



Marie D. Stessen

September 26, 1921 - August 17, 2010

Marie D. Stessen, 88, of The Valley in Syracuse, New York, died Tuesday, August 17, 2010 at home. Born in Watertown, New York, she was the daughter of the late Charles H. and Doris A. (Young) Kneisel. She was a graduate of Onondaga Valley Academy. She retired in 1983 as an air technician in the Comptroller's Office of the New York Air National Guard after 26 years. She was a communicant of St. James Church. Marie was predeceased by her husband, Robert and brother, Charles Kneisel. She is survived by her son, William (Kathleen) Stessen of Syracuse, New York; daughter, Kathleen ((Ronald) More of Kirkville, New York; five grandchildren, Jessica, Daniel, Michael, Amanda and Thomas; one great-granddaughter, Jada; several nieces, nephews and cousins. Services: Saturday, August 21, 2010, 9:15 a.m. at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, 4612 S. Salina Street, Syracuse, New York and 10:00 a.m. in St. James Church, 4845 Salina Street, Syracuse, New York. Burial: Onondaga Valley Cemetery, 2500 Valley Drive, Syracuse, New York. Calling Hours: Friday, August 20, 2010, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, 4612 S. Salina Street, Syracuse, New York. Contributions may be made to Hospice of CNY, 990 Seventh North Street, Liverpool, NY 13088.

Tribute Wall



“ Marie, my dear friend. We met while taking RCIA classes together at St. James Church, Syracuse, back in 1999. We clicked immediately despite our 40 year age difference. We had a lot of laughs. I will always treasure those great memories of our journey together as we joined the Catholic Church in April of 2000 (me with my first child in my very large belly.) What a journey it was! I cannot tell you how blessed I was to have shared it with Marie. I am grateful for her gift of friendship and wisdom. She always greeted you with that infectious smile. Loved spending time at her kitchen table. She was so quick to offer a cup of tea or a meal. We shared September birthdays and birthday cards and when my daughter was born she never missed a card for either of us. Marie, you will always be in my heart and in my prayers. God Bless.

August 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ I don't think I ever believed that Marie would actually die. I knew she had to be getting older, because I am getting older and so is everybody else. But Marie seemed to defy aging. She hadn't even gone completely grey for heavens sake. She always had a twinkle in her eye and an infectious laugh at the ready. She was such a wonderful cook baker, in spite of the fact she didn't eat her own confections. We always marvelled at the beautiful bunny cakes she sent to our home at Easter time, and the amazing feats she did with watermelons cut into a basket to hold a fruit salad or radishes presented like roses. She was the master of organization and her home was as well kept at 85 yrs as she kept it at 45. Even though she slowed down in the past year or two, she could still run circles around me, who was several decades younger. And though she was go, go, GO, she always took the time to sit down at her kitchen table over a cup of tea and listen to the sniffing laments of a teenage girl who live behind her. As time passed and I moved away from my childhood home I always went back to visit Marie; to show her my first puppy, my first car, my engagement ring (and fiancée), and finally my infant daughter. Next time I have big news, I'll report to Marie with a prayer and a tear.

August 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ My heart & prayers to your family, you were always "Marie On the spot" at the base! Aim High Marie Maureen

August 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Marie was a class lady, always had a smile on her face; always willing to help out. We really missed her when she retired from the Comptroller's office. May she rest in peace.

August 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Am sorry I was not able to attend Marie's funeral service. As a 174th Alumni member, I will honor her name at our Thanksgiving Dinner, then again at the Air Base at a Memorial Day Ceremony, followed by having her name engraved in our Memorial Stones at the Air Base and will include her name at a Memorial Service that begins our Annual Picnic next July/August. May Marie rest in peace!
Rev Mr Don Whiting, 174th Alumni Chaplain

August 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ What wonderful memories I have of Marie. I remember the first time I met her she walked up to me, looked me in the eye, smiled, and made me feel welcome and comfortable in her presence. It was as if I had known her forever. She was more than a Mother in-law to me. She was a wonderful friend, teacher, and confidant. She was at my side during some difficult years and was always there to listen and support me. She never criticized, she just listened. The fact that she chose to stay in contact with me after I sadly left Syracuse, meant more to me than anyone can possibly imagine. There were always birthday and Christmas cards and calls. She encouraged me each time I went back to college for additional degrees. She seemed really proud that I was able to start my own Interior Design Business and work at it for many years. I could feel her smile through every card and call. There was always a ready smile, kind words, and unflinching love for Bob, Bill, Kathy. I feel honored that I was able to have known her in Syracuse and continue to enjoy her friendship for many years afterwards. I am sure that right now there is a teapot whistling somewhere in heaven, a pretty teacup and saucer nearby, and a box of sugar-free wafer cookies ready to be shared and enjoyed. God Bless you, Marie. I will treasure your friendship forever.

August 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Marie was a wonderful person, she will be missed by all that knew her.

August 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Marie was the best mother-in-law anyone could ever ask for. She taught me much throughout the years, especially as a young naive bride, and later as a new mother. She always had a smile and a kind word for any situation. She was down to earth and always honest. I have many, many fond memories of her and her love for her grandchildren. And, I'll always remember her pear salad and cream cheese covered cantelope both delicious and cherished recipes. Her chicken noodle soup with those huge flat noodles and her vegetable beef soup were the basis for my soup recipes today many years later. She always had time for people, even when it was not convenient for her. She was loved much and will be missed much. God bless Marie. She will be in our prayers.

August 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ I have such fond memories of a wonderful and caring lady. She will be terribly missed. She cared for everyone around her.

August 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ We will always remember our ""girls weekend"" of three generations. Playing pictionary with the grandmas was so much fun! But every time I spent with you was lovely wasn't it? I always enjoyed our visits!

August 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Always a gracious, kind and considerate lady, I am sure Marie shall be missed by all who knew her and especially by her grandchildren

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“ We all have one, I think, a special Aunt who always gave the coolest present at Christmas. My Aunt Marie was that Aunt. Silly as it may be, I'll always remember being in her kitchen and looking at the stove, there sat in the oven home made beef jerky draped over a rack. Who does that? It was probably for Uncle Bob! She lived and loved with all her heart, and always spoke her mind without fear. God rest her soul. My prayers always to Kathy and Bill and you and yours. God Bless.

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“ I have nothing but good memories of aunt Marie. She used to take care of me when my parents were on a trip or out on the town and it was always a fun time. I will always remember her as my favorite aunt and Bill and Kathy as my favorite cousins. God Bless, Scott

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“ Marie was a wonderful person. Our deepest sympathies are with you and your family.

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“ *Cathy & Bill. as you knew Marie and I worked together many years at the Air Guard Base. She was a valued employee but most of all a true and loyal friend. A tough and gutsy lady and not afraid to speak up when things weren't right. Marilyn and I respected and enjoyed her insights and visits we experienced over the years. A true lady, exceptional work ethics and most of all a kind heart. We are honored to have had her as a true friend and with her family, who she loved very much, we will miss her smile, toughness, and gentle nature!*
Paul & Marilyn Ferretti

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