



## Marguerite J. Staten

May 28, 1934 - June 11, 2023

Marguerite Staten spent her lifetime caring for others in her family, in her church and in her community. She was an exceptionally loving mother to her own children, the neighborhood kids, and the schoolchildren she looked out for. She had a welcoming smile with a life-of-the-party personality. Marge never met a stranger she didn't like.

Marguerite Jean Staten was born May 28, 1934 in Detroit, Michigan to the late Earl and Lucille Whitlock. She was the oldest of 13 children. Preceding her in death was four brothers, Earl, Richard, Paul, and Steve, and one sister, Rita Somers.

Marguerite, affectionally known as Marge, attended Christ the King Elementary School and graduated from Immaculate High School in Detroit in 1952. In her early years, she worked with her Uncle Ed at his newspaper stand in downtown Detroit where she met the love of her life, the late LeRoi M. Staten, whom she later married.

Marge lived a full life of service committed to her family, friends, and faith. She was an active member of St. Gregory the Great and worked in the rectory and church. In 1974, she became a member of St. Mary's of Redford Catholic Church where she remained a member for 49 years.

For over 20 years, she worked as a concession manager for the Detroit Red Wings at the Olympia and Joe Louis Arenas. She served for many years as a waitress and hostess at The Montrose, a well-known neighborhood establishment.

One of her most cherished jobs was working at St. Mary's of Redford Grade School as a teacher's aide, lunch mother, library assistant and office coordinator. She also enjoyed working with the beloved Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, sharing meals and enjoying special times with them.

Her family was the joy of her life. Her children enjoyed celebrating her milestone birthdays with elaborate themed parties with extended family, friends and loved ones. She loved to dance and impressed everyone with her smooth dance moves. She was a huge Bruno Mars fan and enjoyed listening to him while tapping her feet and singing along. She enjoyed her annual Frankenmuth bonding trips with her sisters and nieces, a tradition they started almost 30 years ago.

Marge loved working on crossword puzzles in the Detroit Newspaper, watching Jeopardy, various quiz show programs, gardening, and planting flowers. She faithfully prayed the rosary daily at 3:00 p.m.. She dedicated her time volunteering for St. Vincent de Paul, Sisters Home Visitors of Mary, and was an active member of the Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary Court 196. She frequently donated to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, one of her many favorite charities.

Upon moving to the Fountains at Franklin Senior Community in 2010, she immediately became the star resident and was well-known for the many roles that she played including leading bingo and keno games, serving as the floor captain, and setting up for the onsite Catholic masses. She was dearly missed

by her friends at the Fountains when she recently moved to live with her two daughters.

Marge was loved by many. She leaves to cherish her memory: her beloved daughters, Karen (Hank) Adams, Kathy (Han) Morgan, Michele Brantley, Marleana Staten, Marjorie Staten, Maria Bobo, beloved son, Kevin (Beverly) Speights, and stepson Leroy Staten, Jr.; two sisters, Ilene Pender and Esther Handel; and five brothers, Thomas Whitlock, James (Linda) Whitlock, John (Teresa) Whitlock, Kenneth (Jo Karen) Whitlock, Joseph (Julie) Whitlock, a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and a godson.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be given to the family for distribution to Marge's favorite charities.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 16. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak  
705 W. Eleven Mile Road  
Royal Oak, MI 48067  
(248) 541-7000  
royal@sullivanfh.com  
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

## Special Tribute by Family

JUN 16. 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak  
705 W. Eleven Mile Road  
Royal Oak, MI 48067  
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## Rosary

JUN 16. 7:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Mass

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JUN 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's of Redford Catholic Church  
14750 St. Marys Street  
Detroit, MI 48227

# Tribute Wall

MS

“ Love you and miss you soooo much  
Grandma, until we meet again....



