

Thank you so much for celebrating Maria's beautiful life with us today. The outpouring of your love and support throughout her journey with cancer has meant more to us than you will ever know. Your prayers have continually been a source of strength, not only for Maria, but for us as well. We thank you for sharing in our grief, but also in our rejoicing, as Maria is now united with her Lord and Savior, healed and whole.

With love and heartfelt gratitude,

Maria's family



Maria clung to this special Bible verse throughout her journey...

*I will not die but live,  
and will proclaim what the Lord has done.  
Psalm 118:17*



# A Celebration Of Life



## Maria Weinberger

March 1, 1951 – September 14, 2018

Maria Weinberger, 67, of West Fargo passed away on Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Maria was born March 1, 1951, the seventh daughter of John and Mary (Messer) Urlacher. She grew up on the family farm sixteen miles south of New England, ND. She attended the first seven years of schooling at the Enterprise County two-room school house. In 1964, her parents sold their farm and moved to New England, where Maria graduated from St Mary's High School in 1969. After graduation, she worked at Woolworth's Dept. Store in Dickinson.

On June 1, 1970, Maria married the love of her life, Gary Weinberger, at St. Patrick's church in Dickinson. Together they raised two children, a son, Dion, and daughter, Sheri. They lived in Bismarck, Minot and Cheyenne, WY before moving to Jamestown in 1974, where they lived for 26 years. In order to spend as much time with her children as possible, she opened a day care in her home for 12 years. While her children attended St. John's Academy she became a teacher assistant at the school. Maria also worked at the YMCA in the pre-school for 8 years. She worked in the blueprint room at Lucas Aerospace until the year 2000 when they moved to Fargo. Maria worked at Holy Spirit School running the after school program for a few years. In 2010, they moved to West Fargo.

During her marriage of 48 years, Maria was a dedicated wife, mother, mother-in-law and grandmother. Her family was the "joy of her life." Anyone who knew Maria knew she loved to bake, treating her family to their favorite treats which included chocolate chip cookies, cinnamon twists, banana bread, caramel rolls, scotch-a-roos, seasoned pretzels and party mix. Maria loved attending all activities her children were involved in and spent the last years being her grandchildren's biggest fan at their activities. Organizing was in her blood and she loved things in labeled totes. She was often called the "tote queen!" She loved taking photos and had many photo albums and scrapbooks. She enjoyed playing games and cards with family and friends. Her passion was reading and she loved to share books and authors with others. Maria was able to enjoy amazing trips to Alaska and Italy. She loved doing skits as "Maritzie" (a foxy old lady) at parties for family and friends. Time spent at the lake every year with family was her highlight of each summer; treasured memories were always made. Her "happy place" away from her home was at the lake in their trailer. One of her favorite memories included a sunrise hot air balloon ride over the lakes. Maria loved serving and her favorite places to volunteer were Prairie Heights Church and Park Christian School. Laughter with family and friends made life great fun.

Those left to cherish her memory include her husband Gary, son Dion (Kris) Weinberger of West Fargo, daughter Sheri (Chad) Haroldson of Sartell, MN, and precious grandchildren Mackenzie and Jack Weinberger, and Anders and Kristoff Haroldson. Her six sisters include Sister Hildegarde Urlacher of Bismarck, Katie Dolechek of Dickinson, Margie Miller of Mandan, Sally Praus of Dickinson, Fran (Ernie) Praus of South Heart, and Clem (Bernie) Steffan of Bismarck. Her in-laws include Marlene Kouba of Regent, Perry (Virginia) Weinberger of Beaverton, OR, June (Gary) Hartze of Helena, MT and Donna (Rick) Rogne of Helena, MT, plus many nieces, nephews and caring friends.

Maria was preceded in death by her parents, John and Mary Urlacher, in-laws Fred and Mabel Weinberger, brothers-in-law Carl Miller, Ervin Praus, Ralph Dolechek, and Richard Kouba.

We extend a sincere thank you to Roger Maris Cancer Center, Dr. Gaba and all the caregivers for the great care and compassion shown to Maria. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Roger Maris Cancer Center.

## In Celebration Of

Maria Weinberger

<i>Old Time Rock and Roll</i> .....	Led by Eric Letvin
Welcome.....	Pastor Jon Hauser
Psalm 100.....	Anders Haroldson
Isaiah 40:31.....	Kristoff Haroldson
<i>I Can Only Imagine</i> .....	Led by Bryce Niemiller
<i>Even If</i> .....	Led by Eric Letvin
Tribute.....	Mackenzie Weinberger
Tribute.....	Jack Weinberger
Video Tribute.....	Anders Haroldson
Video Tribute.....	Kristoff Haroldson
<i>Good Good Father</i> .....	Led by Mark Proulx
<i>Victory in Jesus</i> .....	Led by Roger Stroh
Video Tribute.....	Gary Weinberger
Video Tribute.....	Sheri Haroldson
Video Tribute.....	Dion Weinberger
Video Tribute.....	Kris Weinberger
<i>You Are My King (Amazing Love)</i> .....	Led by Eric Letvin
Video Tribute.....	Chad Haroldson
<i>Give Me Jesus</i> .....	Led by Bryce Niemiller
Message.....	Pastor Jon Hauser
<i>I Am Free</i> .....	Led by Karl Kreutz
<i>Golden Streets</i> .....	Bryce Niemiller

