



Marcia Keating

March 9, 1929 - December 22, 2014

Marcia Ann (Holbrook) Keating, 85, of Traverse City passed away peacefully December 22, 2014 at Grand Traverse Pavilions surrounded by her family. Marcia was born March 9, 1929 in Petoskey, Michigan to the late Donald Holbrook and Mabel Meek. She graduated from Kent City High School in 1946 and from the Hackley Hospital School of Nursing in Muskegon in 1949. She met her future husband, Waldo Keating, while working as a nurse at the health center at Central Michigan University. They married on June 23, 1950, moved to Muskegon, and raised their eight children.

The family moved to Traverse City in 1971. Marcia went back to nursing in 1972 at the Traverse City Osteopathic Hospital, where she worked for 19 years. She was a medical/surgical nurse, and worked in Discharge Planning, Quality Assurance, and Diabetic Teaching. She served on the Traverse City District Nurses continuing education committee, was a member of the Michigan Nurses Association, and president of North Central Region Utilization Review Coordinators Association. In 1977, the District Nurses recognized her as Nurse of the Year. In 1987, she co-authored an article in the journal *Patient Education and Counseling*, "The nurse specialist: An opportunity to improve patient education." In 1991, she retired from Osteopathic Hospital and founded the parish nurse program at St. Francis Church, with an emphasis on grief counseling and support. Marcia was an associate of the Sisters of Mercy and an Eucharistic Minister.

Marcia loved crossword puzzles, card games, knitting, and old movies. Her musical talents included playing the bassoon and piano. She enjoyed spending summers with Waldo and her family at their cottage on Walloon Lake.

Marcia was preceded in death by her parents, three siblings, Virginia, Bob, and Remi, and her husband of 59 years, Waldo, who passed on June 11, 2009. She is survived by her eight children, Patricia (Charles) Brumbaugh, Deborah Anderson, Linda (Joseph) Watt, Mary (Timothy) O'Callaghan, Michael Keating, Peggy (John) Anderson, Laura Keating (Steve Bayne), and Robert Keating (Joseph Klingman), and by her thirteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, with a third on the way.

Marcia will be remembered for her sense of humor and philosophical insights. She raised her children to be hard-working, to think for themselves, and to do their best at whatever path they chose. And for this Mom, we thank you. We will miss you.

We would like to thank the staff at French Manor and the Grand Traverse Pavilions for the compassionate care given to our mother in the last year.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 7 p.m., on Monday, Dec. 29, at Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home with a vigil service at 7 p.m. A Funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m., on Tuesday, Dec. 30, at St. Francis Catholic Church. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the Sisters of Mercy, 29000 W. 11 Mile Rd, Farmington Hills, MI 48336, or to the Waldo Keating Memorial Scholarship Fund at St. Francis High School.

Please Visit <http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com> to share your memories of Marcia with her family.

Events

DEC 29 **Visitation** 04:00PM - 07:00PM

Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home
305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

DEC 29 **Vigil Service** 07:00PM

Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home
305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

DEC 30 **Funeral Mass** 11:00AM

St. Francis Catholic Church
1025 S. Union, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

Comments



“ Marcia was an Associate of the Sisters of Mercy. I had the privilege of walking with her as her mentor as she went through the orientation process to become an Associate. She exemplified to me the spirit of Catherine McAuley, the foundress of the Sisters of Mercy. She was a most gracious women who reached out to those in need of medical care or support in any way. She was always thinking of others before her own needs. May she now be enjoying the presence of our loving God and relishing all those relationships she developed on this earth. She will be deeply missed by the Associates and Sisters of Mercy. Be assured that we will keep Marcia as well as her family in our prayers.

Sister Margaret Platte, RSM

Sister Margaret Platte - January 05, 2015 at 06:29 PM



“ I came to know Marcia, first as a volunteer on the St. Francis Health Ministry, then as my mentor in the role as Parish Nurse. Her beautiful spirit has left a lasting imprint on my soul. Marcia was always so welcoming, and accepting of others – it is no wonder people were naturally drawn to her. My favorite memory is her telling stories of her kids when they were young and chuckling so hard that it made the entire room laugh. I will never forget those sparkling eyes and gentle smile. She gave me this prayer as I entered into the Parish Nurse role:

Make me a point of contact, Lord, whereby the Holy Spirit may enter into those I touch, whether by the word I say, the prayer I pray, or the life I live. Irish Missal

Rest in Peace Marcia.

Jill Cone-Holden

Jill Cone-Holden - January 03, 2015 at 09:39 AM



“ Marcia will be greatly missed by all the staff and residents of French Manor. She was a very compassionate caring individual who wanted to help anyone and everyone she could with whatever needed to be done. May her children know how much she loved them and how especially proud she was of all of you. God Bless you all.

Kelly- French Manor

Kelly Cassady Ackerman - December 29, 2014 at 04:49 PM



“ Peggy I am so very sorry to hear this.

Love,
Eileen T. Hubbell Olson

Eileen - December 29, 2014 at 12:48 PM



“ I am blessed to have taking care of Marcia at French Manor. She will always hold a special place in my heart. I will always remember her smile and laugh day in and day out that came with all the stories she had to share. May you rest in peace now with the love of your life Waldo. You will be deeply missed ~Marissa

Marissa Cebula - December 26, 2014 at 08:35 PM