



Margaret Ann Forrester

April 6, 1933 - April 22, 2017

Margaret A. (Pitonyak) Forrester, age 84, of Grand Ledge Michigan, died on April 22, 2017, surrounded by the love of her family.

Marge was born in Niagara Falls NY on April 6, 1933, daughter to John and Anna (Dolak) Pitonyak, and sister to John Pitonyak, Dorothy Podsiadlo, Mary Nowak, and Barbara Trubisky. It was in Niagara Falls that she met and fell in love with her beloved Fred, her husband of 61 years. Marge graduated from Buffalo General School of Nursing and it was there that she honed the art of compassionate nursing, which she used throughout her life, in everything she did. Marge and Fred have nine children, each possessing a university education, and twelve grandchildren, all of whom bring light and love to their grandparents' lives. In addition, they have an extended circle of family and countless friends who contribute loving richness to their lives.

She is preceded in death by her husband, her parents, and her sisters Dorothy and Mary. Marge is survived by their children: Mary Ann and John (Akron OH); Eileen (Verona PA); Rick and Linda (Canonsburg PA) and their sons Eric and Kevin; Joe and Adriana (Falls Church VA) and son Shane; Betty and Bill (Rockford IL) and their children Seth and Anna; Pat (Fenton MI); Kathleen and Daniel (Tomball TX) and their son Alex; Tom and Paula (Cohasset MA) and their daughters Jillian and Allyson; and Tim and Kelley (Bloomfield Hills MI) and their sons Blake, Macklin, and Riley.

Marge was committed to your cause--unrelenting in her support and unequivocal in her conviction. Her compassion was without restriction and her love consistent, unconditional yet not blind. She consumed the joy her children and grandchildren provided her and celebrated your success with unbridled passion, while maintaining dignity, grace, and humility. Marge was the consummate "Mama Bear" vigilant in protecting her den--which extended to all of humanity. Her professional commitment extended in every aspect of her life, and lived to serve under any circumstances to aid and comfort those in need. Marge was always available to provide a calming ear, a soothing word, or the answer that seemed to be unfindable in terms that were simple and relatable. She demanded excellence in education and commitment to others. No one would laugh more sincerely than Marge, nor could anyone walk away from Marge without realizing they just made a lifelong friend. She became your advocate and biggest fan. Marge and Fred's behaviors defined salt of the earth and demonstrated the greatest love story ever lived.

In lieu of flowers, and in keeping with Fred and Marge's dedication to education and their community, donors are asked to make donations to the chosen religious institution or charitable organization within the donor's community, just as Fred and Marge have done throughout their lives with Sacred Heart, St. Mary's, St. Benedict's, and most recently with St. Michael's. Visitation will be held on Thursday April 27, 2017 from 2-4 pm and 6-9 pm at Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home at 406 N. Bridge St, Grand Ledge MI with a Scripture Service at 8 pm. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 am at St Michael's Catholic Parish 345 Edwards St Grand Ledge on Friday April 28, 2017; family will receive guests at the church for one hour prior to the service.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 27. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home & Cremation Services
406 N. Bridge Street
Grand Ledge, MI 48837
(517) 627-2531
jasonbarclay@holihanatkin.com
<https://www.holihanatkin.com>

Visitation

APR 27. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Service

APR 27. 8:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

APR 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Saint Michael Catholic Church
345 Edwards Street
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Service

APR 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

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345 Edwards Street
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Tribute Wall



“ *Wishes for comfort from happy, beautiful memories of my Aunt Marge and godmother.*

Angels, where you soar
Up to God's own light,
Take my own lost bird
On your hearts tonight;
And as grief once more
Mounts to heaven and sings,
Let my love be heard
Whispering in your wings.

Marcia Podsiadlo - April 27, 2017 at 10:49 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Margaret Ann Forrester.*



April 26, 2017 at 04:17 PM



“ *Dear Rick And Joe,*

So sorry to hear of your mothers passing. Keeping you and your families in our thoughts and prayers. God bless.

*Peter Gammon
gfs2020@aol.com
(740)706-6943*

peter gammon - April 26, 2017 at 01:13 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Margaret Ann Forrester.*



April 26, 2017 at 10:30 AM



“ *For several years Marge and I were co-workers as RN's on the then Women's Pavilion at Sparrow Hospital. She was indeed a very loving, caring, knowledgeable nurse who cared deeply for the individuals for whom she was providing care. I have many cherished memories of her and she was one that indeed loved her family and had a very strong faith. Now she has transitioned to life eternal with God and joins her beloved husband, Fred. May you truly feel the comfort of the Holy Spirit and the love and care of family and friends as you journey through this sad time of loss, grief and mourning. Slowly, quietly and gently may you find peace.*

*God's Blessings and Love,
Mary Ann Avery*

Mary Ann Avery - April 25, 2017 at 07:14 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Margaret Ann Forrester.*



April 25, 2017 at 06:14 PM

LF

“ Love, The Nowak/Maurer Families purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Margaret Ann Forrester.



Love, The Nowak/Maurer Families - April 25, 2017 at 04:12 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Margaret Ann Forrester.



April 25, 2017 at 03:53 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Margaret Ann Forrester.



April 25, 2017 at 03:49 PM

JS

“ Hello Forrester family,

How saddened I was to hear of first your Dad's and now Mother's passing. What a wonderful couple of people and I am truly blessed to have known them.

I have treasured many fond memories of your parents - and you all, and will continue to do so. I'm very thankful to have lived next door to your family for several years in Marietta.

Some of the most fun during my childhood... At times, you probably thought I was one of your family, especially on "spaghetti night", and while playing ball, kick the can and/or whatever!

Your Mom had a wonderful spirit about her; giving, compassionate and full of life - I can still see the sparkle in her eyes and her laughter when something tickled her.

She sure loved all you kids, as was evident in how she cared deeply in family.

May the Lord add his blessings to you all as you gather and remember your mom... and your dad, for they truly walked together through this life as very special people; and they are now inseparable indeed.

With all my love and heartfelt sympathy from our family to yours,

Jon Shuler

jshu14@gmail.com

317-361-0348

Jon Shule - April 25, 2017 at 02:44 PM

YF

“ Your 10u Fury Softball Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Margaret Ann Forrester.



Your 10u Fury Softball Family - April 25, 2017 at 01:19 PM

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“ Sending lots of hugs & prayers to Betty and her family during this very sad time.
From your Stateline Fury softball family.

Fury 10u - April 25, 2017 at 12:08 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Margaret Ann Forrester.



April 25, 2017 at 09:38 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Margaret Ann Forrester.



April 24, 2017 at 06:37 PM



“ *Sacred Garden Spray was purchased for the family of Margaret Ann Forrester.*



April 24, 2017 at 02:30 PM



“ *Cheryl's Classic Large Dessert Tray was purchased for the family of Margaret Ann Forrester.*



April 24, 2017 at 02:01 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Margaret Ann Forrester.*



April 24, 2017 at 01:16 PM



“ *Sending my deepest sympathy to the family especially Pat....you resemble this beautiful lady. I can only imagine how amazing she was because she created someone like you. Sending love and prayers.*

Lisa Guyton - April 24, 2017 at 12:44 PM

KV

“ Dear Pat Forrester-so sorry to learn of your mother's passing. May your memories sustain you and may God's blessings be with you and your family during this difficult time, and always! Praying for you and thinking of you. Fondly-Karen Vargas

Karen Vargas - April 24, 2017 at 12:41 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray* was purchased for the family of Margaret Ann Forrester.



April 24, 2017 at 12:36 PM

CR

“ *Dear Pat,*

May wonderful memories sustain you through this difficult time. You, and your family, are in my prayers.

Sincerely,

Chris Rough



Christine Rough - April 24, 2017 at 12:23 PM

SF

“ *Sister Barbara & the Trubisky family. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Margaret Ann Forrester.*



Sister Barbara & the Trubisky family. - April 23, 2017 at 06:35 PM

BS

“ *Aunt Marge was an awesome lady. She was supportive and caring and always interested in what we all were doing. She was special and will be greatly missed!*
Niece Betsy Podsiadlo Sands

Betsy Sands - April 23, 2017 at 03:12 PM

CN

“ *Deepest condolences to the family. From the youngest Newman girl -the other big family on the other side of Shawnee Village in Devola, many years ago.* 🙏❤️🙏

Cathy Newman-Cawley - April 23, 2017 at 01:11 PM