

In Loving Memory of Margaret “Marge” Novotny

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Thursday, August 12, 2021@ 10:00 a.m.

Holy Name Catholic Church

OFFICIATING

Father Glenn Whewell

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 25:7-9, Romans 14-7 -9, John 6- 37-40

MUSIC

How Great Thou Art, It is Well With My Soul, Beautiful Savior

Ava Marie

MUSIC BY

Soloist~ Annie Magera

Pianist ~ Doreen Choong

PALLBEARER

Steven Michael Manor, Erik Ray Olafson,

George G. Ellison, Thomas Allen Manor

Thomas Louis Novotny, George Christian Thorleifson

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Edward Lee Manor, Marie Ellison Hunter

INTERMENT

Sheridan Memorial Cemetery

RECEPTION

Reception at Kane's Reception Hall,
689 Meridian Street, Sheridan, Wyoming

Memorial Contributions may be made in Marge's name to:

Missionary Servants of the Most Blessed Trinity

3501 Solly Ave.

Philadelphia, PA 19136

(msbt.org (215) 335-7571).

And he will raise you up on

Eagles Wings,

Bear you on the

Breath of Dawn,

Make you to *Shine* like the *Sun*,

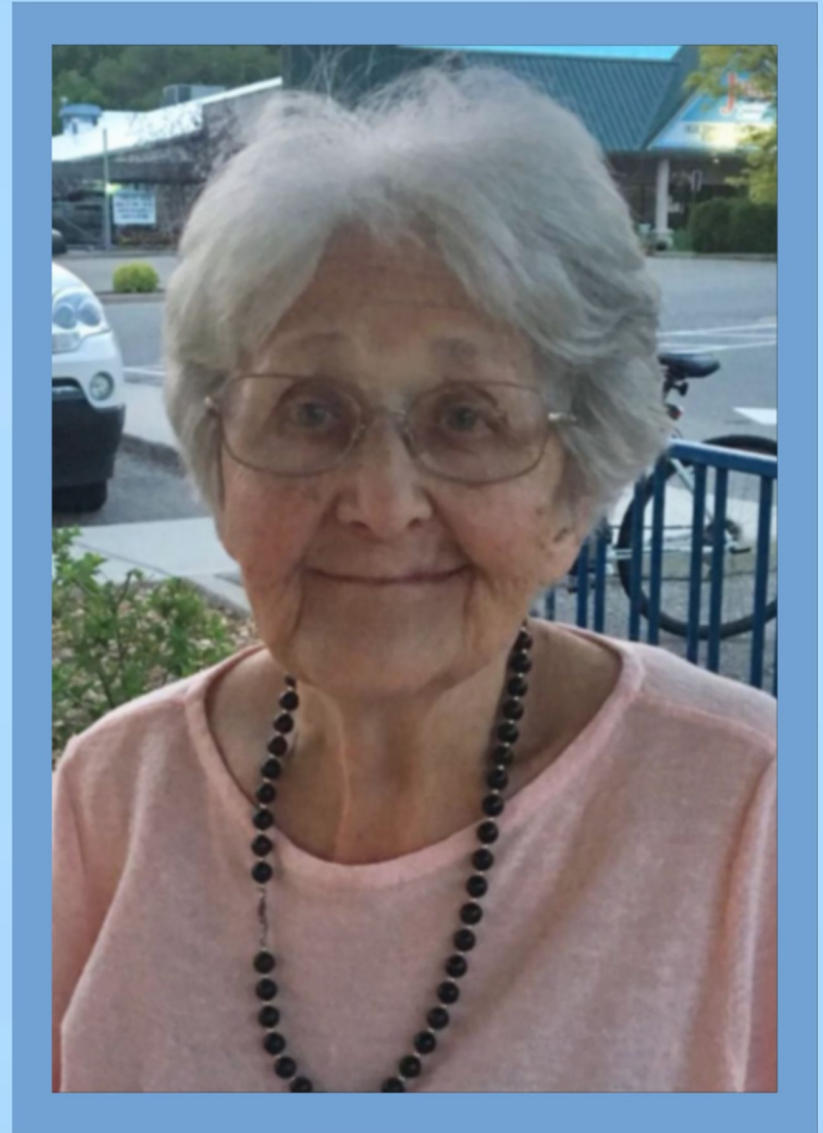
And hold you in the palm

of His *hand*.



