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Josephine Mikeska of Longview died Oct. 6 at the age of 93 at Highland Pines Nursing Center in Longview. Her funeral Mass is scheduled for Oct. 9 at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Longview. Visitation with the family will begin at 6 p.m. on Oct. 8 at Rader Funeral Home in Longview, followed by a Rosary at 7PM at the funeral home. Interment will follow funeral services at Rosewood Park Cemetery, Longview.

Mrs. Mikeska, the daughter of Jacob and Josephine Bernauer Wernet, was born in Waco on March 19, 1917. She attended Sacred Heart Academy in Waco and began playing the violin as a child. She graduated from Waco High School in 1934. She received a business degree and worked as a bookkeeper for a Waco insurance company before she married.

She also studied music at Baylor University and was a violinist with the Baylor Symphony Orchestra. Later in life, she played first violin with the Longview Symphony Orchestra for 15 years. An avid artist, she shared her artwork with her family. She loved working in her yard and her home. She was an organic gardener long before it became popular.

She was a homemaker and the beloved wife of the late Marvin Mikeska, a Longview homebuilder and civic leader. Mrs. Mikeska especially loved the years before their seven Mikeska children left home. When she was younger, she was active in the Catholic church. She enjoyed preparing children for their First Communion and taught religious education classes. She was a member of St. Anthony's and later St. Mary's Church in the Alter Society, the Ladies Guild and the Catholic Daughters. Josephine Mikeska and her husband were members of the Papal Knights of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. In 1988, she and her husband had an audience with Pope John Paul II during a pilgrimage to Rome and the Holy Land with the Holy Sepulchre.



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Survivors include two daughters and their husbands, Jeanie and Paul Folzenlogen of Longview, and Elaine and Ron Jackson of Lufkin, four living sons and their wives, David and Glenda Mikeska of Austin, Marvin and Martha Mikeska of Burke, Va., Brian and Mary Mikeska of Austin, and Michael Mikeska of Austin, and the late Tony Mikeska, 18 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren, a sister, Catherine Morris of California, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Her sons and sons-in-law will serve as pallbearers at the funeral. Internment will be at Rosewood Cemetery.

The family is thankful to the third floor nursing staff at Highland Pines Nursing Center, especially J.J. Strong, Vickie Townzen, and Wanda Davis, for their excellent care.

Memorials may be sent to the Longview Junior League Sustainers' Scholarship, St. Mary's School in Longview, Longview Symphony, or the Monastery of the Infant Jesus in Lufkin.



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Anonymous posted:

Our deepest condolences to the Mikeska & Folzenlogen family for your loss. I pray your wonderful memories will comfort you during this time. Our love and prayers go out to all of you.##imported-begin##Susan & Ryan Neugebauer##imported-end##

October 15 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear friends,I was so sorry to read about Jo's passing. I was out of town for 6 days and just learned of it when I got back.She was such a lovely lady. Our condolences go out to all in your family.##imported-begin##Bob & Shirley Allen##imported-end##

October 11 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Our prayers and thoughts are with you.##imported-begin##Susan & Nicholas Torres##imported-end##

October 8 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Jeannie, It was an honor to take care of your mother. I wish I had known her sooner, to hear her play the violin. I knew and saw her paintings that were beautiful. She will be missed. My prayers are with you and all your family. If you need me, you know where to find me. May God keep you close at this time of need. Vickie##imported-begin##vickie townzen##imported-end##

October 8 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Michael,Knowing where you come from explains much. What a wonderful blessing you had in your mother. My prayers are with you and your family as you share your grief and loving memories.##imported-begin##Jane Ladik##imported-end##

October 7 at 7:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

You have been in our prayers and thoughts. The write up in the paper is so special. What a loving, talented and sharing lady she was. Love to all of you.##imported-begin##Brenda and Michael Liverman##imported-end##

October 7 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Marvin and familyOur thoughts and prayers are with you."When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure. "##imported-begin##Bryan Brennon##imported-end##

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Josephine by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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