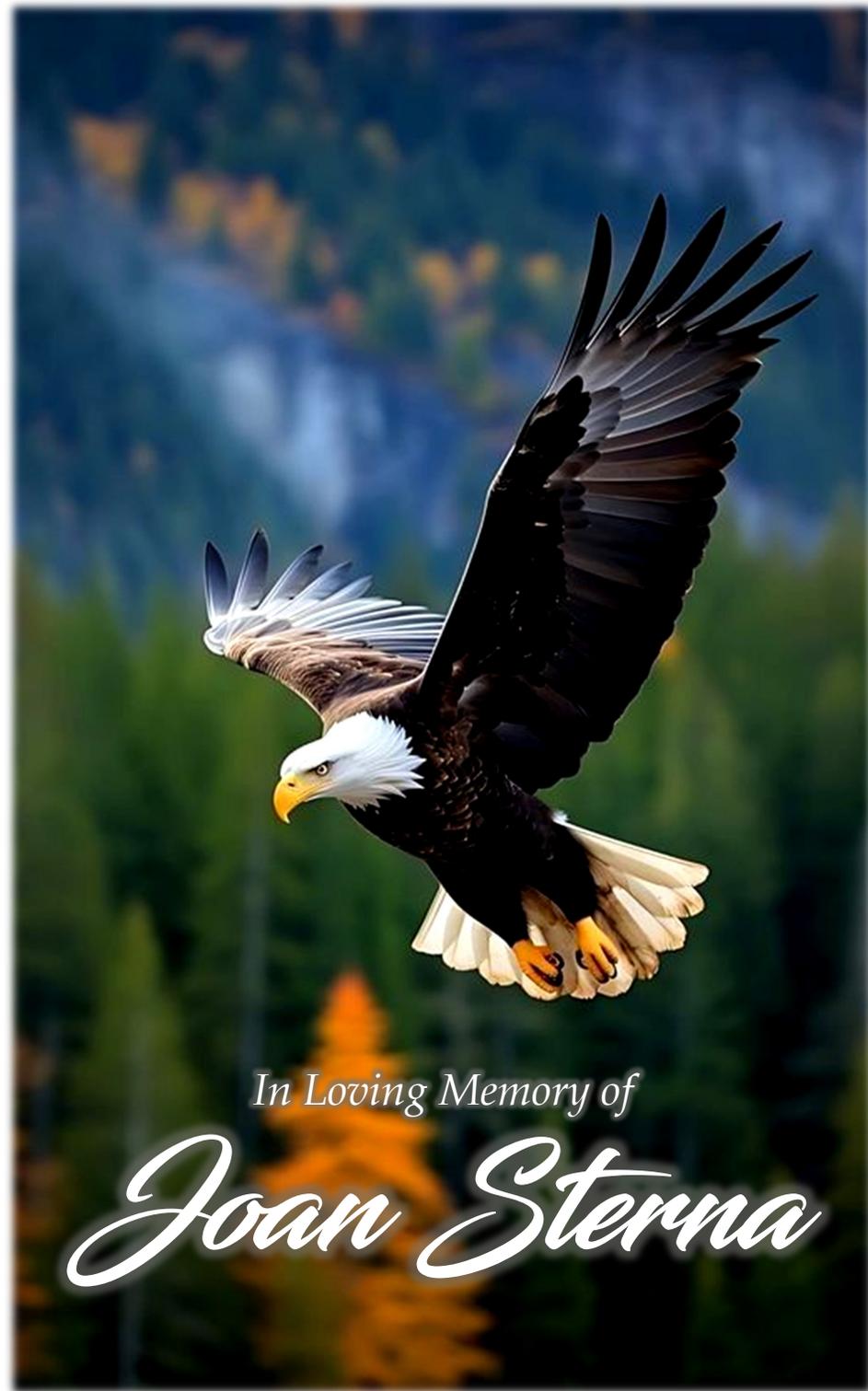


*Don't grieve for me for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard him call,
I turned my back and left it all
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of day
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life's been full, I've savored much,
Good friends, good times, my loved one's touch
If my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your heart, rejoice with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.*

by Anne Lindgren Davison



In Loving Memory of

Joan Sterna



Celebrating the Life of Joan Sterna

Funeral Service

11:00 AM, Tuesday, September 30, 2025

Weigel Funeral Home, Mandan, North Dakota

Officiant

Deacon Jim Belohlavek

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9 ~ Morgan Clagett

Psalms 23:1-3, 4, 5, 6 ~ Karley Sterna

1 Corinthians 15: 20-23 ~ Erin Remboldt

John 14:1-6

Graveside Service

Private Family Service

St. John's Cemetery, Mandan, ND

Casketbearers

Chad Helbling

Mitch Helbling

Mark Helbling

Doug Remboldt

Deacon Jim Belohlavek

Levi Clagett

Joan Marie Sterna, age 89, passed away peacefully on September 26, 2025, surrounded by her loved ones.

Joan was born October 9, 1935, to Fien and Rose (Preabt) Taghon. A lifelong Mandan resident, she graduated from Mandan High School in 1953. In 1961, she married John Sterna. Joan was known for her quiet strength and warmth, which she shared with everyone around her. She was dearly loved by all the staff at Edgewood in Mandan, where she spent her later years and left a lasting impression with her kind and gentle spirit.

Joan was blessed to be able to stay home with her children until they were older. She then went to work as a bookkeeper, retiring from RSVP in 2001. Joan had a lifelong love for gardening and spent many happy hours tending to her flowers and vegetables. She also enjoyed canning and took pride in sharing her homemade goods with family and friends. Most of all, she loved being surrounded by her family—those moments brought her the greatest joy.

Joan is survived by her three children, Dave Sterna, Laura (Mark) Helbling, and Amy (Doug) Remboldt; her beloved grandchildren: Kari (Gary), Chad (Brittney), Mitchell (Ashlyn), Karley (Preston), Morgan (Levi), Kim, and Erin; and great grandchildren, Taylor, Peyton, Makena, Clarke, Finn, and Lucy.

Joan was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, John, in 2020; her parents; and her sister, Jean.

Joan will be deeply missed and fondly remembered for the love she gave, the traditions she passed on, and the quiet joy she brought to all who knew her.



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