

We Gather to Celebrate the Life of  
**Margaret Jeanne Christine Goretski**

Saturday, November 20, 2021 1:00 pm  
Chapel of Hemauer Funeral Home, The Pas, MB  
Presider: Linda Buchanan

**Order of Service**

Words of Welcome

Music reflection: "Daddy Sang Bass" by Johnny Cash

Opening Prayer

Eulogy: Amy Totte

Memories of the Heart: Eric Goretski

Music reflection and slideshow:

"The Rose" by Bette Midler

"In the Garden" by Anne Murray

Readings:

Be kind anyway (Mother Teresa)

Life Is But a Stopping Place (Anon)

Homily: Linda Buchanan

Lord's Prayer

Commendation

Blessing

Music Reflection: "Honeycomb" by Jimmie Rodgers

**INTERMENT:** Lakeside Cemetery, The Pas, MB

**PALLBEARERS:**

Eric Goretski, Talbot Ponask, Bryce Cartman,  
Jason Totte, Rob Patterson, Dylan Funk.

**RECEPTION:** Golden Agers Leisure Room,  
324 Ross Avenue, The Pas (Use rear entrance)

*In lieu of flowers, donations to a charity of choice  
would be appreciated by Margaret's family.*

*Hemauer Funeral Home, The Pas, Manitoba*

*www.hemauerfuneralhome.com*

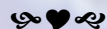


*In Loving  
Memory*





In Loving Memory of  
**Margaret Jeanne Christine Goretski**  
September 13, 1935—November 10, 2021



Margaret Jeanne Christine Hasselmann was an only child, born in The Pas, Manitoba on Friday, September 13, 1935, to Christian Didrik and Thora Louise (Jensen) Hasselmann. She grew up at Mile 100 where her father had two and a half gardens, goats, and bees. She learned gardening from her Daddy. Her mother home schooled her for grades one and two, and she was nicknamed "Tulla" by her parents (Danish for "little girl"). She boarded in The Pas where she continued her schooling and graduated from Margaret Barbour Collegiate Institute.

Margaret met Alexander Goretski and were united in marriage on July 19, 1954 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. They enjoyed 48 years of married life together. They moved to Churchill, Manitoba and had three children: Eric, Linda and Cheryl. They owned and drove taxi in Churchill and had a small garden with flowers and vegetables.

The family moved back to The Pas in 1970 where Margaret went back to school at Keewatin Community College and obtained her Business Certificate. She worked at the local Credit Union, TD Bank, and eventually as a clerk for the Highways Department and Mines Branch at the Provincial Building where she retired in 1996.

Margaret was involved with the Horticulture Society in The Pas for many years. She encouraged her children and grandchildren to grow flowers and vegetables and was very proud of all their accomplishments in the annual Horticultural flower shows. When Margaret wasn't in her garden, you could always find her enjoying a cup of hot chocolate at the skating rink or having coffee with her friends. She enjoyed being around animals, especially dogs and birds, loved music, especially the songs; "Honeycomb", "The Twist", and anything by Johnny Cash. She loved to dance and knew the words to so many of her favorite songs. She also enjoyed canning, sewing, knitting, embroidery,

crocheting, puzzles and her favorite game to play was cribbage.

Margaret's husband, Alex, sadly passed away in 2002. Several years later, she met her partner Ed Cudney, and they moved to Neepawa for a few years. There she was involved with the Citizens on Patrol, the Horticultural Society, and The Inner Wheel (a women's branch of the Rotary Club). She was extremely excited when she won "Yard of the Week" in Neepawa and had a photo of her beautiful yard featured in the local newspaper. Margaret's greatest accomplishment was writing a book called, "The Joys of Gardening by Baba". She wanted to pass down all her gardening wisdom and knowledge to her family.

In 2013, Margaret moved back home to The Pas. She became involved with Golden Agers and had a lot of fun visiting her many friends. She moved into the Northern View Lodge and then eventually to St. Paul's Personal Care Home. While at St Paul's, she enjoyed participating in the activities offered there. She enjoyed feeding and watching the birds outside of her window.

Margaret sadly passed away with family by her side, on Wednesday, November 10, 2021, in The Pas, Manitoba at the age of 86 years.

Margaret is survived by her children, Eric (Carol) Goretski; Linda (Talbot) Ponask; Cheryl (Goretski) Cartman (Wayne Jackson); grandchildren, Jason (Shayla) Goretski; Shaylene Goretski; Christopher Goretski (Shaunna Downey); Stacy Ponask (Rob Patterson); Shauna Ponask (Dylan Funk); Amy (Jason) Totte; Bryce Cartman (Arianna Lyseng); great-grandchildren, Lexus, Lilee, Anna, Lincoln, Jaxon; and extended family.

Margaret was predeceased by her father, Christian; her mother, Thora; and husband, Alex.

Please feel free to share your stories or memories of Margaret.

Send to:

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Attn: "The Joys of Gardening"

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