



Margaret E. Stalzer

December 30, 1933 - March 23, 2011

Visitation for Margaret E. "Marge" Stalzer, 77, of Manteno, formerly of Chicago and Bourbonnais, will be from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Manteno. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manteno. Burial will be in All Saints Cemetery, Bourbonnais. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Lung Association or Hospice of Kankakee Valley. She died Wednesday (March 23, 2011) at Momence Meadows Nursing Center. Mrs. Stalzer was a homemaker and valued her family. She was born Dec. 30, 1933, in Chicago, the daughter of Richard and Margaret Mahoney Ahern. She enjoyed reading and music, and earlier in life, she liked to dance. Margaret loved fishing, the mountains and driving anywhere. She was admired and greatly loved by all her nieces and nephews. "Aunt Margie" was a favorite! She loved to laugh and tell stories with everybody, sing in the car and dance the jitterbug with her husband. She fawned over all her grandchildren. Surviving are her husband, Joseph P. Stalzer, whom she married Sept. 4, 1954, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Chicago; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Joseph M. Stalzer, of Tinley Park, Mark R. and Karen Stalzer, of New Lenox, and John E. and Suzanne Stalzer, of Chicago; two daughters, Margaret "Peg" Stalzer, of Watseka, Mary E. Stalzer, of Chicago; 12 grandchildren, Christina (Christopher) Husenger, Jason Pacholski, Joseph Stalzer, Jonathan Stalzer, Alexander Stalzer, Jennifer Stalzer, Nicholas (Amy) Pacholski, Katherine Stalzer, Mark Stalzer, Andrew (Melany) Pacholski, Bryan

Stalzer and Donald Stalzer; five great-grandchildren, Mark, Madelyn, Natalie, Logan and Keagan; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Maureen and Mike Petrizzo, of Tinley Park, and Marylynne and Bob Cedar, of West Virginia; one brother and sister-in-law, James Ahern, of Helena, Mont., and Ann Marie Ahern, of Tinley Park. She was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Mary Jean Bright; and three brothers, Richard Ahern, John F. Ahern and Lawrence Ahern.

Cemetery Details

All Saints Cemetery

1839 W. Route 102
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-2342

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 28. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Manteno - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
291 N. Main St.
Manteno, IL 60950
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Mass

MAR 29. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Church
207 S. Main St.
Manteno, IL 60950
(815) 468-3403
<http://www.stjosephmanteno.com>

Tribute Wall

SV

“ *Hi Mary--this is Danielle's hubby Sam. I just wanted to wish you peace in this time of sorrow--know that I am praying for you and your family.*

Samuel Varnado - March 28, 2011 at 03:04 PM

JF

“ *Marge was one of the most committed and caring frineds my Mom, Vi Franklin, ever had. It was truly a blessing for my family when Marge and Joe became caregivers for my Dad, Gordon Franklin. More than caregivers, they became friends to the entire Franklin family. Though she will be missed here on earth, there is much rejoicing in Heaven as Marge is safely home.*

Joe Franklin - March 27, 2011 at 09:42 PM

PS

“ Mom was the original "junk food junkie"...and it was something that always changed....I can remember when she went thru 1-2 gallons of icecream within one week...seriously..she could never have just one cone before dinner, it was always 2..and another after dinner. She loved to make sundaes when we were kids..we always had hot fudge, caramel and a can of whip cream in the fridge. As time went by,, her cravings went to gummi bears (always had a bag in her purse)..Ensure..she loved that stuff too, Easter is coming up...so she would be buying 2-3 packages of peeps every time she went to a store, and the chocolate covered eggs were another favorite. My fav story to tell of her foodie binges was a couple of yrs ago , i was attempting yet another fat free diet,, so i picked up a box of snackwell devils food cookies...mom saw it..tried it and like them,, soo next time i would get them ,, i got an extra box or two...,,well it came down to her asking me to buy her 4-5 boxes, since i was going out i said sure, came back with 5 boxes of snackwell devils food cookies,, the very next day..she called me at work..asking if i would please get her some more.."MORE???" .."MOM!! i just bought you 5 boxes yesterday afternoon????...did dad or the boys get into your stash?? ..No....she went thru 5 boxes of cookies in less than a 24hr period!!....I told her..you really got a problem!!..OK...i told her , i'll get more...but please!!, pace yourself!!

