



Marjorie Seery

December 23, 1928 - December 28, 2017

Marjorie Anne (O'Connor) Seery, age 89, passed away peacefully December 28, 2017 at her home in Royal Oak from complications of Alzheimer's disease.

Marjorie was preceded in death by her husband, C. Walter Seery, Jr. in 1995 and son, Richard W. Seery in 1999. Marge leaves her children Michael (Janise) Seery, Kimberly (Gerry) Dalley, Jody DeRusha, and Mary Lee (Gary) Longe. She was loved by her grandchildren Gerry Thomas, Brian (Katie), Steven, Lauren, Kevin, Alan, Leslie, Briggs, Bryn, Lily and great grandsons, Connor and Gerry.

Marjorie was the daughter of the late James C. and Eulela O'Connor. She cherished her Irish heritage and her large family. She was preceded in death by brothers James (Donna) and Joseph (Rayleen) O'Connor, brother-in-law William (late, Dorothy) Seery, sister-in-law Janet (late, Michael) Harper. She will be dearly missed by brothers Patrick (late, Sally), Richard (Jean), Michael (Susan), and Terry O'Connor and sisters Mary Denison and Susan (John) Kirkland, brother-in-law Richard (Nancy) Seery.

Marge left an indelible mark as aunt to 57 nieces and nephews. She was a dedicated friend to everyone who came to know her and a surrogate aunt and grandmother to many who shared her ever challenging life.

Marge was a graduate of Little Flower High School, Royal Oak, Class of 1946. She completed her degree at Pontiac Business Institute. Marge worked outside the home all of her adult life. She retired from the Archdiocese of Detroit in 1999 where she worked in Canon Law. Marge lived in Royal Oak and was a member of Shrine of the Little Flower Church for 65 years. She was a docent along with other volunteer positions at Shrine for many years after her retirement. Marge loved many varieties of music and the arts and enjoyed them often with family and friends. She was a fierce Bridge player with her long-standing Bridge partner, Marge Caram; they treasured the challenge of the game.

Marge traveled frequently and loved to discuss her travels with others. Her most treasured travel experience was to Vatican City, Rome where she met Pope John Paul II and was photographed shaking his hand.

Memorial visitation Sunday, January 7, 2018 from 4-8 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Road (4 blocks E of Woodward), Royal Oak, MI 48067. The family will receive friends Monday, January 8, 2018 from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the Mass 10 a.m. at the National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica, 2100 W 12 Mile Road, Royal Oak, MI 48073.

Donations in her name to the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal where her nephew, Br. Shawn O'Connor, serves are welcome. PO Box 912 Bronx, NY 10455-0912.

Or to the Alzheimer's Association to continue the fight for a cure of this miserable disease.

Cemetery Details

White Chapel Memorial Cemetery

621 W. Long Lake Road
Troy, MI 48098

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JAN 7. 4:00 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/>

Memorial Mass

JAN 8. 10:00 AM (ET)

National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica
2100 W. 12 Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48073

Tribute Wall

KH

“ Dear Mike, Kim, Jody and Lee, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your Mom. She and my Dad were a great team at his law office. She was also a wonderful friend to my Mom after my Dad passed away. I have many fond memories of hearing about our parents' "escape weekends" to Ann Arbor's Weber's Inn and their countless bridge games. There were also the fun adventures with our families, and of course, the amazing times & memories of the cottage. Your Mom was such a class act. I always admired her -- loving, smart, hard-working, fun, so upbeat & positive -- she was beautiful inside and out. She made everyone feel special. Her love for your Dad and your family was obvious. I hope the many happy memories of her bring you comfort and a smile as all mourn her loss. She was wonderful!

Kathryn Hartrick - January 04, 2018 at 09:47 PM

DT

“ I, only met her one time. She actually said, "Oh my God. You're a real person. My Richard never stopped talking about you!". We had a very nice, long conversation. Then parted our ways. Eventually bumping into each other a few more times that evening. People would ask if we'd met. And we would both start cracking up. You see, Richard and I had some adventures. Upon our final departure. She stated that i didn't look anything like she thought i would. I can only imagine her seeing me in camo or shorts and a tee shirt. I was wearing a suit. It was a truely a pleasure to finally meet, her. May she rest in peace.

Daniel Tanner - January 04, 2018 at 07:28 PM

JD

“ *John and Sue Kirkland, Rob, Joe, David purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Marjorie Seery.*



John and Sue Kirkland, Rob, Joe, David - January 04, 2018 at 04:07 PM

JT

“ *Aunt Marge was a class act. A warm and cherished aunt to all of her nieces and nephews. She had a keen eye and was so observant of everyone. A true big sister to my dad, she was a second mother who helped him on numerous occasions, especially as his capable tutor in high school. I will miss her very much and I'm so grateful for her wise and wonderful ways. Love and hugs to my Seery cousins.*
Judy

Judy O'Connor Theuer - January 03, 2018 at 09:06 PM

JR

“ *I have such fond memories growing up across the street from the Seery family. Mrs. Seery was a wonderful role model for all of the kids on Sunset Blvd. She was always kind to me, quick with a smile, and held herself with such poise and class. Sending you love and prayers.*

Joanne (Quenneville) Roach

Joanne Roach - January 03, 2018 at 08:17 PM

KS

“ Dear Jody and Lily,
I know how often we prayed for your mother and your family as you all moved through this difficult illness. I know you were always confident that God would see all of you through. Remember how much she loved you and how much joy her children and grand children brought her. Be confident of Heaven. She was!!!! Love,
Kitty

Kitty Sweitzer - January 03, 2018 at 05:27 PM

MO

“ Dear Mike, Kim, Jody and Mary Lee, you have a very special mother and I know you will miss her very much. I am thinking of all of you and your families. Please know that you are all in my prayers and I am so glad she is reunited with many family members.

