



Marie A. Maurer

February 25, 1924 - May 30, 2015

Marie A. Maurer, 91 year old resident of Little Falls, MN passed away Saturday, May 30, 2015 at her home in Little Falls, MN. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, June 6, 2015 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Little Falls, MN with Father Joe Herzing officiating. Burial will be held at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery in Little Falls, MN. A visitation will be held from 4-8 P.M. on Friday and from 9:30-10:30 A.M. on Saturday at the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN. Parish prayers will be prayed at 4:30 P.M. on Friday at the Funeral Home.

Marie A. (Gau) Maurer was born February 25, 1924 in St. Cloud, MN to Michael & Margaret (Meyer) Gau. She attended St. Francis High School, Little Falls, MN. To pay for her high school tuition Marie earned \$.10 an hour cleaning, doing laundry and caring for children. After graduating Salutatorian of the Class of 1941, Marie attended Teachers Training School in St. Cloud, MN. Upon graduation she taught in the Genola, MN area in a "one room school house". She taught school for 4 years before being united in marriage to Leo Maurer on June 1, 1946 at St Joseph's Catholic Church in Pierz, MN. Together they raised 10 children. In 1960 Marie & Leo moved to Omaha, NE where Marie not only cared for her growing family but many of the neighborhood children as well. In 1963 they called Fairmont, MN home where Marie again cared for neighborhood children. Her pay was \$.50 an hour...per family! In 1967 their final move was back to their roots in Little Falls, MN.

Marie worked various jobs over the years to contribute to the cost of raising their 10 children to adulthood. One of her most fulfilling positions was working for the Little Falls School District as a PARA. She worked in that capacity from 1980–1993 where she touched the lives of countless children and developed many life-long friendships. Marie truly enjoyed children all of her life. She taught as a teacher/PARA in her profession as well as a mother, grandmother and great-grandmother by example.

As a small child, Marie's parents moved north to tend to their farm in Heisler, Alberta Canada. At the age of 6, Marie, her mother, and 3 younger siblings moved back to MN after the death of her father. For 8 years they lived with their Uncle Henry Meyer on his farm near Pierz, MN where Marie, along with her mother, siblings, her mother's sister Agnes, and cousin Reinie Meyer survived the Great Depression. Marie lost her mother at the age of 21. Because of the loss of her parents early in life, Marie highly valued her faith, the importance of extended family and friends, and being there for one another both in good times and in times of hardship and loss. Several times Marie and Leo took troubled teens into their home, changing the course of their lives for the better simply by the example of living every day in accordance with their faith and values.

Marie will be remembered for her smile, her love of children, playing solitary, her loyalty to the MN Twins and last but by far not least, her strong Catholic faith.

Marie is survived by her sons, Bob Maurer of Bovey MN; Chuck (Lisa) Maurer of St. Cloud, MN; Ken Maurer of St. Cloud, MN; Michael (Marj) Maurer of Atwater, MN; daughters, Mary (Ken) Frank of Cold Spring, MN; Susan (Tom) Frank of St. Nicholas, MN; Pat (John) Messer of Oak Grove, MN; Barb (Emery) Strack of Randall, MN; daughter-in-law Bobbi (Kenny) Killinger of Sauk Rapids, MN,; 34 Grandchildren and 37 Great-Grandchildren. She is also survived by sisters-in-law Helen Maurer and Caroline Maurer both of Little

Falls, MN; Helen Maurer of Gig Harbor WA, Shirley Maurer of Hobe Sound, FL. and "Friend in Jesus" Sister Dorothy Ann Rudolph, OSF, Little Falls, MN.

Marie was preceded in death by her parents; husband Leo (2008); sons Jim Maurer (1999) and John Maurer (2002); daughters-in-law Mary Maurer (2008) and Pam Zenner (2011); grandchildren Heidi Maurer-Zenner (1987) and Kelly Frank(1994); sister Lavern Schaefer (2002); and brothers Alvin (2000) and Lawrence Gau (2010).

