



Margo Jean Brockmeyer

June 20, 1936 - July 11, 2013

Margo Jean Brockmeyer, age 77, of Spirit Lake and formerly of Lost Island Lake/Ruthven, passed away Thursday July 11, 2013 at the Heart Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. She was born on June 20, 1936 in Spirit Lake to Leo and Jesse (Poyzer) Happe.

Margo graduated from Spirit Lake High School in 1954, and went on to earn her college degrees from State Teachers College and UNI in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

On August 17, 1957, she was united in Holy Matrimony at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Spirit Lake to her loving husband Ronald Brockmeyer. To this union, six children were born, Lynn, Lorrie, Paul, Mary Beth, Tom, and Keith. They devoted their lives to their six children and their activities. Margo touched the lives of many other children as well, as she spent over forty years in the teaching profession and never met a child she wasn't willing to mother. Ron and Margo were residents of Lake Center, Lake Park, Victor, Lost Island Lake, and most recently Spirit Lake, Iowa. The two of them were a very active team in many service organizations within each community. Margo was also a loyal supporter of Ron's many activities and work responsibilities. Margo was a scout leader, religious education teacher, in women's church groups, Jaycees, Betterment Association, Lost Island Protective Association, and volunteered for many other groups and causes. She was a most giving and generous soul. Margo had a creative passion for art, gardening, and writing. She was always willing to share her skills and produce with others.

Margo was known to her grandchildren as "Grammie." She would do anything to help her children, grandchildren, and their friends. She was a great storyteller. She claimed many "world famous" recipes that she shared with all. She will truly be missed by family and friends more than words can say. Margo is survived by her husband, Ron; Son-in-law, Scott Zern, Conrad, Angie (Dan) Reece, Brennan Dickinson, Ankeny, Tim (Kaitlin) Zern, Cedar Falls, Amy (Chad) Tate, Waterloo; Daughter, Lorrie (Mike), Alex, Talia Patton, Hudson; Son, Paul (Tanya) Brockmeyer, Chandler, AZ, Kelcey (D.J.) Danner, Johnston; Daughter, Mary Beth (Scott) Ben, Charlie and Jonathon Neff, Beaman; Son, Tom (Paula), Danielle Brockmeyer, Buford, GA; Son, Keith (Sharma), Mikayla, Katelyn Brockmeyer, Spirit Lake; Sisters, Joanne Shuck, AZ, Carolyn Joss, WI, and brother, Mark Happe, Arnolds Park, and many other relatives.

Margo was preceded in death by her daughter, Lynn Zern, great granddaughter, Jaelyn Zern, her parents, Leo and Jesse Happe, and her twin sister, Melva Jackson.

Tribute Wall

RC

“ Keith and family,
Sorry to hear of your mother's passing. Our thoughts and prayers
are with you at this difficult time.

Rick and Barb Corey - July 17, 2013 at 11:50 AM

RF

“ I bet she's giving those refs in heaven a peace of her mind. The
good ol Terril Tiger and Tigerette days. I wonder if she has a role of
tape she can let fly? If we hear thunder, that means she's stomping
her feet in disapproval at a call. It's funny how I remember those
days, and they seem not that long ago. Our condolences from the
Von Ehwegen's

Robert & Tammi Von Ehwegen & Family - July 16, 2013 at 06:24 PM

SS

“ I just heard the news today through facebook of Margo's passing. I
got to know Margo through a variety of circumstances, but mostly
because Ron was one of my biggest supporters at Iowa Lakes
when I coached there, and since my husband Max was from Terril,
he already knew the Brockmeyers. Margo also subbed at
Emmetsburg where I teach. I loved this couple. They never met a
stranger and always made everyone feel important and special.
What a loss to the family and community. My deepest sympathy to
the Brockmeyer family.

Sue Strube - July 16, 2013 at 06:23 PM

AH

“ So sorry to hear of Margo's passing. You are in our thoughts and
prayers!

Arn & Kathy Heng - July 16, 2013 at 04:09 PM

BC

“ Keith and family. Thinking of you in this difficult time.

Brenda Cook - July 16, 2013 at 04:05 PM

LF

“ Just heard the news today. So sorry for your loss, Mr. Brockmeyer (it wouldn't be right to call you anything else). Have memories from when you lived in Victor and let me babysit a few times for you and always thought it was so neat to come to your house as my grandparents lived there before you moved in. My parents got to know the two of you well and stayed in touch for many years. Will always remember how you were our host and hostess for our wedding.

Linda Fuller - July 16, 2013 at 03:41 PM

MP

“ Margo Jean Brockmeyer

Myrna Prange - July 16, 2013 at 08:58 AM

BM

“ I was so sad to hear about Margo and then started remembering all the memories I have of her. She was my kindergarten teacher and much more. I remember when I graduated high school she gave each of use a letter telling us her memories of us in kindergarten. It was pretty cool. And when she even brought me in some strawberry rhubarb jam at the hospital when I mentioned how much I liked it. So many wonderful memories!!

