



Mary Margaret Murphy

April 12, 1920 - July 8, 2015

Mary Margaret Murphy (née Rossi) born through the love of her parents, April 12, 1920; born into eternal life July 8, 2015.

Mary Margaret lived a full and purposeful life, caring for her husband, children, extended family and friends with generosity and joy. She was born and raised in Braidwood, Ill., next door to the family business, Peter J. Rossi and Sons Macaroni Factory, founded by her immigrant grandfather in 1876. She attended Rosary College in River Forest, Ill., and graduated from the University of Illinois in 1941. She worked for People's Gas in Joliet, Ill., and was loaned by the company to the Red Cross and the rationing board, overseeing disaster food programs and ration stamp distribution. Later she worked at Swift Food labs in the Chicago Stock Yards. Her fiancé, John Charles Murphy, served in the European theater as a radio gunman in the U.S. army Air Force.

Mary Margaret and John wed in her hometown on August 26, 1944, and settled in Joliet where they raised ten children in the Marquette Gardens neighborhood. They were founding members of St. Paul the Apostle Parish. The parish and neighborhood were at the center of Murphy family life, providing support for Mary and John's efforts to teach their children by example what it means to be citizens of the world, looking after the common good and sharing resources and time with others. She was a founding director

of Birthright of Joliet and worked tirelessly to protect the life of the unborn. The greatest legacy Mary and John gave to their family and friends was their fidelity and love for each other, which endured even after John's death in 1978.

In 1985 Mary moved to her home on the lake in Petersburg, Ill., and quickly became part of parish life at St. Peter Parish. She also volunteered for Springfield Pro-life organizations, and welcomed visitors to Lincoln's New Salem book store where she worked for several years. In her later years she enjoyed birdwatching, welcoming family friends to the lake, and keeping up with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren by mastering the social media they use.

She is survived by her children, 12 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren: John C. Murphy, Jr. (Kathie), and their daughter Sara Murphy of Green Valley, Arizona; Mary Therese (John) Egizio, Marathon Fla., and their children: Therese Ann (Tony) Fracaro, Essex Ill.; Rebecca Rossi (Samantha Quigle), Normal, Ill.; Clare Egizio, Marathon, Fla., and Matthew Egizio, Orlando, Fla. Peter J. (Donna) Murphy, Garden Grove, Calif., and their children: Timothy P. (Leah) Murphy and Gregory T. (Kelly) Murphy, Santa Rosa, Calif., Karen L. Murphy of San Francisco; Michael J. Murphy, Ellisville, Mo., and his children: Joshua M. Murphy, Columbus, Ohio, and Robin L. Murphy, Hemet, Calif.; Kathryn L. Murphy and her children: Korie L. Golden and Taylor D. (Matthew) Knous, Petersburg, Ill. Also, Brother Thomas J. Murphy, O.Carm, Washington DC; Charles E. Murphy, Joliet, Ill.; Patrick M. Murphy, Oswego, NY; Margaret A. Murphy, Petersburg, Ill.; and Sister Elizabeth Murphy, OP, Springfield Ill.

Great-grandmother of Tony Fracaro, Delaney and Brennan Auth, Sophia Hutchins, Gabriel, Brennan, Henley, and Mathis Murphy. Loving aunt to numerous nieces and nephews, faithful cousin, and friend to many.

Visitation 4-6 p.m., Monday, July 13, St. Peter Church, 711 Sixth St., Petersburg, IL, followed by the Mass of Resurrection. Visitation at Fred C. Dames Funeral Home, 3200 Black Rd., Joliet, IL, Noon-2 p.m. Tuesday, July 14, followed by interment at Resurrection Cemetery, 200 W. Romeo Rd, Romeoville, IL 60446. In Lieu of flowers, donations to St. John's Hospice, Springfield, Illinois and Birthright of Joliet are appreciated.

To express condolences online please visit www.hurleyfh.com.

Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg assisted the family arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

200 W. Romeo Road
Romeoville, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 13. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Margaret Murphy*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Pat,*

I am saddened to hear of the loss of your mother. If you need anything, please do not hesitate to let me know.



Linda Black-Ochsenbein - July 17, 2015 at 06:55 AM



“ *Our love and prayers are sent to you with heart-felt condolences. We see the legacy of your Mom's faith and caring for others lived out in you. May God send you comfort and sweet memories as you complete your own journey through life to be with her again forever.*

Jim and Marie Lynch - July 14, 2015 at 09:37 AM



“ *Jim And Marie Lynch lit a candle in memory of Mary Margaret Murphy*



Jim and Marie Lynch - July 14, 2015 at 09:34 AM

PC

“ *Dear Patrick and family,
My deepest condolences for the loss of your mother. May your
memories of her be a source of comfort in the days that follow.*

*Sincerely,
Patricia Clark
SUNY Oswego Department of English and Creative Writing*

Patricia Clark - July 13, 2015 at 01:45 PM

PC

“ *Patricia Clark lit a candle in memory of Mary
Margaret Murphy*



Patricia Clark - July 13, 2015 at 01:42 PM

MG

“ *Our deepest sympathies are with the Murphy
family. May the beautiful memories you made
together comfort you. We are holding you in
our thoughts and prayers.*

Our Sincere Sympathy,

Margaret, Rachel, and the Dominican Volunteers Family



Margaret Gorman - July 13, 2015 at 08:01 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mary Margaret Murphy.



July 11, 2015 at 04:24 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mary Margaret Murphy.



July 10, 2015 at 04:25 PM



“ *The Andrews of Houston, TX* purchased the *Arrive in Style* for the family of Mary Margaret Murphy.



The Andrews of Houston, TX - July 10, 2015 at 03:21 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mary Margaret Murphy.



July 10, 2015 at 02:08 PM

Jackie
Andrews

“ Prayers for Mrs. Murphy' family.



Jackie Andrews - July 10, 2015 at 01:27 PM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Margaret Murphy.



July 10, 2015 at 12:10 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Margaret Murphy.



July 10, 2015 at 11:09 AM



“ To the Murphy Families:

She was a great lady and friend to both of us from the day we met her at St. Peter Church. Blessings to all of you at this difficult time.



Mary Jo Morlee - July 10, 2015 at 07:37 AM

ME

“ *Such a beautiful wonderful sweet woman who loved her family so much. I was honored to know her. May her soul rest in glorious peace with Jesus and Mary. My love to Mary Therese and all her family. God bless you all.*

Mary Pat Van Epps - July 10, 2015 at 06:52 AM

MS

“ *M . Simunovich lit a candle in memory of Mary Margaret Murphy*



M . Simunovich - July 10, 2015 at 01:40 AM

MS

“ *Eternal Rest grant into Mrs. Mary Murphy , Oh Lord and let Perpetual Light shine upon her. My Jesus have. mercy on Her Soul. Deepest Sympathy to*

M . Simunovich - July 10, 2015 at 01:39 AM