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Celebrating the Life of Marge Novotny



August 12, 1929 - July 29, 2021

Margaret (Margie) Rosko Novotny, 91 went peacefully home to the Lord on Thursday, July 29, 2021, at Big Horn Rehabilitation and Care Center in Sheridan. She was born at home on August 12, 1929, in Perth Amboy, New Jersey to John and Anna Rosko. She was the youngest sister of Michal (Mickey) Sokol (1/2 brother), Anne Pellegrine, John Rosko, Andrew Rosko, Helen Ellison, and Joseph Rosko.

She graduated in 1946 from St. Mary's High School in Perth Amboy. After graduation she attended Washington School for Secretaries in Newark, NJ where she met lifelong friend, Anne Bagis. She worked as a secretary at Flagstaff Foods in Perth Amboy and later Merck & Company in Rahway, NJ. During this period of her life, she began to feel an early calling to the Lord's work. In 1952, at age 23, she entered the Missionary Servants of the Most Blessed Trinity in Philadelphia, PA.

She attended St. Joseph's College, Philadelphia, PA graduating Cum Laude in 1962. She earned her Master of Social Work from Fordham University, Manhattan, NY in 1965. During this time, Margaret began her work with Catholic Social Services (later Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia). She was the sole reason Catholic Charities in Philadelphia was started in the sixties. She as a driving force of grace, making inroads in the poorest neighborhoods. Her brother Joseph was the regional director of Housing and Urban Development for the federal government. Margaret leaned on her brother Joe to help improve the quality of life for the poor. Both were faithful Christian servants that made a difference in people's lives and were foundational to Catholic Social Services today.

In 1966 Margaret left the convent with nothing but the clothes on her back, though she never wavered in her faith or love of the Lord. She continued as a Social Worker with Catholic Charities at Linden Hill, NY and moved to a small apartment in Manhattan. She bought a beautiful red wool coat with a mink collar and a silver blue Ford Mustang.

Margaret was looking for extra part-time work to save money for a vacation to Puerto Rico when she met Thomas L. Novotny, a widower with six children during an interview. She never made it to Puerto Rico, but they were married on August 10, 1968. She traded in the Mustang for a blue wood-paneled station wagon and became our "Mom", best friend, spiritual guide, life-long confidante and loving wife to our dad until his death in February, 1989.

During Margaret's life with our family there were many adventures, including several cross-country moves between New York, Wyoming and Wisconsin. She worked at Catholic Social Services at Holy Name Church from 1974-1976. She loved her stepchildren and grandchildren as her own and enjoyed spending time with family. Margaret enjoyed sharing stories, Bible study, Christian music and fiction, and of course, Hallmark movies. She will be remembered by many as a devout Christian and prayer warrior. She had a sharp intellect and quick sense of humor until the end.

Margaret is preceded in death by her parents and six siblings, her husband Thomas and infant son John Louis, step granddaughters Sarah Novotny and Kristin Olafson-Kraft. She is survived by niece Marie Ellison Hunter (NC), nephew George Ellison (NC) and numerous other nieces and nephews. Her memory will be forever loved and cherished by her stepchildren Kathryn Olafson-Smith, Tega Cay SC, Anne Manor (Edward) of Sheridan, Mary Blackburn, Cheyenne, WY, Margaret Thorleifson (Chris) Lake Stevens, WA, Patricia Novotny, Gresham, OR, Thomas Novotny, Madison WI; step grandsons: Erik Olafson; Edward, Thomas and Steven Manor; Thomas, Christopher and Matthew Novotny; step granddaughters Meghan Smith, Kera Manor, Kathleen Blackburn; step great grandchildren Courtney, Jordan, Chloe, Bradley, Kaden, Truth, Eden, Mason, Karis, Izak, Shane and Sophie.