



Margie Dierkhising

May 30, 1927 - April 14, 2020

A private family graveside service will be held in the St. Boniface Parish Cemetery for Margie Dierkhising, age 92 who died Tuesday, April 14 at Assumption Home surrounded by her family.

Margie was born in St. Martin, MN to Henry and Mary (Meyer) Thelen on May 30, 1927. Growing up on the “home place”, she worked in the family businesses cleaning at the St. Martin Garage, and driving the delivery truck for the family dairy business, delivering milk, cream, and butter in and around St. Martin. She cared for the cows and pigs and chickens and had a love of animals her whole life.

She had a strong sense of family. Margie spent a lot of time with her maternal grandfather, translating for him news and radio programs from English to German.

Margie was a fast learner and had a memory like a steel trap. The time spent with her mother cooking and sewing, and quilting led to perhaps her greatest attribute. They would talk of their German roots and the many branches that grew from their family tree. Margie had a map in her head that allowed her to go forward and back in time, tracing family lineage through the generations. Not only did she know the origins and order of her family, but also those of many other Stearns County families. She never forgot a birthday or anniversary. Her knowledge was instrumental in the writing and publishing of the tome of her family’s history. It also led directly to the Thelen family sesquicentennial celebration in 2012.

Her Catholic faith was extremely important to her. She acknowledged all Holy Days, and believed strongly in “the power of prayer” and attended mass regularly.

Margie married Martin Dierkhising on October 12th, 1948 in St. Martin. They made their home in Cold Spring. She was a devoted and loving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

She enjoyed quilting, playing cards, flowers, watching wildlife and the Minnesota Twins.

She was a water aerobics instructor at the AmericInn for many years. She was a member of the Christian Mothers and the American Legion Auxiliary. She also volunteered for the local bloodmobile for many years.

Margie is survived by her children Joanne (Val) Bednarski of Ramsey; Paul (Sue) of St. Cloud; Mary Kay Zwack of Minneapolis; Kevin (Debbi) of Cold Spring; John (Janet) of Cold Spring; 9 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren, brother Ossie Thelen of St. Joseph, sisters-in-law Fran Thelen and Alvina Dierkhising and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Martin (2010); siblings Valerius, Martin, Elizabeth Dold and Otto.

Margie's family would like to thank the Assumption Campus for the love and care they gave her.

Mach's Gut

Cemetery

St. Boniface Parish Cemetery

Cold Spring, MN, 56320

Comments



“ My sympathy to Paul and the Dierkhising and Thelen families with the passing of Margie.

I first knew Margie when we lived in the rental duplex home next to their rental duplex home on 2nd Avenue South many moons ago. She always treated us little munchkins well.

A long life well lived, RIP Margie.

John W Decker - April 16, 2020 at 05:36 PM



“ Margie’s unending warmth and love was like a comforting blanket on a cold winter day, welcoming and nurturing. She was a part of my life, and all the Forner family’s lives from the beginning. In my childhood scrapbook, I still have the card that she and Martin sent when I was born. Whether I was still living in the area or whether I was living elsewhere and she would not see me for years, when I came back, she always remembered who I was and I was always greeted and welcomed home.

Margie has been a godsend to my mother, Lois, especially in the years that they shared living in Assumption Court and later Assumption Home. She cared for Mom. She looked after Mom in so many small and wonderful ways. She is the epitome of a true and blessed friend.

My condolences to all of the Dierkhising family and to all who loved her. From the distance we all find ourselves keeping these days, I will be joining you in spirit by remembering her and celebrating her presence in my life. Oh, how she will be missed!

Rita Forner Schulte

RS - April 16, 2020 at 08:34 AM



“ When my mother Teresa Dingmann passed away I joined the card group with Margie, Bernelda Kuhl, Judi and my aunts Lil and Sr Leonore. We sure had fun playing 500 but I cherished the conversations about the St. Martin girls and all stories about how they grew up. After Bernelda passed away I would stop to visit Margie from time to time, she was so wonderful to visit with, a very smart lady. I will miss her.

Dianne Dingmann
Plymouth, MN

dianne dingmann - April 15, 2020 at 10:39 PM



“ As Margie's niece, I was the recipient of her love of family. I always felt very much at home in hers. I enjoyed her wonderful German meals, comfortable bed, and listened to the family lore. It has been especially precious since her brother, my dad, Martin, died at a young age. She will be missed!

Rosanne Haynes - April 15, 2020 at 06:22 PM



“ Shortly after I started at Assumption a few years ago I heard my maiden name being mentioned in the hallway of the nursing home. I walked out of a room and she said, “Oh there you are!” I had not seen her in years after living down south for quite some time, but someone had mentioned I worked there and she wanted to see that indeed I was there. I was so amazed that she looked for me. She had walked all the way from her apartment to the farthest end of the nursing home. And after all those years she mentioned that Judy and I were classmates. Her memory was astounding! I loved her greetings and interest about the details of our family's lives. She would always end the conversation with I'm praying for you. What a blessing she was. Her prayers will continue to be fulfilled in our lives for years to come. May the Lord comfort all of you.

Amy Forner Thomas - April 15, 2020 at 05:57 PM



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