



Margaret Ellen Colthurst

July 7, 1928 - October 12, 2019

Margaret Ellen Colthurst, age 91, of Ainsworth, Iowa, died Saturday, October 12, 2019, at the Halcyon House in Washington, Iowa.

Celebration of life services will be held 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, October 16, 2019, at the Ainsworth Community Church with Pastor Jason Collier officiating. Calling hours will begin noon Tuesday at the Jones & Eden Funeral Home where the family will receive friends from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. Tuesday. Interment will take place at the Oregon Township Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials have been established for the Ainsworth Community Church or Paws and More Animal Shelter. Online condolences may be sent for Margaret's family through the web at <http://www.jonesfh.com>

Margaret was born July 7, 1928 in Mason City, Iowa, the daughter of Ralph J. and Gladys (Bushgens) Wilson. She graduated from Mason City High School in 1946 and attended Mason City Junior College, Iowa State University and the University of Northern Iowa where she received her teaching certificate. Margaret was united in marriage to George Colthurst on September 4, 1949 in Mason City, Iowa.

She was a member of the Ainsworth Community Church serving as an Elder and on various church committees as well as a Sunday School Teacher and Sunday School Superintendent for 18 years. Margaret was a charter member of Sacha Club and a former member of T.T.T. Chapter EJ. She was a 4-H leader for 15 years and was made an honorary member of 4-H. She organized the first UNICEF drive in Ainsworth and co-organized the Ainsworth Volunteer Recognition Day. She was a Boy Scout Badge Councilor and was a Curved Bar Girl Scout. She enjoyed her children's and grandchildren's activities, traveling, reading, attending aqua-size classes at the Y, and her friends of all ages.

Margaret is survived by her husband, George Colthurst of Ainsworth, Iowa; son, Ralph Andrew "Andy" Colthurst and wife Jolene of Washington, Iowa; son, Thomas A. Colthurst and wife Pat of Washington, Iowa; four grandchildren: Joshua Colthurst and wife Dorinda, Lydia Fagen and husband Jeffrey, Alanna Hummel and husband Michael, Margo Kass and hu

sband Kyle, Ryan Foor and wife Anita, and Megan Burns and husband Jesse; special great grandchildren: Jacoby, Peyton, and Isaiah Colthurst, Andre Fagen, Kaitlyn Hummel, Sloan and Reese Kass, Sawyer, McKenna and Jensen Foor, and Jarrad Burns.

She was preceded in death by her parents, twin daughters Janet and Joyce Colthurst, daughter, Jorjean Mark, two grandchildren, Julie and Jeff Mark and son-in-law, Les Mark.

Events

OCT **Calling Hours** 12:00PM - 07:00PM

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Jones - Eden Funeral Home

116 East Main, Washington, IA, US, 52353

OCT **Family will receive friends** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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OCT **Celebration of Life** 11:00AM

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Ainsworth Community Church

322 Washington Street, Ainsworth, IA, US, 52201

Comments



“ We grew up knowing you and your family. I will always remember the smiles and kindness you so willingly shared with us. Blessed to have known you. Sympathies to all of those who mourn her.



Annie Mills - October 23, 2019 at 10:46 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Know that your family is in our families thoughts and prayers

Katrina Altenhofen - October 22, 2019 at 03:57 PM



“ My sympathies to the Colthurst family. I will miss Margaret as my life is better for knowing her.



Brian Koehler - October 18, 2019 at 11:09 AM



“ Margaret was always happy with life and always had a smile on her face. We are sending you our prayers and thoughts at this difficult time. Barney and Rita

Rita Schultz - October 16, 2019 at 05:50 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Colthurst family. The Giardino Family

Joe Giardino - October 16, 2019 at 07:49 AM



“ Deepest sympathies for your loss.

John Snyder - October 15, 2019 at 11:31 PM



“ To George and family: We are sorry we couldn't make it to visitation or the memorial service tomorrow. George, you and Margaret were such an important part of the area with all of your good works and community mindless . One thing that will always stick in our minds is the dedication that you and Margaret showed for each other. It was a real inspiration! God be with you and your family in the upcoming days!

Gary and Karen Murphy - October 15, 2019 at 08:09 PM



“ George & Family...please accept our sincere sympathy for the passing of Marg. She was a beautiful person...in everyway. Our association (thru Life Investors) began way back in 1967. Though 91 years is a full and complete life by any definition it seems we are never quite ready for that final good-by. Caring friends....loving familyand Gods
grace are your tools. We pray the Lord's peace will be with you during this difficult time.
Bill & Linda Kuennen

Bill Kuennen - October 15, 2019 at 07:45 PM



“ Such a special lady, beautiful inside and out, always had a smile on her face. As a teenager, Marg and George often greeted me coming into church, they always had something nice or funny to say. Such a great example of love, kindness and community. Sending thoughts and prayers to George and family.