In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to St. Mary's Catholic Church in Little Falls, MN.

Cemetery Details

Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery

15550 Highway 115
Little Falls, MN

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 5. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

LeMieur Funeral Home of Little Falls
214 2nd Street SE
Little Falls, MN

Visitation

JUN 6. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

LeMieur Funeral Home of Little Falls
214 2nd Street SE
Little Falls, MN

Service

JUN 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church - Little Falls
305 4th Street SE
Little Falls, MN

Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Marie A. Maurer*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - June 02, 2015 at 02:16 PM



This Tribute Video is beautifully done. It warmed my heart and brought tears to my eyes as I traveled through Aunt Marie's 'Journey of Remembrance'. So many Maurer memories span into the Schaefer reserve as well. I am a better person to have known and to have been loved by Auntie Rie. Such a woman! She will be missed greatly. <3 May the memories created during her life bring peaceful embraces to my cousins at this time and into forever. Love to you all. Jeannie Schaefer Gerd xo

Jean Gerd - June 03, 2015 at 01:59 AM



“ *Marie A. Maurer*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Pat Ferguson (Garrison) lit a candle in memory of Marie A. Maurer*



Pat Ferguson (Garrison) - June 08, 2015 at 09:00 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Marie A. Maurer.*



June 05, 2015 at 11:27 AM



“ *Jim & Sharon Ehnstrom lit a candle in memory of Marie A. Maurer*



Jim & Sharon Ehnstrom - June 05, 2015 at 08:19 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Marie A. Maurer.*



June 03, 2015 at 10:53 PM



“ *Our condolences go out to the Maurer family. I have known Marie since I met Mike at college. She and Leo always welcomed me into their house with a place to sleep and a meal to eat. Two of the kindest people I have ever met.*

Keith Kochevar - June 03, 2015 at 02:34 PM



“ Aunt Marie was a beautiful soul. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Don Maurer - June 03, 2015 at 11:40 AM



“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Marie. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Maurer family. Randy and Lynn Tabatt.

randy tabatt - June 03, 2015 at 11:01 AM



“ JAMEY, JENNY, JASON, KARI, PARKER & SAMUEL MAURER purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Marie A. Maurer.



JAMEY, JENNY, JASON, KARI, PARKER & SAMUEL MAURER - June 03, 2015 at 09:19 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers to the Maurer family. May you find peace in yours hearts with all the beautiful memories and love.



Dan & Connie Vaughn Fenske - June 03, 2015 at 05:43 AM

JS

“ I will always have fond memories of Aunt Marie. There was never a time that when passing through Little Falls I wasn't shown a warm welcome and hospitality. I have a special connection knowing how fond my Mother was of her. My family and I were planning on stopping to see her this coming summer on our way to the Twin Cities and will miss seeing her again. I know this time is difficult for all that Loved her but I hope there is comfort knowing that a life of goodness in the end is rewarded.

Love Jeff, Lynn, Irene and Anna Scholl

Jeff Scholl - June 03, 2015 at 01:54 AM

JM

“ Samuel William Maurer was added to the Family Tree.

Jason Maurer - June 02, 2015 at 07:02 PM

JM

“ Parker James Maurer was added to the Family Tree.

Jason Maurer - June 02, 2015 at 07:01 PM

JM

“ Kari Ann Maurer was added to the Family Tree.