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**Maygan Staten** - June 19, 2023 at 02:01 AM

JN

“ Marjorie and family,

*Please accept my heartfelt condolences for  
your loss.*

*I have fond memories of your mother — throughout the years —  
accompanying Marjorie to General Motors Minority Dealer  
Development national conferences.*

*Marge's positive spirit left an indelible mark on my memory that time  
will never erase.*

*Godspeed.*

*Jane Kennedy Newcomb*



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**Jane Kennedy Newcomb** - June 16, 2023 at 07:32 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Marguerite J. Staten.*



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June 16, 2023 at 04:41 PM



“ *Deepest condolences go out to Marjorie and the Staten Family in this time of grief and mourning. May the Lord bless you and wrap this family in his bosom during these times.*

*The Chrysler Minority Dealers Association*

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**Mitch Mitchell** - June 16, 2023 at 01:20 PM



“ *John and Anna Pierce purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Marguerite J. Staten.*



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**John and Anna Pierce** - June 16, 2023 at 11:40 AM



“ *John and Anna Pierce planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marguerite J. Staten.*

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**John and Anna Pierce** - June 16, 2023 at 11:40 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Marguerite J. Staten.



June 16, 2023 at 11:19 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marguerite J. Staten.

June 16, 2023 at 11:19 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Marguerite J. Staten.



June 16, 2023 at 08:15 AM



“ Rachel lit a candle in memory of Marguerite J. Staten



Rachel - June 15, 2023 at 09:09 PM

RA

“ Mrs. Staten was always welcoming and treated us as her own when we visited. At Mr. Staten’s funeral, I was very emotional and was crying. She stopped me and told me he wouldn’t want me to cry. A grieving widow, took the time to console me, as she laid her husband to rest. I was blessed to have her help me get dressed at my wedding, and always shared her beautiful smile when I saw her. The last time I saw her, she faintly remembered my name when I reminded her of it, but said she remembered my apple pie. 😊 The legacy she leaves on Earth is strong and will be remembered for her love and strength. I pray the Lord wraps his loving arms around her family and they can find comfort knowing she is now with the Lord, whom she loves beyond measure, and is also now reunited with the love of her life. Rest well, Mrs. Staten, your love will forever go on! Love you! Rachel Hall

Rachel - June 15, 2023 at 09:00 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marguerite J. Staten.



June 15, 2023 at 08:47 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marguerite J. Staten.

June 15, 2023 at 08:47 PM

ER

“ Erica lit a candle in memory of Marguerite J. Staten



erica - June 15, 2023 at 08:43 PM

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“ Condolences and prayers to the Staten Family ❤️❤️❤️❤️



Tiffany Shoate (Davis) - June 15, 2023 at 05:29 PM

SP

“ Saint Mary of Redford Parish purchased the Heavenly and Harmony for the family of Marguerite J. Staten.



Saint Mary of Redford Parish - June 15, 2023 at 05:07 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Marguerite J. Staten.



June 15, 2023 at 04:47 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Marguerite J. Staten.*



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June 15, 2023 at 03:56 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Marguerite J. Staten.*



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June 15, 2023 at 03:23 PM



“ *To: Soror Maria, My very deepest condolences to the family.*

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**Phyllis Rogers** - June 15, 2023 at 03:10 PM



“ *Ever Upward Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marguerite J. Staten.*



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June 15, 2023 at 02:50 PM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marguerite J. Staten.*



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June 15, 2023 at 01:46 PM



“ *Grandma, we met when I was 18 I'm now 37 so 19 years you've been the only grandma 🧓 I've known you've always made me feel welcome and a part of the family and you were always so good with having your own little connection with everyone and I truly admired that about you because it's just so many of us enough to drive anyone crazy but that never deterred you from loving us anyway no matter what was going on.*

*You really touched so many lives in more ways than one and I don't even know if you understood the magnitude of your impact.*

*I'm gonna miss our Bruno Mars Music Sessions while cutting your hair and catching up with you to see how you're doing and just knowing I'd see you and get to hug you at the family events.*

*Honestly I'm just glad I got to experience being in such a wonderful loving woman presence such as yourself. There will never be another grandma in my life that can fill your shoes and I'll hold on to all the memories we share that have no pictures or videos that just live in my heart and memory forever.*

*Rest In Peace Grandma 🧓*

*And watch over us all Until we meet again.*

*Love Shekinah*

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**Shekinah Davis** - June 15, 2023 at 01:04 PM

RR

“ *Ricardo Rudolph lit a candle in memory of Marguerite J. Staten*



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**Ricardo Rudolph** - June 15, 2023 at 12:43 PM

SD

“ *A ray of sunshine and the queen of our hearts you will always be.  
Please continue to shine your bright light on us from heaven as we continue on this path called life.  
Forever Engraved In My Heart Grandma  
With love Shekinah*



