



Mrs. Margaret Katherine Kranz

November 9, 1929 - July 10, 2019

Margaret Katherine (Perry) Kranz quietly and peacefully met our dear Lord and the loving embrace of her husband Bud on July 10, 2019. In our own sadness, we are comforted to know that although death separated them for 38 years. It is now in death that their love and spirits are reunited. They are together forever in peace.

Margaret was born on November 9, 1929, in Watertown, South Dakota to Bernard and Anna Perry. She grew up on a farm southeast of Watertown. She graduated from Watertown High School in 1947. She was employed at Woolworths and the Red Owl Store. On January 12, 1948, she married the love of her life, Francis "Bud" Kranz at Immaculate Conception Church in Watertown. They lived in Kranzburg, Watertown, Redfield, Castlewood, and Huron, South Dakota before moving to Montevideo, Minnesota in 1963. After several years they relocated once more; living in Crystal and Shoreview, Minnesota. After Bud's death in 1980, Margaret again joined the workforce and became a successful Farmers Insurance Agent. She enjoyed the public contact and relished the personalized care she gave her clients. Even late into her life, she amazed people with her knowledge of cars. She knew the makes, models, and years of the cars she would pass on the road. Upon her retirement, she moved to Stillwater, Minnesota.

Margaret's interests were varied. Throughout her life, she was active in many

organizations, such as school PTA, Boy Scouts, Bowling, Avon, gardening and walking. She even tried ice skating until the broken arm incident. She was a long time member of St. Odilia Catholic Church in Shoreview. Though chiefly, it was her husband, family, and friends that she was most devoted to.

Although Bud and Margaret moved away from their families in South Dakota, Margaret never lost the importance of her connection to family. As personal and medical tragedy would strike, extended family members would need to travel to Minneapolis. Margaret always opened her home and heart to them. Relatives stayed at her house and she would make sure they got to and from medical appointments. Always a gracious hostess, everyone young or old was made to feel welcome in the Kranz home.

She was loved by many and will be missed by all.

She was preceded in death by her husband Francis "Bud" Kranz; her son Ronald Kranz; her parents Bernard and Anna Perry; her five sisters - Rosemary Holzemer, Eleanor Mack, Patricia Lindner, Bernadine "Bunny" Tesch, and Mary Ann Fleming; her son-in-law John Richtsmeier.

Margaret is survived by her children: Charlotte A Kranz of Fort Lauderdale, FL, James W (Jeannie) Kranz of Boise, ID, Frances E (John) Richtsmeier of Hugo, MN, Perry N (Sue) Kranz of Arden Hills, MN, Ellen M (Peter) Fastner of San Antonio, TX, Karen K Mohs of Inver Grove Heights, MN and daughter-in-law Gail (Ronald) Kranz, her many grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial 10:30AM Tuesday, July 16, 2019, with visitation starting one hour prior at Church of the Epiphany, 11001 Hanson Blvd. NW, Coon Rapids. Private interment.

Cemetery Details

Hillside Crematory

2610 19th Ave NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **16**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Church of the Epiphany (Coon Rapids)
11001 Hanson Boulevard Northwest
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

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Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Family,

Aunt Margaret was a model for everyone to look up to..

A truly devoted wife of Uncle Bud.

Everyone knew they had a marriage made from Heaven. She faithfully followed Bud by leaving her family in South Dakota without a complaint.

And of course, a very devoted Mother.

She had to stay on top of the schedules of her very active sons and daughters. She knew how to keep her children close to herself and to each other. She chose to stay a widow and work with her family.

Her heart was always with Bud and her children.

I remember opening the freezer in the basement in the house in Crystal, seeing body parts of deer and pheasant from hunting - thinking Aunt Margaret is such a heroic Mom !

Then there was Kelly the setter, having puppies in the trailer in the garage.

There were the backyard neighbor teenagers going through the yard on skis to continue their run across Winnetka, down the valley.

People knew she was always gracious !

She knew to stay close to the Saints of the day. A good and close friend to Father Tony, which speaks volumes for those who have eyes that see !

Aunt Margaret and Uncle Bud greatly motivated their children to be inventive by working hard themselves . And all of their children became compassionate leaders !

A family that has always been my honor to be a part of ! I love you all and you are all always in my heart !

With a promise of prayer,

Sally Kranz Anderson

Sally Kranz Anderson - July 13, 2019 at 01:13 PM



Sally thank you for such kind words. Both my parents loved your family very much. Ellen

Ellen Fastner - July 13, 2019 at 10:30 PM