Jason Maurer - June 02, 2015 at 07:00 PM

AK

“ Annette Keeler lit a candle in memory of Marie A. Maurer



Annette Keeler - June 02, 2015 at 05:38 PM



“ *Bobbi Killinger lit a candle in memory of Marie A. Maurer*



Bobbi Killinger - June 02, 2015 at 04:46 PM



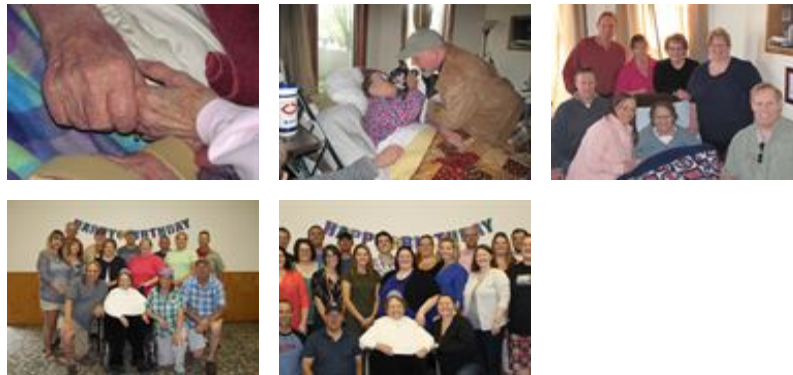
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Lemieur Funeral Homes - June 02, 2015 at 04:23 PM



“ *46 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - June 02, 2015 at 02:09 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Marie A. Maurer.*



June 02, 2015 at 12:27 PM



“ *Joe & Deb Thomees lit a candle in memory of Marie A. Maurer*



Joe & Deb Thomees - June 02, 2015 at 06:26 AM



“ *Auntie Marie lived her life with passion, compassion, humor and hope. A great lady with a gentle soul. Truth be told, she had a heart of gold.*

Patrick Deb Baker - June 01, 2015 at 08:39 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Patrick + Deb Baker - June 01, 2015 at 08:34 PM

PF

“ Patrick & Deb Baker Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Marie A. Maurer



Patrick & Deb Baker Family - June 01, 2015 at 08:30 PM

JM

“ Grandma Marie, you were truly an angel. Always more concern for others than yourself. We Love You, and will always miss you. We will always remember the last thing you said to us on our final visit. " I love you, be a good boy Jamey, I will say hi to your dad for you" Thank You for being a part of our lives. Love Jamey & Jenny Maurer

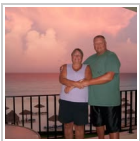
Jamey & Jenny Maurer - June 01, 2015 at 10:40 AM

DH

“ Dan & Betti Hale lit a candle in memory of Marie A. Maurer



Dan & Betti Hale - June 01, 2015 at 09:45 AM



“ I worked with Marie for many years...always a delight and fun. She will be remembered with many smiles. She led a life well lived. I am sorry for your loss.

Sharon Radl - May 31, 2015 at 07:08 PM

PM

“ *Patty And Joe Mallak lit a candle in memory of Marie A. Maurer*



Patty and Joe Mallak - May 31, 2015 at 07:17 AM

KB

“ *To the family of Marie Maurer heaven gained a angle.I was so lucky I got a chance to know Marie. She was very blessed to have such a great loving and caring family.Marie may rest in peace.i surly hope they serve english muffins up above.Always remember Marie will be greatly missed and never forgotten.May you all find peace.*



Kelly Billig

Kelly Billig - May 31, 2015 at 06:13 AM

JS

“ *We love our Aunt Marie! The Leonard S Schaefer family*

Jane Schaefer - May 30, 2015 at 11:08 PM

WR

I WORKED WITH MARIE AT LINDBERGH SCHOOL. WHAT A CARING, FUN, AND THOUGHTFUL PERSON. I KNOW SHE TOUCHED MANY HEARTS. I HOPE WE ALL LEARNED FROM HER HOW TO LOVE LIFE, AND CARE FOR OTHERS AS SHE DID. GOD BLESS YOU! WENDY RUTZ

WENDY RUTZ - June 04, 2015 at 10:50 AM

DL

Marie was one of the most kind, tenderhearted people I have known! I worked with her at Lindbergh School & she always, always had that beautiful smile for everyone! Marie will be missed-blessings to her & her family.....Dawn Laager

Dawn Laager - June 04, 2015 at 04:23 PM