



Romaine Joy Marquardt

November 5, 1932 - April 14, 2024

Romaine Joy Marquardt, age 91, of Alta, Iowa (formerly Storm Lake, Iowa and Oak Creek, Wisconsin) died April 14, 2024 at Heartland Care Center in Marcus, Iowa.

Funeral services will take place Saturday, April 20, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Alta, Iowa. Burial will be Friday, April 26, 2024 at Arlington Park Cemetery in Greenfield, Wisconsin. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to St. Paul Lutheran Church at 405 Division St Alta, Iowa 51002, Zion Lutheran Church at 725 555th St Storm Lake, Iowa 51002, Heartland Care Center 604 E Fenton St. Marcus, Iowa 51035, or Our Father's Evangelical Lutheran Church and School 6025 S Honey Creek Dr. Greenfield, Wisconsin 53221. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Alta is in charge of the arrangements.

Romaine Joy was born November 5, 1932 to Walter and Elfriede (Gold) Schall. She was baptized in 1932 and confirmed in her faith in 1946 at St. John Lutheran Church in South Euclid, Ohio. Growing up, Romaine attended grade school at St. John Lutheran School in South Euclid, Ohio. She graduated from Huntington High in Huntington, Indiana in 1950. Romaine attended Concordia Teachers College in River Forest, Illinois graduating in 1956.

Before moving to Iowa, Romaine was a member of Our Fathers Evangelical Lutheran Church for 57 years. She taught Sunday School, was a member of the LWML and Wednesday morning bible class. Romaine taught at Our Fathers Lutheran School for 33 years (one of which she was also interim principal). At the time of her death, Romaine was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Alta.

On June 29, 1957, Romaine was united in marriage to James William Marquardt at Zion Lutheran Church in Milwaukee. They were blessed with two children; Jennifer Lynn and James William, Jr.

Left to cherish the memory of Romaine include her children: Jennifer (Keith) Reetz of Alta, Iowa; James Jr. (Lisa) Marquardt of Greendale, Wisconsin; sister: Kathryn Schlicht of Brookfield, Wisconsin; grandchildren: Kirk (Heidi) Reetz of Alta, Iowa; Victor (Sherri) Reetz of Hull, Iowa; Tyler (Kayla) Reetz of Storm Lake, Iowa; Rachel Marquardt of Louisville, Kentucky; Hannah Marquardt of Indianapolis Indiana, James Marquardt III of Oak Creek, Wisconsin; great-grandchildren: Savanna and Chance Reetz of Alta, Iowa; Gavin and Liam Reetz of Hull, Iowa; special friends: Diana Borck of Oak Creek, Wisconsin; Sharon Wadsley of Marcus, Iowa; and extended family.

She was preceded in death by her husband; James Marquardt; parents: Walter and Elfriede Schall; and sister: Carol Beck.

The family would like to thank Pastor Harrison for his pastoral care of Romaine and the staff of Heartland Care Center for the exceptional care Romaine received during the past eight months.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

APR **20**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Paul Lutheran Church -- Alta
405 Division Street
Alta, IA 51002

Tribute Wall

PS

“ I remember Mrs. Marquart well. She was my brother's teacher for 3rd & 5th grade at Our Father's Lutheran School. She always had a smile on her face you see her in hall-way & in church on Sundays. I had the pleasure of having her father Mr. Schall for my 5th grade teacher. So sorry for your loss.

Patty Smart - April 22, 2024 at 12:10 PM

LP

“ I met Romaine at Otsego Place while I was there for a day volunteering. That first day we went for a walk outside and talked about flowers. This walk turned into a friendship. Romaine and I would visit when I would come back to volunteer for the day. We also kept in touch through letters. I would like to surprise her with napkins, which she always saved for her grandchildren to pick out when they would come to visit. Romaine talked about getting apples and making jam for gifts. She enjoyed Iowa magazines that I brought to her. She will be missed. God has a very special lady.
Lavonne Phillips

Lavonne Phillips - April 18, 2024 at 04:28 PM



“ Romaine was such a sweetheart and I'm glad I got to know her at Otsego Place. She kept busy working on puzzles in her room and baking. Now she can spend time with her past friends from Otsego! God's love be with you all.

Sonia Haahr - April 18, 2024 at 02:21 PM

JP

“ Sookie was a wonderful Godmother to me (and also a great best friend to my mom). Her love of the Lord and trust in Him really showed through in all her life. God’s peace and comfort be with you all now and through the coming months. May you feel His loving arms upholding and enfolding you always. Love, hugs, prayers,
Jackie

Jacqueline Peters - April 17, 2024 at 01:41 PM

JM

“ Such a beautiful gentle woman. I enjoyed visiting with her.

Janet McLoughlin - April 17, 2024 at 12:01 PM

JS

“ I so enjoyed going to visit Romaine when she lived at Otsego Place!
She was *THE* sweetest lady! Jan Sievers

jan sievers - April 15, 2024 at 06:32 PM

GD

“ Gail DeMan lit a candle in memory of
Romaine Marquardt



Gail DeMan - April 15, 2024 at 04:16 PM