Love your cousin, Mo

Maureen O'Connor - January 02, 2018 at 09:39 PM

JO

“ Aunt Margie was such a gentle love in this world. Although I did not grow up with her I experienced her sweetness on Michigan trips as a youth. She and my father (Patrick, her brother) had such a fondness for each other. I loved listening to their phone conversations either when I was home visiting or in the past 6 years living with and caring for my parents. During the time I took care of my mom, Aunt Marge sent me a number of letters supporting me in my care and her letters were a source of strength during a very difficult time. I am so grateful that she and my dad were able to travel to Ireland when Shawn was living there, what a gift. My last visit with her was during the 2016 family reunion. What a blessing to have seen her one more time. I am sending love, prayers, and warmth to all of her immediate family grieving the loss of a wonderful mother and to all her siblings who are still with us and the multiple nieces and nephews and grandchildren.



Aunt Margie's niece Jane O'Connor

jane oconnor - January 01, 2018 at 05:50 PM



“ Marge was my friend from the first day we met. I cannot thank her enough for helping to smooth over our wedding bumps in 1998 and for standing as my Godmother when I joined the Church in 2000. Her legacy to me will always be the recipe for Seery sauce - I can never forget the fun we had making jars of sauce in her kitchen. She was a truly wonderful woman, and my love and prayers to her beautiful family at this difficult time.

Deborah Canto - January 01, 2018 at 01:53 PM

JO

“ I always loved Aunt Marge, She was one to make you feel so special in a conversation. She loved the Catholic Church and all it has to offer. She truly worked well with all the challenges life presented her. She will be truly missed. Love & care to all my Seery cousins during this difficult time.



Jim O'Connor - December 31, 2017 at 05:59 PM

LM

Aunt Margie! Her laugh, how could you not smile when you heard it....her generosity and lovely spirit were calming and I loved her sweet voice. My mom, Mary, talked about her sister, Margie all during our growing up....and if she could write about her I know she would say how much she cherished her and what a kind sister she was. I loved the stories of the 3 girls sharing a room and what it was like to have 6 brothers. I never really understood how difficult her life had been until I was older, but she never showed that side, she choose instead to be light hearted. Thank you Aunt Marge for making this world a little brighter and for gracing us with your beauty. Kim, Michael, Jody and Mary Lee....you all took good care of your mom....be at peace...because she is. Love you all! Liz Denison Martin

Liz Martin - January 02, 2018 at 02:32 AM

SG

My dear Aunt Margie was my godmother. Her soft and caring voice is always what I think of first and how well she always dressed. My mother gave her a cookbook at her wedding shower when she married Uncle Walter. At my wedding shower she gave me a cook book as well and wrote in it. Right now the binding is taped together to hold it all in place. I think of her whenever I open that book and I do it often. Another great memory for me was when she invited me to lunch at the Sunset house. She made chicken salad with GRAPES for me! My first time ever. I have been making chicken salad with grapes to this day! But honestly, on my 40th birthday 2 DOZEN balloons arrived at the office for me. What a great gift! Those balloons could only make you grin. I will miss my wonderful aunt. I know my cousins will miss their mother. Thank you Aunt Marge for wonderful cousins to carry on for you. Love Suzie

Sue O'Connor Guilbault - January 02, 2018 at 09:01 AM

JS

Aunt Margie's laughter rings in my ears. So genuine and heartfelt. Her interest in everything and everyone was selfless. She was a joy to be around at our family events, her calm demeanor made me wonder if she ever got angry, even with 40 cousins racing around her big house on Oakridge. Aunt Margie was always well put together, beautifully dressed which impressed upon me the respect she had for those around her. And her work with the Tribunal directly affected my own world. May perpetual light shine upon her. Love Joyce O'Connor Sawczuk, niece

Joyce O'Connor Sawczuk - January 02, 2018 at 01:20 PM

MN

Wow, what a legacy Aunt Marge has left this family. I always loved to see her at family functions as a kid growing up. Once I moved to California, my visits with her were more limited to maybe once a year. I am very thankful I had the opportunity to see her at the family picnic in August 2017. That will be my last memory of her. Although she suffered with dementia, she still knew who I was and although our conversation brief it was memorable. What a grand lady. Her love lives on through her children, my cousins, whom I love and adore as I have always seen her influence in their lives. What a special aunt. She will always have a special place in my heart. Love Mo

Maureen O'Connor, niece - January 02, 2018 at 09:36 PM

MR

The loss of Aunt Marge leaves us all with an empty and sad feeling. Her faith was so strong i am certain she is at peace and was welcomed by the hand of our Lord. May Aunt Marge rest in peace knowing she brought so much joy to so many! Joann Robinson. niece and goddaughter!

Mary Joann Robinson - January 03, 2018 at 06:01 PM

BS

The Jim and Tass Hartrick Family has enjoyed a deep and lasting friendship with the Walt and Marge Seery family for the past 50 years. We have so many wonderful memories of Marge, Walt, and the Seery children. Marge and Walt were our parents dear friends, Marge was our Dad Jim's fabulous legal secretary, and after Walt and Jim passed away, Marge was our dear Mother Tass's beloved friend and walking companion. Marge and Tass were two very like minded women ... both so sweet, soft spoken, always positive and optimistic, and especially caring about family and faith. We are grieving the lose of this beautiful woman. She is beloved and she will be missed.

Barbara & Steven Shumer - January 03, 2018 at 09:26 PM