Becky Simington Moore - July 15, 2013 at 08:20 PM

JW

“ Keith,
Our deepest sympathy! You and your family are held in our thoughts and prayers.

Jarrold & Cari Wallace - July 15, 2013 at 01:31 PM

AD

“ Keith,

Our condolences to you and you family. Although I did not know her.....sounds like to me your mom exemplified the true meaning of a mother and citizen.

Alan Ditsworth - July 15, 2013 at 12:35 PM

JR

“ Ron, you and your family have our deepest sympathy in the loss of Margo. She was a tremendous wife, mother and person and we will all miss her. All of us have wonderful memories of what a warm and caring person that she was.

Jim & Mandi Reed - July 15, 2013 at 11:31 AM

JS

“ Dear Uncle Ron & Our All Of Our Brockmeyer Cousins - We are so sad to hear the news about Margo - and only wishing we could have been there for the funeral. But please know we are ALL thinking about ALL of you at this time. We will always remember the good times we shared years back, especially all the fun at Grandma & Grandpa's in Strawberry Point. You are all in our thoughts and prayers - Connie, Bonnie, Judi, Jill, Jo Ann and families

Jill Staats - July 15, 2013 at 08:03 AM

KF

“ I had the privilege of growing up as neighbors with the entire Brockmeyer family. I will always look at them as a model family who cared about others. My prayers are with the entire family during this difficult time.

Kelly Feldman - July 15, 2013 at 08:00 AM

JE

“ Ron and to all your kids, Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. She will be missed. She touched so many lives. You two have always been there for us when we needed something you could help us with. Thank you for that. She always had stories to tell. May your days be touched by the joy she brought, your hearts comforted by every moment you spent together. May a smile be put on your face by the laughter, the fun, goodness and love you will always know and have because of her. She will always be there for you, as she watches from above. I know it is hard right now, but she is in a better place and is in no more pain.

Jon & Julie Englert - July 14, 2013 at 07:33 PM

KK

“ Been so many years, but I will always remember the Family. I am sorry for your loss.

Kevin T. Kuehl - July 14, 2013 at 11:18 AM

KS

“ Our deepest sympathies to Ron and the family. You are all in our hearts and prayers.

Kay & Todd Suhr - July 13, 2013 at 03:14 PM

BW

“ To all of the Brockmeyer's. We send our sympathy and prayers. May you find peace in God's promise of everlasting life.

Bev and Vern Wittler - July 12, 2013 at 10:11 PM

GW

“ Ron, Keith, Beth and Tom and families,
Our deepest sympathies on the loss of Margo! What an energetic and spirited woman she was that will be remembered by many. May God give you strength during this time and know that we will be thinking and praying for you all.

George and Angie Wigen - July 12, 2013 at 04:53 PM

KS

“ To all the Brockmeyers,
I have such special memories of your mom growing up at your house. Margo was a very special lady and fan of the Tigerettes. We didn't know how fierce her love was for us at the time She treated me like one of her own, maybe could n't tell when there was a extra one that sneaked in. The house was always alive with excitement and everyone caused their share. She will be missed by everyone. I will keep you all in my prayers.
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Kellie Krieger Snyder - July 12, 2013 at 04:13 PM

BF

“ Ron and family. Sadly I heard of Margo's passing this morning. She was one of my teachers during the Lake Center days - many interesting and fun memories of that time. Take care.

Brent Felton - July 12, 2013 at 12:32 PM

CO

“ Ron,
What a wonderful person we all have lost. I remember her from a very young age when Margo was a teacher who was stern but also quick to give a hug or pat on the back with words of encouragement. Later in years working with LIRBA Margo was a treat and made all the activities and meetings so much fun. Her quirky questions and suggestions will never be forgotten. Our prayers are with you and your family at this time.

Chuck & Becky Oppedal - July 12, 2013 at 10:23 AM

SE

“ Ron, Beth, Tom, Keith, and Family:
I will always remember Margo, especially during basketball time. I believe, she was our biggest fan. I remember her getting after the referees and almost getting kicked out of the game because of tape going on the floor. Margo was so full of energy. She wasn't a teacher of mine, but with her energy I bet she was outstanding at teaching. I will always have great memories of Margo. My prayers and thought are with you!!! It is always hard to lose a loved one, but remember she is in a better place and without pain. Sandy

Sandy (Heller) Enderson - July 12, 2013 at 10:10 AM

DR

“ Keith - *Please know that you and your family are in our prayers during this difficult time.*

Dean and Susan Reiser - July 11, 2013 at 10:22 PM

KS

“ *Ron & families, so sorry, just got the news, from Jon. So many good memories, especially at the school. She was my first teacher I worked under, and learned alot, always thought of her as my mentor in learning to be an aide. She always made me feel needed & special. So happy we got to chat at Bullys that evening, will never forget her. In our thoughts & special prayers. Kit Smith*

Kit Smith - July 11, 2013 at 06:14 PM