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**Shekinah Davis** - June 15, 2023 at 12:38 PM

RR

“ My memory of Mrs. Staten began in the fall of 1978 around late September when I was a student at St. Mary's of Redford grade school. At the time I never knew her name or even who she was. I just remember walking through the hall and there was this little woman with glasses looking at me and right away said to me “Mr. Rudolph, I'm watching you” and I replied “yes ma'am” while wondering who the heck is this lady and why is she watching me and what did I do. As the days went by every time I would see her in school this lady would greet me with not hi or good morning but “Mr. Rudolph, I'm watching you. It even had gotten to a point that when I'd be walking in the hallway going to my next class and if I saw her before she saw me I would then immediately turn around and go another way to my next class just to avoid her. There was one time I hadn't seen this lady all day in school, for me that was a great day! I goofed off as kids did back then and then 2:30 came and school let out for the day, I began my walk home down Grandriver towards Greenfield, and right about when I was approaching Montrose I heard someone say “Mr. Rudolph” as I turned around it was that little lady again. She said to me once again “Mr. Rudolph I'm watching you”, all I could say was “yes ma'am” as I continued walking past, all the while wondering who is this lady? What did I do? Little did I know that during that time I was chasing after this girl who attended St. Mary's of Redford Highschool and her name was Michele, I knew Marjorie and Michele were sisters and that was all I knew. Anyway the grade school was serving the famous Hot Dog lunches and this particular time the students were lined up in the gym in front of the kitchen where the lunches were being passed out. I remember being behind Marjorie at that time. As the line moved closer to the kitchen I could see to my horror it was that little lady again, I just wanted to get out of the line and not get my food, but as the line drew closer and closer until Marjorie was next to be served by this lady, and as Marjorie was being served she said to that lady “Hi MOM!” And right then I knew who she was. This lady who was watching me all this time was Mrs. Staten, Michele's mom! She was that mother bird watching over her girls. As days turned into weeks and weeks to months and months to years..45 years to

*be exact I picked up the phone and called Mrs. Staten on her 89th birthday just to say I love you. THIS IS MY MEMORY OF THE WOMAN I KNOW AS "MOMMA BIRD" I have since retired and moved away to Cypress Texas but even then she has crossed my mind throughout the years. To Michele, Marlena, Marjorie and Maria ( the thorn in my side ) and to the entire Staten family I too will miss her and I'm also saddened by her passing.*

*Ricardo Rudolph  
Detroit police  
Retired*

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**Ricardo Rudolph** - June 15, 2023 at 09:56 AM

MS

“ *Mom, thank you for always loving me and guiding me. Even though you are no longer here with me I can still feel you. You are always in my heart. I love you and miss you dearly.* ”

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**Marjorie Staten** - June 15, 2023 at 08:26 AM

MS

“ *Marjorie Staten lit a candle in memory of Marguerite J. Staten* ”



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**Marjorie Staten** - June 15, 2023 at 08:19 AM

GG

“ *The Grimes family sends their heartfelt condolences to the Staten family. May you all find comfort in your memories. Hail to the Queen!!* ”

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**Gregory Grimes** - June 15, 2023 at 07:59 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marguerite J. Staten.*



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June 15, 2023 at 07:51 AM



“ *The diminutive lady with the biggest heart was Marge Staten. With gratitude for all Marge has done for so many people, I can hear The HolyTrinity saying, You're here, you're here! Come, join our dance.*”  
*(Rev) Edward Haggerty*

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**Edward Haggerty** - June 15, 2023 at 07:13 AM



“ *I love you MOM !*  
*Maria*



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**Maria Bobo** - June 14, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Marguerite J. Staten.*



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June 14, 2023 at 05:31 PM

PK

“ Marge, our oldest Anstett cousin and one-time babysitter, was the oldest of 13 kids, from a loving family that always had a place for you at their holiday table. The Anstett clan threw great family parties and Marge and her sister Rita often led the line dances at the party. She was fun, kind and a great role model. The cousins all looked up to her. By her example she let us know how important family is.

Pat Anstett Kiska - June 14, 2023 at 04:48 PM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Marguerite J. Staten.



June 14, 2023 at 04:45 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Marguerite J. Staten.



June 14, 2023 at 02:57 PM