

Joan Therese (Waszak) Golembeck was born on Oct. 9, 1933, one of eleven children, to Andrew and Mary (Sucharski) Waszak in Blue Island, IL. Joan graduated from Eisenhower High School in 1951. Joan then worked as an executive secretary at Goldblatt's in downtown Chicago, IL. She was very proud of her exceptional secretarial skills. On Oct. 16, 1954, she married Gerald Golembeck at St. Isidore Catholic Church in Blue Island, IL. They had two children. Jerry and Joan moved to MN in 1973 and finished raising their family in Lake Elmo. After retiring, they moved to Alexandria, MN where they enjoyed the frequent company of family at their home on Lake Mary.

Joan was very proud of her Polish heritage. She loved to cook for family, friends, and neighbors and taught her children and grandchildren how to make several traditional Polish dishes as well as many family favorites. She loved sharing stories of her childhood and all the grandchildren would gather around the table to listen to her.

Holidays were very special to her and she passed on many traditions to her family. She loved to have friends and neighbors over for dinner and cards and she always had several desserts in her freezer for unexpected guests.

Joan died at the Courage Cottage in Morris, MN on October 21, 2018 at the age of 85. She is survived by daughter Sandra (Michael) Korth, son James (Kay) Golembeck, grandsons Andrew Korth, Matthew Golembeck, Thomas Golembeck, John Golembeck, granddaughters Rebecca Millard and Laura Korth, great-grandsons Gabriel Korth and Aidan Millard, and sister Dorothy Waszak. She was preceded in death by husband Gerald, parents Andrew and Mary Waszak, and siblings Stanley Waszak, Chester Waszak, Sally Butowski, Joseph Waszak, Sylvia Palcu, Sophie Kerkla, Eleanor Porozinski, Bruno Waszak, and Leonard Waszak.

***For Those I Love,
For Those Who Love Me...***

*When I am gone, release me, let me go...
I have so many things to see and do.
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears,
But let my spirit calm your fears,
I gave you my love. You can only guess
How much you gave me in happiness.
I thank you for the love you have shown,
But now it's time I traveled on alone!*

*So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must,
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a while that we must part,
So bless the memories that lie within your heart.
I won't be far away, for life goes on.
So if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near,
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear
All of my love around you soft and clear.*

*And then, when you must come this way alone...
I'll greet you with a smile and say,
"Welcome Home."*

In Memory of
**Joan T.
Golembeck**
October 9, 1933
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October 21, 2018
**Mass of Christian
Burial**
St. Mary's
Catholic Church
Alexandria, MN
October 25, 2018
10:30 AM



Officiant
Reverend Steve Binsfeld

Casket Bearers
(Joan's Grandchildren)
Andrew Korth Matthew Golembeck
Rebecca Millard Thomas Golembeck
Laura Korth John Golembeck

Committal
Guardian Angels Catholic Cemetery
Oakdale, Minnesota