



Lelia M. "Margo" Bussman

April 28, 1944 - February 17, 2021

Lelia Marguerite "Margo" Bussman, 76, of Morton, Illinois, formerly of Topeka, passed away peacefully at her home with her family by her side on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 9:58 p.m. She was born on April 28, 1944 to the late Leslie and Lelia (Thomas) Whittaker. She married Joseph F. Bussman on October 2, 1971 and resided in Topeka for more than 47 years until her husband passed on March 14, 2019 at their home with her by his side.

Margo is survived by her two daughters, Kimberly Jo (Jason) Riddle of Brookfield, Missouri and Melissa Rademacker of Green Valley, Illinois. She also leaves her grandchildren Gavin Gravesman and Ava Rademacker, whom she loved very much, and one sister, Sandra Scally of Peoria. Margo was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and four sisters, Darlene Hammond, Joan Simpson, Carol Brinkley, and Jeanne Koehl.

Margo went to Illinois Central College, graduating in 1987 with her degree in nursing. She always had a passion for caring for people and this was her true calling. She worked for Havana Healthcare Center for many years, retiring from nursing in 2018.

Margo was a dedicated mother first and foremost. She treasured her girls and embraced every moment with them, even up until her remaining days. We will miss her worldly advice and her "I Love You" and even her "I told you so", which she was always right.

She had a vivacious personality and always made people laugh. She was

very witty and one of the strongest women to be known. She had a lot of loves in her life. She absolutely adored animals, especially her three cats. She was an exceptionally talented artist. She loved to paint everything, had the most amazing knack for making the most hideous objects beautiful, and painted the most realistic, life like paintings. During the spring and summer she could be found planting flowers in all her flower gardens. Her yard was always meticulously landscaped with the most colorful, boldest flowers and plants. When she wasn't gardening, Margo could be found at her favorite fishing spots where she would spend endless hours fishing with her husband and her family.

Margo was an amazing woman and had a very spiritual soul. We will miss her laugh, her hugs, and her beautiful smile. She definitely was the rock of her family. Margo truly lived a fulfilled life and she made sure her family did too. "It is not the length of life, but the depth of life."

Margo's wishes were to be cremated. There will be no services.

The family asks in her honor to please donate to any local animal shelter to help homeless animals in need. She would love that the most. Online condolences can be left for her family at www.hurleyfh.com.

Hurley Funeral Home in Havana is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *Lelia M. "Margo" Bussman*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Sandra Wommack lit a candle in memory of Lelia M. "Margo" Bussman*



Sandra Wommack - February 28, 2021 at 07:48 PM



“ *Linda Ward lit a candle in memory of Lelia M. "Margo" Bussman*



Linda Ward - February 28, 2021 at 12:48 AM



“ *Sheilah Jones lit a candle in memory of Lelia M. "Margo" Bussman*



Sheilah jones - February 27, 2021 at 12:24 AM

CP

“ Cindi Peace lit a candle in memory of Lelia M.
"Margo" Bussman



Cindi Peace - February 24, 2021 at 12:36 PM

KR

“ Kim Russell lit a candle in memory of Lelia M.
"Margo" Bussman



Kim Russell - February 23, 2021 at 12:43 PM

BG

“ Brandi Gulley lit a candle in memory of Lelia
M. "Margo" Bussman



Brandi Gulley - February 23, 2021 at 12:25 PM

WD

“ I worked with Margo many years ago at Havana Healthcare and she
was a fantastic, caring, giving Nurse. Everyone including the
Residents loved and respected her.

Wanda Daniels - February 23, 2021 at 09:23 AM

WD

“ *Wanda Daniels lit a candle in memory of Lelia M. "Margo" Bussman*



Wanda Daniels - February 23, 2021 at 09:20 AM

LT

“ *So sorry for your family's loss! Lisa Thompson*



Lisa Thompson - February 23, 2021 at 04:18 AM

JC

“ *To the family of Margo and Joe,
We are sorry to hear of Margo's recent passing. We all enjoyed seeing her and speaking with her. She is with Joe now. He was such a good man also, We wanted to let you know we are thinking of you.*

Josh Peterson & staff @ State Farm

Julitta Carpenter - February 22, 2021 at 06:52 PM

JC

“ *Julitta Carpenter lit a candle in memory of Lelia M. "Margo" Bussman*



Julitta Carpenter - February 22, 2021 at 06:47 PM

RF

“ *Rory Dean Franklin lit a candle in memory of Lelia M. "Margo" Bussman*



Rory Dean Franklin - February 22, 2021 at 05:12 PM

DW

“ *Sorry for your loss Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family*



Dan and Chris Wilson - February 22, 2021 at 04:51 PM