



Marilyn (Krage) Higgins

January 23, 1935 - October 5, 2020

Marilyn (Krage) Higgins was born January 23, 1935 to Roy and Helen Krage of Sioux City, Iowa. Marilyn adored and cherished her seven brothers and sisters, Ron, Sam, Helen Ann, Blanche, Barb, Colonel and Mary Alice. Marilyn's greatest accomplishment comes in the form of the seven children she and Bob raised together: Roy, Mike, John, Teresa, Robert, Lisa, and Mary.

She was blessed with 10 grandchildren who she loved dearly, Nathan, Marisa, Elizabeth, Jake, Jessica, Jared, Thomas, Abby, Steven and Ryan who were inspired with her love and dedication to their lives. Grandma never missed a chance to watch them perform! Marilyn was also loved by her three great-grandchildren; Riley, Alexa, and Isaac, whom she enjoyed spoiling with chocolates and golf cart rides.

Okoboji was Marilyn's home for many years, and she enjoyed swimming, boating, sailing, and relaxing on the dock with Bob. She was an avid bridge player and greatly enjoyed her monthly bridge club gatherings with her friends. She faithfully served the Lord as a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Milford.

Marilyn passed away at home on October 5, 2020, with the love of her life Robert, as always, close to her side. Marilyn and Bob's long marriage of 62 years, constant companionship, and unwavering love is an inspiration to all.

Our family would like to show our gratitude to St. Croix Hospice for the excellent care they provided. Thanks to her children and husband who spent many days and nights by her side. Their sensitivity and loving care were a saving grace through the last few months.

Bob would like personally to thank you, the many friends, family, and relatives that helped in Marilyn's journey to heaven. The whole Higgins family is grateful for all the love and prayers they have received.

Marilyn's message is simple, but powerful - unconditional love. Marilyn had the ability to fully engage her excitement into other's life experiences. She was everyone's number one fan. We will all cherish Marilyn; wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend forever in our hearts.

Marilyn was preceded in death by her parents Roy and Helen Krage; siblings Sam and Joyce Krage, Helen Ann and Arnie Feste, Ron Krage, Blanche and Tom Ward, Barbara and Dr. Tom Nicknish.

Marilyn is survived by her husband Robert Higgins, children and their spouses; Roy and Sue Higgins, Mike and Maureen Higgins, John Higgins, Teresa and David Schoelerman, Robert Higgins and Vicky Dvorkin, Lisa and John Volmary, Mary and Randy VerMulm and ten loving grandchildren Jake Schoelerman, Jessica Schmidt, Nathan Higgins, Thomas Volmary, Abby Volmary, Jared Schoelerman, Marisa Higgins, Steven VerMulm, Elizabeth Higgins, and Ryan VerMulm and great grandchildren Riley, Alexa and Isaac Schoelerman.

She is also survived by siblings Colonel Krage and Jeanette Krage, Mary Alice and Chuck Swanson and sister in law Joan Krage.

A Family Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, October

9, 2020 at the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Milford. A visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. till service time on Friday at the church. The funeral will be live streamed on the church's Facebook and Website pages. Burial will be held in the Lake View Gardens Cemetery in Spirit Lake.

Cemetery Details

Lake View Gardens Cemetery

Spirit Lake, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 9. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
1301 Okoboji Ave.
Milford, IA 51351

Service

OCT 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Robinson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Marilyn (Krage) Higgins*



Robinson Funeral Home - October 08, 2020 at 04:12 PM

AK

“ *My condolences and big hugs to the Higgins family. So sorry and so sad to hear about Marilyn's passing. The numerous photos were a fantastic tribute to the legacy she leaves behind.*
Love, Ann K.

Ann Krzmarzick - October 29, 2020 at 08:03 PM

SM

“ *Sherry M. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Marilyn (Krage) Higgins.*



Sherry M. - October 29, 2020 at 06:44 PM

DR

“ *Bob, sorry to hear of your loss. Got good memories of you two when we worked at Polaris.*

Dan & Fawn Rogers - October 12, 2020 at 12:46 PM

SS

“ Dear Bob and family,
We are so sorry to hear of Marilyn’s passing. She definitely was a woman of great spirit.
We have such fond memories of you both and always enjoyed times with being with you both in FL.
When we think of Marilyn, we remember her friendliness, her infamous dives in the pool and her great meals.
Bob, you and Marilyn did have a great loving marriage and we are sure it is a great inspiration to your family.
Please accept our sincere condolences and prayers.
Love,
Shirley and Vincent Snyder

Shirley Snyder - October 11, 2020 at 07:36 AM

AW

“ Marilyn's energy and zest for life was so contagious! I learned so much from her just by the way she loved those around her and lived her life. I will miss my aunt very much and every time I get into the water, I will think of her and how much she means to me. One of my most vivid memories was 12 years ago swimming with her and my sister Curran in West Boji for at least a 1/2 hour where our feet never touched the ground. I was watching her but I was the one cramping and getting tired. My daughter was 4 (same trip) and she still remembers the cinnamon roles she made for us.

