



Margarete E. Messina

October 25, 1924 - August 6, 2020

On Thursday, August 6, 2020, Margarete Ronneberger Messina peacefully passed on to her reward. She was fortunate to have been spared any great suffering during her final days. The World War II related trauma and injuries she suffered more than satisfied her fair share of hardships and indignities.

A German war bride, she married an American soldier, Raymond Messina in 1947, and promptly became an United States citizen and subsequently converted to Catholicism. She quickly adapted to the American lifestyle as a wife and mother to four children. She loved her adopted country and family, taking solace and pride in her new role. She never missed an election day, be it local or presidential!

Her kitchen was the center of the family. She loved cooking, entertaining and welcoming all to her table. No one ever left her home without a feeling of satiation and the warmth of her hospitality.

She is the proud mother of four children: Rosario of Wilmington, DE (Linnea, Gabriela- grandchildren), Denise Messina of Wilmington, DE, whom she resided with, Cynthia Petillo of Kennett Square, PA (Michael-Philip- grandchildren), and Michele Iannaccone of Old Greenwich, CT(Christopher, Eva and Grace-grandchildren); and two great-grandchildren, Lachlan and Hadley; she is survived by her two remaining sisters, Herta and Gerda, both

who reside in Germany. Margarete was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond.

She is greatly missed, and her absence leaves a gaping hole in the hearts and lives of many, but her memories will be with her family forever. May God bless her as she joins her beloved husband in Heaven. Services and burial are private. To send an online condolence visit www.stranofeeley.com

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Family Funeral Home

302-731-5459

Cemetery Details

Private

Tribute Wall

MD

“ Dear Denise, Rosario, Cindy, Michelle, We're sorry about your Mom's passing. She was a kind, sincere and caring neighbor. We loved how sometimes Margaret would give us tastes of her delicious spizzato and other foods! God bless her.

Maria and Michael Denney - August 22, 2020 at 01:05 PM

ST

“ Dear Denise: I am so sorry to hear about your mom's passing. I know how devastating a mother's passing is. I will keep you and your family in my nightly prayers. If I can do anything for you, please do not hesitate to call. My phone # is 302.378.0807 or s tass1124@aol.com. I would like to meet up soon to catch up. Sharonlynn (Modziewski) Tassone.

Sharonlynn Tassone - August 17, 2020 at 11:14 AM

BF

“ Condolences to you and your family from the Bianchi's Family.

Bianchi Maurizio & Fatima - August 16, 2020 at 08:55 AM

MS

“Denise, Rosario, Michele and Cindy, what an amazing mother you were so lucky to have all these years, our prayers are with you and your families.



Aunt Margret, we are all heart broken of your departure, but so glad you did not suffer and re-united with your beloved husband. You were always the life of the party and a welcome face. I have to laugh as us ladies always remember how proudly you were of your dear treasures..LOL I remember with love and laughs, all of us sitting around Sandy's kitchen table, Gloria, Sandy, Aunt Charlotte, Veronica, Rebecca, Denise and myself, we sure did have lots of laughs at that sitting..and your were the life of our Ladies party. A party was not a party without you there. You "never had a bad word to say of anyone." You were the peace maker of our very large Messin family and we will always treasure your loyalty to your beloved family of so many , too numerous to count. Words cannot express the love we have for you. I loved all our visits to your home or ours home as we share and treasure for many years to come.. You use to love coming to our home for the many meals, and parties. Now our parties will not be the same without you. You were always our favorite Aunt and guest of honor. We love you and will always remember you with your treasures... That was always the big hit of our getting together with you. Aunt Margrat I will always miss and remember you. So now your work is done here on earth and now resting in peace with our Lord Jesus Christ & other family members. I will especially miss you calling me, "MaLea" as it sounded so beautiful with your slight German accent. Our sorrow and prayers goes to all your children and their families. Love, Marie, Riff and family

Marie A Seewald - August 14, 2020 at 04:37 PM

KI

“ Dear Michele, Denise, Rosario, Cindy, Oma’s grandchildren, great-grandchildren, sisters, and Messina family, I am so sorry to hear of Oma’s passing. Our family loved Oma so much! Oma always made everyone feel so special and loved. What an amazing person who enjoyed and loved life! We will miss you, Oma. Rest In Peace forever. Love Karen Iannaccone.

