



## Mary Margaret Brown

February 5, 1918 - January 9, 2009

Mary Margaret Brown -- Herscher Mary Margaret Brown, 90, of Herscher, died Friday (Jan. 9, 2009) at the Miller Center in Kankakee. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. Wednesday until the 11 a.m. celebration of the memorial Mass at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Herscher. Father Mike Pennock will officiate. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church. Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais, is in charge of arrangements. She was born Feb. 5, 1918, in Bement, the daughter of Margaret Mary O'Connor Foran and William Patrick Foran. She is survived by her husband, John F. Brown, whom she married in Ivesdale, on Dec. 11, 1943. They celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary this last December, and he has lovingly cared for her for the last 20 years during her years of declining health. Prior to her marriage she was employed in the accounting department of Dr. N.B. Caldwell, Inc., in Monticello. She and her husband spent the early part of their married life in Monticello, where their three children were born. They moved to Herscher on July 4, 1963, and purchased the Herscher IGA. For many years, Mrs. Brown helped her husband manage the Herscher IGA store. She also taught catechism for 25 years at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, where she was a member since 1963. For over 35 years, she was active in parish, deanery, diocesan and national Catholic affairs. She was active in many fundraising events over the years. She enjoyed playing bridge and belonged to several clubs. She and her husband traveled extensively throughout the U.S. and abroad. She was always very proud of

her Irish heritage. Survivors include her husband, John; son, John Brown and his wife, Carolyn, of Monticello; daughter, Margaret Jensen and her husband, Roger, of Herscher; and daughter, Trish Brown Cordes and her husband, Sam, of West Lafayette, Ind. Grandchildren include Randy (Alla) Brown of Chattanooga, Tenn., Kelly (Patrick) Maciejewski of Normal, Jeannie (Tom) Justie of Arlington Heights, Rob (Kris) Jensen of Darien, Michelle (Tim) Sussman of Bolingbrook, Kelly Cordes of Estes Park, Colo., Jill (Phil) Cordes of New York City, Carter (Anna) Cordes and Tanya Birch, all of Omaha, Neb. She also has 15 surviving great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her parents and three brothers.

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“ NULL##imported-begin##Trudy Howell##imported-end##

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“ God has given me innumerable gifts in my life, but knowing and working with Mary Margaret (and you too, John) was without a doubt one of His special gifts to me. Janet<br><br> i ½She was a wonderful person and we will miss her. i ½Jack##imported-begin##Janet & Jack Lochner##imported-end##

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“ Trish, Sam:<br><br>We are so sorry for you loss and will initiate a Mass Card in memory of your mother.<br><br><br><br>If there is any we can do please let us know. i ½Pat/Don##imported-begin##Pat & Don Koverman##imported-end##

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“ My deepest sympathy to the family##imported-begin##Everell  
i¿½Hayes##imported-end##

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“ To John and Family.<br><br>It was a pleasure to know and to work  
with Mary during our years in CCD at St. Margaret Marys. Mary was  
a very fine Lady to work with. She was a credit to her community in  
all that she accomplished.<br><br> Please accept our condolences  
on Mary's passing and God be with you all during this time of need.  
<br><br>Ron and Joanne Fritz##imported-begin##Ron and Joanne  
Fritz##imported-end##

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“ I love you MM. Thanks for all the sweetness you flowed into me.  
i¿½What a great cover, like a blanket, to a little gal who had no  
mom. Thanks for all you did, not just for me, but for all you did just  
by being you!##imported-begin##Deb and Bill Ritter, Manny and Ian  
Joaquin##imported-end##

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“ We are thinking of at this time with our deepest sympathies. Dale &  
Judy Lieb Teresa Lieb Kreps and family.##imported-begin##Teresa  
Lieb Kreps##imported-end##

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“ The Brown family has our deepest sympathy. We remember her from the days at the IGA and when we lived in Herscher and attended St. Margaret Mary's. *½*What a fine lady! She always had a smile. I am sure she will be missed by all the family. We are so sorry we could not be with you at this time.##imported-begin##Carol & Joe Fritz##imported-end##

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“ NULL##imported-begin##Debbie (Howell) Guerra##imported-end##

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“ *½*I am so very sorry to hear of Mrs. Brown's passing. *½*She was such a wonderful lady. *½*I will always remember what a gentle and kind lady she was always. *½*My sympathies go to Mr Brown and to Margaret and Trish and your families and to you also Mr Brown and your son....she will always be remembered as one of the nicest ladies ever.<br><br><br><br>My condolences<br><br>Luanne##imported-begin##Luanne (Rivard) Brown##imported-end##

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“ John and family,<br><br> *½*I am sending my sympathies to all of *½*John, I know what it is to lose your spouse. *½*Also, to the rest of . know the loss of a mother & grandmother. *½*My prayers are with you <br><br><br> *½*Alice##i begin##Alice Mogensen##imported-end##

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“ John and family-  
  
What a great lady! We will always remember her constant smile and her pleasant manner.  
  
With our deepest sympathy-  
  
Dean and Beth Hoffman

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“ Dearest John~  
  
andfamily,  
  
I just want to give you my sincerest sympathy. What a classy lady, always. John~ you showed the world (the town for sure) LOVE is alive. People everyday seen you and Mary Margaret on your porch, together. You always by her side. God love you for your devotion. You will be rewarded ten fold.  
  
A couple who knew everyone and always had a smile and a hello. I hope this next generation picks up on memories as i have. You and your wife stand tall and proud in my heartfelt memories John. God love you and keep you safe. It is very lonely losing a spouse, but be strong and know she is in God's precious arms. She is safe and would want you well cared for.  
  
Love you John Brown! Thanks for the memories.  
  
With Sincere Sympathy,  
  
Sue Jensen

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“ Descansa en paz, querida Mary Margaret. Reciba la familia Brown todo mi cariño desde Nueva York.

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“ Mary Margaret was so very nice to me while i was growing up. i½Living next door for 18 years gave me the joy of meeting her. i½She would invite my sister and I into her home and entertain us with stories about one of her favorite subjects... her "Johnny" :)<br><br>Each year for Girls Scouts, i would look forward to going next door and selling John and Mary Margaret several boxes of cookies. i½Each year she say, "oh, i shouldn't. i½But, you know how much i love them!" i½I, personally, think she liked when i'd come over to eat them!<br><br><br><br>I will think of Mary Margaret warmly for years to come.##imported-begin##Amber M. Flynn##imported-end##

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“ Its always sad to see such great people taken from this earth, but reassuring to know that we will be reunited in a more peaceful place. i½Mary Margaret is very special to our family and will always have a place in our hearts.##imported-begin##Jimmy Abbott##imported-end##

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