Peg Stalzer - March 27, 2011 at 07:21 PM

MJ

That is a woman after my own heart! She is in a good place now - with endless Snackwells!! We love you Aunt Margie! Margaret Jennings

Margaret Jennings - March 28, 2011 at 10:11 PM

MS

“ I will share with all my last conversation's I had with my mom a couple of days before she passed. My Dad and I were sititng by her bedside as we talked about how she was gettitn stronger everyday,actually gaining some weight back from the 10 pounds or so she had lost the month before. We had just returned from lunch, where she almost ate her whole lunch plate (chicken and rice). She was in a good spirit, still had an appetite even after lunch (downed the milkshake we had for her!!!). Some of the topics of conversation were...grandkids, Bo her favorite dog (Poochie a close second), Judy the nurse who she called sweatheart,old neighbors from Chicago, her cell phone that she could not get to work, the trouble my brothers and cousins (Babureks) used to get into,and my Dad's haircut. But she saved the best for last, as Dad and I were getting ready to leave (Mom was dozing in and out of sleep) she stated this to my Dad " the best thing that has ever happened to us was our kids Joe", my Dad noded his head and agreed before kissing her goodbye on the forehead with a "Love you, see you tomorrow". I feel fortunate that the last time I saw both my parents together they were giving each other a hug and kiss, and telling each other I love you. I will miss you Mom, especially on my birthdays when you would call and say "It was a day much lke today!"...Mark

Mark Stalzer - March 27, 2011 at 12:58 PM

PS

Yea...its gonna be difficult to have my Birthday next week and not get that phone call.

Peg Stalzer - March 27, 2011 at 07:50 PM

KS

What sweet stories - ! Wonderful, wonderful memories! My heart's going out to you! You were blessed with a wonderful family!
Kimberly (Nimz) Shor

Kimberly Shor - March 29, 2011 at 04:00 PM

HR

“ *Mary- We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Heidi and Oscar

Heidi Ramos - March 27, 2011 at 12:36 PM

VA

“ *Our family's thoughts and prayers are with Mary and the Staizer family at this time. We wish for peace and comfort for you at this difficult time.*



Vince & Tori Auricchio

Vince Auricchio - March 27, 2011 at 08:26 AM

MS

“ *I was in 5th grade (?) and dreading Ma being our class chaperone. Really dreading it. I knew what mom was going to do and she was too excited about it. She had a plan. The morning of, I slithered down in my seat as she was introduced by my teacher. Mom was so happy to be there. We went to the circus. As the show started, she pulled out an enormous bag of candy. I remember bulls-eyes and Twizzlers. My classmates talked about my mom and that bag of candy for weeks! Mom loved kids. She was a big kid!*

Mary Beth Stalzer - March 27, 2011 at 06:47 AM

TP

“ *Aunt Margie was always sneaking me a 1/2 dollar or Silver dollar for doing the littlest things..always made me feel special:)*

Terri Pearce - March 27, 2011 at 01:19 AM

TP

“ *Terri Pearce lit a candle in memory of Margaret E. Stalzer*



Terri Pearce - March 27, 2011 at 01:17 AM

CH

“ *Waking up at 5 am to watch the sunrise, playing with Bo, strawberry picking, and starting my coin collection. She will be missed...we all love you Grandma.*

Christina Husenger - March 26, 2011 at 10:06 AM

AP

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Andrew Pacholski - March 26, 2011 at 09:56 AM

TW

“ *I'll always remember your mom & dad taking the Wiggins' clan in when we moved back from Vegas and spoiling us with ice cream sundaes! She had more syrup flavors than Baskin Robbins !!*
Tom Wiggins

Tom Wiggins - March 26, 2011 at 09:55 AM

NP

“ Getting nailed with hail while we waited for a tornado by a ditch!

