face when you saw her. So from the Hendricksons we will always be thinking of you and you will be in our prayers. DuWayne and Joann, Brandyn and Alison, Seth and Sara, Dustin and Crystal, and Isaac and CJ

DuWayne Hendrickson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Jerry, We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Joni will be missed by all in the neighborhood loop. Our condolences to you and your family.

Darrell & Mary Berger - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Jerry and Joni's family, Our hearts are heavy with Joni's untimely death. She will be missed. Our memories are many and special just like she was with her wit and wisdom. She was always able to make you laugh. Joni would let you know where she stood on any issue and we enjoyed her honesty. We treasure our memories of good times together and are so happy she found Jerry to enjoy these years and adventures. Our deepest sympathy to all.

John & Jo Lawrence - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ There are many treasured memories between 1950 and 1963 when we sat in the same classrooms, growing as we must, with the 1950s and 1960s and decades later still, with new families and adventures. I know her heart was in adventure and I will greatly miss her. I need not remind her family that she was kind and gentle and caring of others, so I can only regret a loss so overwhelming . . . and needless and premature. Our greatest sympathy to all who cared for Joni. Ron and Rhoda

Ron and Rhoda Hilden - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ Joni will be in our hearts forever. She would light up your spirits with her wonderful sense of humor and loving ways. We loved spending time with Joni and Jerry. She has left an incredible void in our lives, but we are so thankful to have known her and to have been her friend. May God be with her.

Bill & Jo Pitman - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ Uncle Jerry, we were saddened to hear of Joan's death. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Joan was a wonderful lady and she will remain in our hearts forever.

Nancy and Greg Morrison - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ To the family of Joan, We are sorry to hear about Joni .Our thoughts are with you and her family. Alton & Arlene

Alton & Arlene Nitschke - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM