



Margaret "Marge" Riester Brumleve

June 12, 1926 - July 13, 2013

Margaret "Marge" Riester Brumleve, 87, died Saturday, July 13, in Bloomington Hospital.

The widow of John E. "Jack" Brumleve, she had lived in Bloomington since 1958. Born June 12, 1926, in Washington, Ind., to Mary A. Dunkel Riester (Beuligmann) and Andrew Riester, she was one of seven children. Marge graduated from St. Vincent School of Nursing in Indianapolis in 1947 and married Jack later that year. In Indianapolis, she worked as a nurse at St. Vincent Hospital and in physicians' offices.

In Bloomington after her children were raised, Marge worked as a nurse in the office of Dr. Paul Holtzman.

Marge was a member of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, where she served for many years as a Eucharistic minister. She was a Benedictine Oblate. Marge was a volunteer with the American Red Cross for more than 25 years and was active with St. Vincent de Paul and Shalom Center. She delivered Meals on Wheels for many years. In 2005, she was honored by Hospice of Bloomington for 500 hours of volunteer work.

She enjoyed playing bridge and tennis and was a long-time member of Bloomington YMCA, where she attended exercise classes several times a week until moving to Bell Trace Senior Living Center in 2012.

Marge treasured time with family, including daughters Jane (Jack) Lichtenberg of Indianapolis and Ann (Mark) Anderson of Marietta, Ga., and sons Mark (Debbie), of North Richland Hills, Texas, Paul (Terri) of Indianapolis, and John (Teresa Creek) of Bloomington. Marge enjoyed spending time with her 10 grandchildren, including granddaughters Brooke Brumleve Ragas (Todd), Gabrielle Anderson, and Mary Claire and Laura Brumleve, and grandsons Brian, Andrew (Molly South), John, Eric and Will Brumleve and Quinn Anderson. She was thrilled when her great-grandchildren, Luke Ragas and Hayden Brumleve, were born.

Marge also is survived by sister, Sharon (Stephen) Terry, Carmel, and brother Jim (Mary Agnes) Riester of Indianapolis. She was preceded in death by her husband and parents, sister Catherine Shappard, brothers Norbert, Paul and Vincent Riester, and good friend George Ringer.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 AM Wednesday July 17, 2013 at St. Charles, with calling at the church from 10:00AM until the time of the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to Bloomington St. Vincent de Paul 1413 East 17th Street, Bloomington, Indiana 47408.

Allen Funeral Home is handling the arrangements and online condolences may be sent to the family at www.allenfuneralhome.org.

Tribute Wall

HA

“ *To Marge Brumleve's Family:*

Please accept my great sympathy on the death of your beloved Marge. I knew Marge just from the time she moved into Bell Trace, but am so glad I knew her--even for just a short time. She was such a gentle, sweet tempered woman--a real joy to talk with, as I did at a number of meals at Bell Trace and also at exercise classes. It was hard for me to see her health decline. She never complained and I know she tried as hard as she could to improve her health. I enjoyed hearing stories of her family members and of the great pleasure she had in going to the family cabin in Brown County. I hope the many wonderful memories you must have of Marge will help comfort you in this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Harriet S. Pfister

Harriet Pfister - October 26, 2015 at 04:10 PM

PI

“ *Dear John and Teresa,*

We are so sorry to hear about your mother. Please know we are thinking of you and sending you and your family prayers.

Pila and Mark Gunderson

Pila Gunderson - October 26, 2015 at 04:10 PM

DO

“ Paul,
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family as you grieve your mothers passing. I'm visiting my Mom (she's 80) in Columbus this weekend and will hug her a little longer than usual this time.
May God's peace and comfort be yours!

Donna Stambaugh - October 26, 2015 at 04:10 PM

MI

“ Mark, Jane, Paul, John, Ann and family My thoughts and prayers are with you all

Michael Walls - October 26, 2015 at 04:10 PM

BA

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Bob & Adele Fernandez - October 26, 2015 at 04:10 PM

RO

“ So sorry to read about the passing of your mother. I lived in the same subdivision on Fairway Lane. May God grant you peace during this difficult time.

Ron Messmer

Ronald Messmer - October 26, 2015 at 04:10 PM

BV

“ I am so sorry to hear about Marge's passing. She was such a dear person and wonderful friend to my mom! We have many fond memories of her caring spirit. You will all be in our thoughts and prayers.

Barbara Phillippe Voget - October 26, 2015 at 04:10 PM

PA

“ *Very sorry to hear about this. Hope you are all doing ok and let's just try to remember the good times. And with Marge, it was all good, such a sweet sweet lady. I just loved her laugh. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

Pat Kohlstedt - October 26, 2015 at 04:10 PM

LI

“ *Hello Mark,
I read your mom's obituary, what a wonderful, giving life she had! She is adorable! I am so sorry for your loss! I know the pain and it is not fun at all. God bless you all as you say goodbye to your very special mom. May the grace of God hold you all up and may God's perpetual light shine on her for all eternity!*

Linda Allen - October 26, 2015 at 04:10 PM

RO

“ *We are so sorry to hear of your mother's passing, Paul. God be with you and your family during this most difficult time. May she be at peace and may your memories bring you comfort. You are in our prayers. Roe and Pat O'Connor*

Rosa O'Connor - October 26, 2015 at 04:10 PM

RO

“ *To the Families of Margaret Brumleve. In your time of loss my thoughts and prayers are with you. A Glorious Life such as this is truly destined for a reunion in Heaven. Blessings,*

Ron Young - October 26, 2015 at 04:10 PM

DO

“ *John,*
Sorry for the loss of your mom, se was a sweet kind lady.

Donnie Goodwin - October 26, 2015 at 04:10 PM

PM

“ Dear Brumleve Family,

We are so deeply sorry to hear the news of the loss of your precious mother from my mom's former caregiver, Laura Pedersen. We had not been aware that your mom had been ill. I had been sending her some sweet cards she had sent to Mom over the years for birthdays and other occasions and pictures of them both on trips and in different settings that I have been finding as I go through Mom's things. Your mom was such a dear friend to Mom and on one of my last phone conversations with her over a year ago, we revisited their common connection with so many experiences; St. Vincent Nursing School, St. Charles, RN Club, Bridge Club, Tennis Club, Elderhostel trips, and on and on! Your mom visited my mother in the hospital one week before she passed and I remember watching them both visiting and appreciating how much your mom's visit lifted and comforted Mom. They had their own level of conversation based on their long friendship. I enjoyed all of the visits I had in past years with your mom when our paths would cross during visits to B-ton. Your mom was such a giver and was continually doing so much for others. Beside her giving spirit, I admired her energy, her gentle, caring, and fun-loving temperament, adventurous nature, and her deep Catholic faith. She was one special lady who will be greatly missed. Your mom talked about you all frequently and you were clearly the light of her life!

It has only been 1 1/2 years since we lost Mom and she is still so dearly missed by us all. Your mom was one who was also touched by Mom's passing due to the years of friendship they shared and we all appreciated what a gift that ongoing, loyal friendship was.

Again, sending our deepest condolences--know that your mom truly enriched the life of my own mother as well as the lives of so many others. Also sending you blessings as you navigate through these difficult days. We will be keeping you close in thought and prayer and are sorry that distance won't allow us to attend the funeral on Wednesday.

Blessings always,

Patty Phillippe-Champion & Family

Patricia (and Michael) Phillippe-Champion - October 26, 2015 at 04:10 PM

MA

“ *Mark & Family*

So sorry to hear of the loss of your beautiful mother.

She was a class act and the memories that she and my mother shared both from Washington, both at St Vincents nursing school and St. Charles, Bridge and Tennis are so precious now.

I am sure they are starting a big bridge game in heaven now.

Will keep you all in our prayers.

Mark Phillippe - October 26, 2015 at 04:10 PM