Karen Iannaccone - August 10, 2020 at 08:24 PM

CR

Thank you for your heartfelt sentiments. She was an incredibly brave and strong woman, having endured and survived the hardships and atrocities of WWII. From Cynthia, Michael and our son Michael Philip Ronneberger Petillo .

crpetill@comcast.net - August 13, 2020 at 04:01 PM

RC

“ I am thankful to have known Margarete. She treated me like a son. My sympathy goes out to the family.

Alvin Moore

Rita Carnevale - August 10, 2020 at 01:36 PM

CR

Thank you for your kind thoughts.

crpetill@comcast.net - August 13, 2020 at 04:12 PM

LB

“ Cindy, Denise, Rosario and Michelle, we are sorry to hear of your mother's passing. Cherish the good times you spent together. RIP Aunt Margaret, from Louisa, Violet and Tom.

Louisa Bowman - August 08, 2020 at 11:32 AM

CR

Thank you Louisa for your kind words. Mom loved you and your family. She is smiling down at you!!

crpetill@comcast.net - August 13, 2020 at 04:14 PM

KH

“ *Our love and prayers are with the Messina family. We were so sorry to hear of the passing of Aunt Margarete. We will always remember the good times and hold her in our hearts. Rest in peace dear Aunt.*

Love Kathy and Bob (Haley)

Kathy and Bob Haley - August 08, 2020 at 11:16 AM

CR

Kathy and Bob, thank you for your kind words. Aunt Margarete loved spending time with Aunt Mae. They were kindred spirits! Love, Cindy!

crpetill@comcast.net - August 13, 2020 at 04:17 PM

AB

“ *Rosario, Denise, Cindy and Michelle, My thoughts and prayers are with you. I loved Aunt Margarete, I have so many Great memories of her. May she Rest In Peace. Angela and Family*

Angela Brown - August 08, 2020 at 11:06 AM

CR

Thank you Angela. Mom and Aunt Mae loved “junking”! They had such a great time sharing their tribulations! Love, Cindy

crpetill@comcast.net - August 13, 2020 at 04:20 PM

SA

“ Aunt Margaret was so dear to me I can't begin to express how I loved, respected, and admired her. Being in her presence was company to the light she shined on everyone she met. She gave me and this world a sense of what Love is, what faith in God and fellow man is, and what should be. The strength her life mirrored brought hope to all. There's no doubt her last breath on Earth was her first breath in Heaven. Thank you dearest Aunt Margaret for being in my and Rusty's life. We will treasure her love and memory as a gift forever.

Love and prayers, rest in perfect peace.

Niece Sandra and Rusty

Sandra - August 08, 2020 at 10:09 AM

GL

I just found out about 'Aunt' Margaret's passing. All of my memories of this precious woman bring a smile both inside and outside. I was 7 years old when we moved several Row Homes down from 'Aunt' Margaret and 'Uncle' Bob on DuPont St. I doubt there was a more tender-hearted woman in all of the neighborhood whose smile and laughter ignited more of the same. And I can say this in Truth ... both my Pop and Mom loved her deeply. So did all of us LaFazia boys and girls! She will be Sadly Missed ... but Fondly Remembered!

Greg LaFazia - August 13, 2020 at 09:58 AM

CR

Thank you for your comforting words. Mom loved you, Russell and Russell Jr. I think there is a lesson to be learned from her life and stories. Stay strong! Cindy!

crpetill@comcast.net - August 13, 2020 at 04:22 PM

RM

Rosario, Denise, Cindy and Michele...Haven't seen you guys in a long time. I'm so sorry for you. I always thought the world of your mom.

Ray Messina - August 17, 2020 at 04:56 PM