Miss you grandma!

Nick Pacholski - March 26, 2011 at 06:56 AM

MS

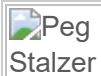
I too share that memory! In my experience, I was holding Chili while Grandma held the radio. I swear she enjoyed those dramatic storms out there in that mobile home!

Mary Beth Stalzer - March 26, 2011 at 08:25 AM

NP

haha, she sure did!

Nick Pacholski - March 26, 2011 at 08:29 AM

 Peg Stalzer

I recall thats when Nick pronounced he was gonna be a weather man or a tornado chaser! LOL

Peg Stalzer - March 26, 2011 at 08:45 AM

NP

haha, yea she sure straightened me out!

Nick Pacholski - March 26, 2011 at 09:09 AM

JC

“ *Were to start. She is very special. She taught me how to make a dog speak(Bo) and how to behave(monkey see monkey do) and the joys of frosting on graham crackers(Aunt Margie cookies). She helped us move and helped us adjust and lend a familiar face in a strange land(Georgia). Special indeed. But now she is comfy and always with us.*

Love always (all ways),

Aunt Marge

John Cedar - March 25, 2011 at 08:45 PM

KS

“ *Always there for you with a smile on your face! A second mother to me! She is loved and will be miss by my family and more!*



Kim Shaver - March 25, 2011 at 08:30 PM

 Peg
Stalzer

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Peg Stalzer - March 25, 2011 at 08:03 PM

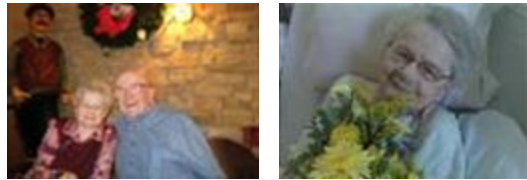
 Peg
Stalzer

Mom was her happiest when surrounded by family, always looked forward to seeing her grandkids...and her great grandkids.

Peg Stalzer - March 25, 2011 at 08:12 PM

MS

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Mary Beth Stalzer - March 25, 2011 at 07:09 PM

Peg
Stalzer

“ Missing my mom.... find myself just saying her name over ...and over.., Love you Mom

Peg Stalzer - March 25, 2011 at 06:51 PM

LR

“ I have 20 years of "favorite" memories so it is difficult to pick out a few. Marge and Joe quickly became more than friends to our family. I think of them more as family than just friends because they were so comfortable to be around. I thoroughly enjoyed every single lively conversation with Marge, whether it be in person or on the phone. We seemed to agree on everything. Marge was always fun to be around - upbeat, positive, lighthearted and you always knew she cared deeply. She was such a fun and loving person and a joy to be in the company of.

In spite of our age difference being 30+ years, she became one of my best friends. We were never at a loss for words when we chatted. I will miss her very much, but am rejoicing that she is healed. I smile to think of their reunion and how much fun her and my mom are having in heaven.

Lori Russell - March 25, 2011 at 04:00 PM

MS

Your family has been such a blessing in Mom and Dad's life. You know I have enormous affection for your parents. Our moms were in deed, sisters! I hold the Franklin family dear to my heart.

Mom loved to chat with you so much. She loved you and all the Franklins. Thank-you for your love and prayers,

Mary Beth

Mary Beth Stalzer - March 25, 2011 at 06:56 PM

MS

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Mary Beth Stalzer - March 25, 2011 at 07:24 AM

TW

“ *Love you Aunt Margie, going to miss you!!! I'll see you again one day and I'll bring the Far Side books and the Uno! xoxoxoxoxo Tami*

Tami Wiggins - March 24, 2011 at 09:10 AM