

**To Those I Love And
Those Who Love Me**

When I am gone, release me, let me go,
I have many things to see and do
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears.
Be happy that we had so many years.

I gave to you my love. You can only guess
How much you gave me in happiness
I thank you for the love you each 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 time 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 will hear
All of my love around you soft and clear.

And then, when you come this way alone....
I'll greet you with a smile and say,
"WELCOME HOME"



Gettysburg, South Dakota
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In Loving Memory
Margery Ann Houck

August 8, 1933 January 10, 2025
Gregory, South Dakota Gettysburg, South Dakota

WAKE: 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 14, 2025
Sacred Heart Catholic Church ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota

ROSARY: Rose Schatz

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL:
1:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 15, 2025
Sacred Heart Catholic Church ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota

OFFICIATING: Fr. Brian Simon

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Paul Houck

LECTOR: Dillon Kjerstad

OFFERTORY: Courtney Kjerstad, Kiara Wanner, and Katie Waters

MASS SERVERS: Rayson Sheehan and Kolson Hawkinson

CASKET BEARERS:
Kerry Larson, Michael Larson, Chad Christopherson,
Andrew Christopherson, Michael Schlachter, and Steve Kunstle

PLACING OF THE PALL: Marge's Children
Cathy Larson, Paul Houck, and Beth Christopherson

MUSICIANS: Colleen Simon and Lexie Vogel

HYMNS: "How Great Thou Art" "Be Not Afraid"
"On Eagle's Wings" "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"
"Song of Farewell" "Amazing Grace"

INTERMENT: Gettysburg Cemetery
Gettysburg, South Dakota

Margery A. Houck, 91, of Gettysburg, passed away Friday, January 10, 2025, at the Avera Oahe Manor, Gettysburg. She passed peacefully surrounded by her loving family.

Margery Ann Drey was born August 8, 1933, to Milo E. and Mildred (Gatzemeyer) Drey in Gregory, South Dakota. She grew up with one brother, Jim, and two sisters, Mary Lou, and Fran. She attended school and graduated from Scotland High School in 1950. Margery attended USD from 1950-1954, graduating with a degree in Elementary Education. While at USD, she was involved in many activities and had many honors. Her most notable were being a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority and being elected Miss Vanity Fair. She taught school in Vermillion, San Tome, Venezuela, and Lawton, Oklahoma.

On January 21, 1956, Margery married Robert Houck in Scotland, South Dakota. They first made their home in Vermillion, where Bob finished law school. They then moved to Gettysburg, where she raised her family, helped at the abstract/law office, and served on many committees.

Marge was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church where she was actively involved with the religious education program for many years. She attended daily mass on a regular basis until her health no longer allowed it. She will be remembered for her strong faith and the way she instilled that belief in her children and grandchildren.

Family and family values were extremely important to Marge. She was the pillar of support within her family. She enjoyed any time spent with her children and grandchildren, especially during the holidays. She always made the days special---costuming as a witch to pass out Halloween treats, having a "live" Santa to come to visit each year on Christmas Eve, and even allowing Bob to get the grandchildren bunnies at Easter. She loved life and gave us such an appreciation for family and holidays.

Marge loved the color red, geraniums in the summer, and dressing in her finest. She was known for bows in her hair, being an excellent cook, and entertaining as the most gracious hostess.

Marge is survived by her husband, Bob, of Gettysburg; her children, Cathy (Kerry) Larson, Paul (Dianne) Houck all of Gettysburg, and Beth (Chad) Christopherson of Scottsdale, AZ; five grandchildren: Michael (Carly) Larson, Courtney (Dillon) Kjerstad, Kiara (Brian) Wanner, Katie (Justin) Waters, and Andrew Christopherson; step grandchildren: Jen Cornett (fiancé, Jamie Wiechmann) and Kari (Jordan) Nehls; 11 great grandchildren, Quinn, Leah, Brooks Michael, Kendra, Kaden, Grayson, Taelyn, Maddie, Carson, Brooks, and Charlie; and step great grandchildren: Jackson, Ella, Laila, Brittyn, and Dru.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother, Jim, and two sisters, Mary Lou and Fran.

Memorials may be directed to Keep Hope Local, 127 Hilltop Dr, Gettysburg, SD 57442.