Alan Ward - October 09, 2020 at 01:52 PM

VW

“ Always enjoyed visiting with Marilyn in the Terrace Park neighborhood .Had alot of good times at cocktail hour with Mom and Rosemary and the rest of that gang.She will be missed. Vicki Vogel Willison.



VICKI WILLISON - October 09, 2020 at 09:48 AM

CT

“ Bob and family: Was sorry to hear of Marilyn's passing. She was always a friendly person and always knew you. Will miss her at the Milford Legion omelet feeds. Sending our Love and Sympathy.



Chuck & Donna Tielbur - October 08, 2020 at 11:35 PM

JF

“ Joanne Follon lit a candle in memory of Marilyn (Krage) Higgins



Joanne Follon - October 08, 2020 at 05:33 PM

SM

“ Susan Munsen lit a candle in memory of Marilyn (Krage) Higgins



Susan Munsen - October 08, 2020 at 09:26 AM

ME

“ My heart aches with sadness for losing one of my closet friends since kindergarten 😞 It was comforting to know that she was ready for her final hours but it doesn't lessen the loss that I know that all the people who loved her and whose lives she enhanced are feeling right now. It is even difficult to write this. She was everything good that a friend could be. My life was better because she was in it . Our last physical visit was when she and Bob came to Los Angeles and she had made certain that we had tickets for Jay Leno and she told all of us, in no uncertain terms, that she would be on TV and she was. I am motivated to be an extra good person so that I can be with Marilyn and Tooter and play Mexican Train on a cloud. My condolences to you Bob and to all your family.

Mary LaVelle Egan - October 07, 2020 at 10:00 PM

TS

Thank you so much for the kind words and for being such a great friend to our mother.

Teresa Schoelerman - October 07, 2020 at 10:23 PM

MV

Thank you Mary, she would tell stories of her visits to your house. She loved visiting you! Mary

Mary VerMulm - October 08, 2020 at 08:49 AM

BH

“ Bob and family, I was so saddened to receive your phone call last evening to let me know of Marilyn's passing. I have so many fond memories of her and all of your family. A couple of those memories were being introduced to "chicken spaghetti" during one of many Sunday evening dinners, when you invited me into your home on West 4th Street in Spencer. As well as "orange glazed" dinner rolls to go along with that chicken spaghetti. Marilyn truly was the matriarch of the family. The Higgins family has lost a one of a kind and truly gracious lady. May the memories of her lifetime help you through this most difficult time. Sending prayers and warm thoughts to everyone.

Brian Hoffmann - West Des Moines, Iowa

Brian Hoffmann - October 07, 2020 at 05:58 PM

RH

Thank you Brian for all you did for my Mom and Dad

Roy Higgins - October 07, 2020 at 06:19 PM

TS

Thanks so much for the kind words. Mom always loved having people over and cooking for them. 🍷

Teresa Schoelerman - October 07, 2020 at 10:39 PM

MV

Thank you Brian, you were always a part of our family. Mary

Mary VerMulm - October 08, 2020 at 08:47 AM

CN

Marilyn was always so welcoming to everyone she met. She was a hard worker and a kind spirit. She will be missed greatly. Please let your Family know that I will not be able to attend the Funeral but will be there in spirit. God Bless.

Chris Nicknish - October 08, 2020 at 02:39 PM

BF

“ *Sending prayers to your family. I have a feeling Marilyn and grandma Jeanne are back to their bridge games and happy hours in heaven together!*



Billi (Travis) Feller - October 07, 2020 at 04:40 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Marilyn (Krage) Higgins.*



October 07, 2020 at 03:56 PM

DC

“ *Bob and family, we are so sorry for your loss. Marilyn was a beautiful, kind lady. Our families were neighbors since 1946, on Terrace Park, when I first met Marilyn and the rest of Krage family. We have fond memories. May God give you comfort. Dave and Jan Convy*

Dave Convy - October 07, 2020 at 03:44 PM

TS

Thanks so much for the kind words.

Teresa Schoelerman - October 07, 2020 at 10:46 PM

SR

“ You are such a wonderful family. This is a big loss for all of you. We've known your family for a long time and played bridge with Marilyn in our fun bridge group for years. Marilyn was the life of the party. So sorry for your loss.

Suzy and Tom Rutten

Suzy Rutten - October 07, 2020 at 03:41 PM

TS

Thank you Suzy. Mom LOVED playing bridge with all of you. 💜

Teresa Schoelerman - October 07, 2020 at 10:31 PM

MV

She loved her bridge ladies! Thanks Suzy and Tom. Mary

Mary VerMulm - October 08, 2020 at 08:51 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Marilyn (Krage) Higgins.



