



## Martha Elizabeth Reiser

March 10, 1949 - April 27, 2016

Martha Elizabeth Reiser, 67, of Petersburg, passed away with her loving family at her side on Wednesday, April 27, 2016, at Memorial Medical Center. Martha was born on March 10, 1949, in Rockford, IL, the daughter of the late Robert and Rose (Hyland) Flood. Martha married Bob Reiser at Holy Family Catholic Church in Rockford on June 5, 1971. They celebrated 44 wonderful years of marriage together. Martha and Bob are members of St. Peter Catholic Church in Petersburg, IL.

Martha was a member of AAUW Club, Town & Country Women's Club, and Shambole Golf Club. Martha earned a Bachelor's Degree in Home Economics from Marycrest College in Davenport, IA.

Martha grew up in the city and began married life on the family farm. She quickly enjoyed the terrific neighbors, home extensions, county fairs, and raising children with go karts, ponies, and mini bikes. Martha never left the country.

Martha devoted her professional life to teaching, working for the Gingerbread House Nursery School, and for Sangamon Area Special Education District (SASED) at PORTA Elementary School. Martha received tremendous enjoyment working with children in the early childhood program. She was very proud of her time as an assistant to students Chad and Tanner, who held a

special place in her heart. She volunteered her time putting on puppet shows, reading to children, and putting on plays. She was known for her Frosty the Snowman and Johnny Appleseed plays at school. Martha enjoyed expressing her creativity through arts and crafts. As a caring woman, Martha made specially themed crafts for children each month at the Menard County Food Pantry. As a Mother and Grandmother, she was always creating crafts for holiday parties, special events, and birthdays. She was the family event planner. Martha was always giving of her time and talents. Her kindness and generosity will be missed.

Martha was a kidney donation recipient. She always remembered the departed soul of her kidney donor in her daily prayers that allowed her the gift of life. Through this blessing, she was able to see her children married and the joy of 11 grandchildren.

Martha's family would like to thank Memorial Medical Center and DaVita Dialysis on Rutledge for the wonderful care given to her. Thank you to Dr. Timothy O'Connor, Dr. Brad West, and Dr. Robert Mocharnuk.

Martha is survived by her loving husband Bob Reiser, her four children: Amy (Don) Billedo of Monticello, IL, Matt (Jennifer) Reiser of Washington, IL, Gretchen (Tim) Byrd of Plano, IL, and Kevin Reiser of Denver, CO, her 11 grandchildren: Megann Billedo, Abbie Reiser, Chase Billedo, Troy Reiser, Brody Billedo, Colby Byrd, Paige Byrd, Sophie Billedo, Kiersten Reiser, Emma Reiser, and Ella Byrd, brother and sisters: Carol Cratty, Carl Flood, Molly Soper all of Rockford, IL, and Sara Thompson of Boulder, CO, as well as several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Funeral services are under the direction of Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg. The family will receive guests at the funeral home on Sunday, May 1, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. A funeral mass celebrated by Monsignor Thomas

Holinga will be at St. Peter Catholic Church in Petersburg on Monday, May 2, at 10:30 a.m. Burial will follow at Calvary Cemetery in Petersburg.

Memorials in Martha's name may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Please visit Martha's online obituary at [www.hurleyfh.com](http://www.hurleyfh.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

Petersburg, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 1. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Petersburg  
122 West Douglas Avenue  
Petersburg, IL 62675  
(217) 632-2500  
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

## Funeral

MAY 2. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Peter Catholic Church  
711 S. 6th  
Petersburg, IL 62675  
(217) 632-7118

# Tribute Wall



“ *Martha Elizabeth Reiser*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Deepest sympathies to your family. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Charis Choe*

Charis Choe - May 06, 2016 at 11:38 AM



“ *Bob and family how very sorry we were to learn of the passing of such a wonderful, lovely lady. Our hearts and sorrow are with you all. God's blessing, love, prayers and many hugs.  
Love Sandi & Walt Erchinger*

sandi & walt erchinger - May 05, 2016 at 07:56 AM



“ *We are deeply saddened to hear of Martha's passing. She is one of the kindest people we have ever had the pleasure to know. Our thoughts and prayers are with all her family. God bless you all and may your loving memories of Martha comfort you during this difficult time.*

*Bud, Pam and Mike Groth*

Pam Groth - May 04, 2016 at 09:34 PM

TF

“ We are saddened to hear that your sister Martha has passed away. The spirit of her memory will long remain as a joy and wonder of God’s loving gift. Our thoughts are with you and your family.

*Toni and Family*

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**Toni and Family** - May 02, 2016 at 08:26 PM

NG

“ Bob, Gretchen, Kevin, Matt, and Amy, we are so sorry for your loss. We are praying for you during this difficult time.

*Neil Gurnsey*

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**Neil Gurnsey** - May 02, 2016 at 03:47 PM

JM

“ We are so sorry that you have lost Martha. I have been thinking of her and all of you since Carol sent us the sad news. God Bless. Cousin Janet and Jim, too.

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**Janet Mattern** - May 02, 2016 at 10:35 AM

PM

“ *Patty Miner lit a candle in memory of Martha Elizabeth Reiser*



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**Patty Miner** - May 01, 2016 at 11:14 PM

JG

“ Bob and family, My heartfelt sympathy on the loss of your dear Martha. She was one of the sweetest people I have ever known, and your devotion to her was remarkable. We are holding you all close in prayer.

Joanne Gaston - April 30, 2016 at 06:18 PM

FC

“ from the Schubert family - Evergreen, Colorado purchased the Blooming Garden Basket for the family of Martha Elizabeth Reiser.



from the Schubert family - Evergreen, Colorado - April 30, 2016 at 02:05 PM



“ Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Martha Elizabeth Reiser.



April 30, 2016 at 12:05 AM

JL

“ Jeff, Lori, Jared, Stephanie, Tucker & Tanner Lynn purchased the Basket of Joy for the family of Martha Elizabeth Reiser.



Jeff, Lori, Jared, Stephanie, Tucker & Tanner Lynn - April 29, 2016 at 09:10 PM

TB

“ *The Division of Continuing Education - CU Boulder purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Martha Elizabeth Reiser.*



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**The Division of Continuing Education - CU Boulder** - April 29, 2016 at 08:46 PM

BC

“ *Brenda Rawls and Melony Clarke purchased the Spring Has Sprung Mixed Basket for the family of Martha Elizabeth Reiser.*



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**Brenda Rawls and Melony Clarke** - April 29, 2016 at 04:25 PM

AB

“ *Thank you to family and friends for your love, support, and prayers. She loved life and she lived for her family and friends.*

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**Amy Reiser Billedo** - April 29, 2016 at 03:57 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Martha Elizabeth Reiser.*



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April 29, 2016 at 02:22 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Martha Elizabeth Reiser.*



April 29, 2016 at 12:24 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Martha Elizabeth Reiser.*



April 29, 2016 at 12:06 PM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Martha Elizabeth Reiser.*



April 29, 2016 at 11:27 AM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Martha Elizabeth Reiser.*



April 29, 2016 at 11:13 AM