Allison Barnes - October 15, 2019 at 05:05 PM



“ I enjoyed my visits with George and Margaret. Their example of life and love are models for what marriage is about. George you were a terrific care giver and Margaret's love for you shown brightly

Lois Hawkins - October 15, 2019 at 12:51 PM



“ Marg was the most loving faithful wife and mother. She and George always made time to connect with friends and family during the Winter Holidays. She always treated me like a daughter. Hugs to you George and family. May the precious memories and grace of God be with you. We love you! Becca and Brian Barker-Cedar Rapids IA.

Becca Mehaffy-Barker - October 15, 2019 at 11:36 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Margaret Ellen Colthurst.



October 14, 2019 at 04:00 PM



“ Dear George and family,

Fondest memory was you all dancing at our wedding in New Orleans almost 35 years ago. Marg, as my dad referred to her, was such a joy and treasure, and a fine lady. Heaven certainly has another beautiful angel.

May you hold all of the special memories close to your heart and may His Peace be with you all during this difficult time and always.

With all of our Love, Julie Clegg Lancaster and family
and on behalf of the James and Shirley Clegg Family

Julie Clegg Lancaster - October 14, 2019 at 03:38 PM



“ What a blessing she was to the church and community! I miss seeing her on Sunday mornings at church. May God bless George and the entire family with peace and angels of healing in their time of grief and sorrow. God bless,
Juanita Osborn

Juanita Osborn - October 14, 2019 at 01:56 PM



“ A wonderful unselfish woman. I remember her a my 4H leader and the lessons she taught us! Always kind and always had that beautiful smile. She and George were the examples many of us looked to on how marriage and love were supposed to be. GOD has gained a wonderful angel and I am thankful that I knew her.
George and family,
I am so sorry for your loss. It's hard and will leave a void that can't be filled. We are all here if you need anything in the days to come. You are all loved!



Diana Bruegge - October 14, 2019 at 01:08 PM



“ So many great memories of this amazing women. All the Friday night when you would come to the Shamrock. This women and her handsome man showed us what a real marriage is suppose to be. She always would be right there if anyone needed help. I will always be grateful for my sons scholarship in memory of her daughter. You will be so missed in this community. I was so blessed to have had you in my life. God bless you.

Donna and Randy Arthur - October 14, 2019 at 07:38 PM



“ She was always a joy to visit with at church . I will miss her delightful smile . My deepest sympathy George for you and your family.



kenny kruse - October 14, 2019 at 11:27 AM



“ Nancy McCreedy lit a candle in memory of Margaret Ellen Colthurst



Nancy McCreedy - October 14, 2019 at 11:26 AM



“ You both are always in my heart for the love and inspiration you unknowingly give to everyone you come in contact with. I am a better person for knowing you. My favorite thought of Marg is knowing she waved at you every single day from the picture window as you left for work. You proudly shared that with me, George, as one simple example of her love. I was so happy to see you both at Granite City a couple of years back and reminiscing about places we traveled together and the wonderful people we did that with. Much love and sympathy to you and your family. Margaret was an absolute treasure.

Barbara May



Barbara May - October 14, 2019 at 11:03 AM



“ Ruth (Earnest) Heck lit a candle in memory of Margaret Ellen Colthurst



ruth (Earnest) Heck - October 14, 2019 at 11:02 AM



“ George and family - we are so sorry for your loss. Margaret was a wonderful person really one of a kind.who always brightened everyone's' day with her kindness and infectious laughter. We grieve with you.

Mark Barnum and Family.

Mark Barnum - October 14, 2019 at 10:30 AM



“ Dear George:
Your sweet Margaret was my most favorite lady of our large Life Investors family. You ran her a close second! We loved you both and am so grieved for your loss. Wish we could be there with you, but that's not possible.
Friends forever,
Elaine and Buddy Brinkley
Cotton, GA

Buddy Brinkley - October 14, 2019 at 09:41 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Margaret Ellen Colthurst.



October 13, 2019 at 11:34 PM



“ Such a beautiful lady. Bev/as well as I, enjoyed our many conversations with such a lovely couple.May God allow you two to continue your conversations in heaven!
Brian

Brian O'Donnell - October 13, 2019 at 10:03 PM



“ Jolene Colthurst lit a candle in memory of Margaret Ellen Colthurst



Jolene Colthurst - October 13, 2019 at 09:22 PM



“ Andy and Jolene, I'm so very sorry for your loss. She was such a awesome, Mother, leader and a jokester. Prayers for healing for you and your families!

Chris Sieren - October 13, 2019 at 09:19 PM



“ Our hearts are aching for all of you! She was a VERY SPECIAL LADY and now Heaven has her We LOVE YOU ALL

Hugs-Love-Prayers

Steve & Teresa

Teresa Sterrett - October 13, 2019 at 07:42 PM



“ Dear George and family, Frank and I will always remember all the wonderful times we had with you traveling around the world, We love you both and know that you will always be in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Frank and Joan.

Joan Kneeland - October 14, 2019 at 10:12 AM