October 07, 2020 at 02:20 PM

JP

“ Dear Bob and family, may Marilyn be at peace. Thoughts and prayers to each of you on behalf of your sad loss. May the warmth she shared with each of you continue to shine bright.

Jackie Paulsen - October 07, 2020 at 01:34 PM

AB

“ Dear Bob and family, we hope Marilyn will rest in peace and your memories be sweet. Just a few years ago, I struggled half the summer to try to teach my granddaughter to back-float and back stroke on Terrace Park beach. Marilyn offered to help and spent about 15 minutes with Valerie and she took off like a fish! We always enjoyed visiting with her at the beach. Anita, Amber, Gina and Valerie Bailey

Anita Bailey - October 07, 2020 at 01:12 PM

DK

“ Bob, our sympathy to you and your family. May God give you peace and comfort. Dee & Gary Kilpatrick



Dee & Gary Kilpatrick - October 07, 2020 at 12:27 PM

JO

“ Jim O'Neill lit a candle in memory of Marilyn (Krage) Higgins



Jim O'Neill - October 07, 2020 at 11:42 AM

CH

“ Bob and Family, so sorry for your loss! You will be in my prayers.

Cheryl Hurst - October 07, 2020 at 11:40 AM

SS

“ *Bob and family. Our sympathy to you in the loss of Marilyn. We always had so much fun playing bridge with you guys in the marathon. Many memories from those evenings. Stan and Rhea Sybesma*

Stan Sybesma - October 07, 2020 at 11:04 AM

AG

“ *Analytical Lab Group purchased the Summer's Light Bouquet for the family of Marilyn (Krage) Higgins.*



Analytical Lab Group - October 07, 2020 at 10:41 AM

JB

“ *Bob and Family, Sorry for your loss of the matriarch of the family. May your many fond memories help you through your sorrow. We will remember Marilyn and all of you in our prayers. Mary Ann & Jeff Bohnenkamp*

Jeff Bohnenkamp - October 07, 2020 at 10:40 AM

CB

“ *Our Deepest Sympathy to all the family. Worked with Marilyn at Polaris and she was a great wonderful person... Prayers for continued healing during this time of grief and adjustment .. Char and Terry Bockman*

Char Bockman - October 07, 2020 at 09:59 AM

DK

“ Our mothers/grandmothers are the most precious people in our lives. Our deepest sympathies are with you all. We know through her children and grandchildren what a remarkable lady she was to all!

Diana and Wayne Koppen - October 07, 2020 at 09:55 AM

MV

Thanks Diana and Wayne. Mary

Mary VerMulm - October 08, 2020 at 08:55 AM

JK

“ My sympathy to Marilyn's family. She was a great lady, always fun and laughing. I have fond memories of playing Y volleyball with her, playing bridge with her, working funeral dinners at Sacred Heart with her, always laughing. She was so proud of her family. May she RIP. joan kallsen



Joan Kallsen - October 07, 2020 at 09:38 AM

MV

Thank you Joan. Mary

Mary VerMulm - October 08, 2020 at 08:55 AM

MW

“ Mike Wallace lit a candle in memory of Marilyn (Krage) Higgins



Mike Wallace - October 06, 2020 at 09:41 PM

MM

“ So very sorry to hear of Marilyn’s death. I attended Blessed Sacrament school with her and my husband Jerry we’re both at Heelan High with her. I remember great slumber parties at the great house with the balcony on Country Club Blvd. Marilyn’s Mom was so generous with all of us. It doesn’t seem possible that Marilyn & Tooter Ewald died so close to each other. They are having fun in heaven, I’m sure. Our sympathy to all of you.
Jerry & Margie MARley
South Bend, In.

Marge (Connors) Marley - October 06, 2020 at 08:19 PM

SH

“ Sal Haas lit a candle in memory of Marilyn (Krage) Higgins



Sal Haas - October 06, 2020 at 08:15 PM

CB

“ So sorry to hear about Marilyn. I am remembering fondly our times together while working at Fillenwarth’s! My prayer are with all of you, Colleen (Lake) Barker



Colleen Barker - October 06, 2020 at 06:50 PM

GB

“ *Gayle Brandt lit a candle in memory of Marilyn (Krage) Higgins*



Gayle Brandt - October 06, 2020 at 05:57 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Marilyn (Krage) Higgins.*



October 06, 2020 at 04:22 PM

MT

“ *Peace to the family.*



Mike & Deb Travis - October 06, 2020 at 02:26 PM

MD

“ *Michele Dyhrkopp-Shortley lit a candle in memory of Marilyn (Krage) Higgins*



Michele Dyhrkopp-Shortley - October 06, 2020 at 01:55 PM

GB

“ Greg & Dee Baloun lit a candle in memory of
Marilyn (Krage) Higgins



Greg & Dee Baloun - October 06, 2020 at 01:06 PM