



Margaret A. Esch

October 26, 1938 - April 19, 2017

Dodgeville – Margaret A. Esch, age 78, of Dodgeville, passed away on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at her home, surrounded by her family following a courageous battle with cancer.

Margaret was born on October 26, 1938 to Vernon and Frieda (Wiest) Toay. She grew up on a farm outside of Ridgeway and graduated from Ridgeway High School in 1956. After graduation she attended Edgewood College and worked at Ayers Furniture in Ridgeway as a Bookkeeper. On May 11, 1963, she married Patrick Esch and together they farmed for over 30 years. She also worked at St. Joseph's Hospital in Dodgeville and Lands' End, retiring after 21 years of service.

Margaret will always be remembered by her family and many friends for being very stoic, her genuine smile and her quick-witted sense of humor, which she managed to uphold until the very end. She was a lifelong member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Dodgeville. Margaret was an excellent cook and enjoyed trying new recipes. She loved watching all the different birds that congregated at the birdfeeder and one of her biggest daily challenges was finding "creative" ways to keep the squirrels out of the birdfeeder. Margaret was content at home doing day to day things, but never passed up a chance for a lunch outing with friends or a day trip adventure. She cherished the memories of her many vacations to Branson over the past 12 years, all the

sightseeing along the way and loved attending shows of some of her favorite performers, Mel Tillis, Mickey Gilley and The Presley's.

Margaret was a devoted wife to Pat and to their one and only daughter Julie. She had a genuine heart and a gentle soul and our lives are forever changed without you.

Margaret is survived by her husband Patrick; her daughter Julie Esch; her siblings Shirley Sigg, Jim Toay, Bill Toay, Ray Toay, Tom Toay, Ann Toay and Cyril Toay; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents Frieda and Vernon Toay, her brothers-in-law Joe Sigg, Tom Esch, Jim Esch and sister-in-laws Kathy Toay and Mary Reese.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, April 24, 2017 at ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH in Dodgeville. Friends may call from 9:30 a.m. until time of Mass on Monday at the church.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorials be made to Upland Hills Hospice or St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

Special thanks to Dr. Rachael Keith of Upland Hills Health and the wonderful and compassionate team at Upland Hills Hospice.

Tribute Wall



“ Margaret A. Esch

November 15, 2022 at 06:49 AM



“ Very sorry for Your beautiful loss. She was so kind to ever she would meet. Jesus will be right by her side, and she will volunteer her services to help him. Blessings of God and be sure to take time for yourselves to mourn your loss.....

Joyce Koskelin/lhm - June 16, 2018 at 01:35 AM



“ Ma she rest in eternal peace and her memories always bring a bright smile to your faces. Love and hugs to both of you!

Dawn Schwarz - April 28, 2018 at 01:25 AM



“ My sympathies to you Pat and Julie. My thoughts and prayers are with you. I was fortunate to work with Margaret and have her as a friend. She always had a smile and a gift of making others laugh. She will be missed. Rest In Peace my friend.

Lois Blabaum - April 28, 2018 at 01:25 AM



“ We are very sorry to learn of your loss and that we are unable to attend the service.Peter and Marilyn Miess

Peter and Marilyn Miess - April 28, 2018 at 01:25 AM

KC

“ It was a pleasure knowing Margaret! I will have a Novena of Masses read for Margaret -- by the Mariannahill Fathers.

Karen Clough - April 28, 2018 at 01:25 AM

SJ

“ Julie, my heart goes out to you and your family during this difficult time. You are a great daughter and your mom will be missed very much.

Sonja Juric - April 28, 2018 at 01:25 AM

KS

“ Julie and Family. I am very sorry the loss of Margaret. She was a very special lady. She was the perfect combination of humor and kindness, with a little bit of 'sassy' thrown in when needed, just to keep you on your toes and honest. God has gained a great MOM !! God Bless all of you.

Kevin Schneider - April 28, 2018 at 01:25 AM

WL

“ Enjoyed knowing her. Pat and Margaret just a Great couple. Was a privilege. So sorry for your lose.

Wayne and Kendra Lipska - April 28, 2018 at 01:25 AM

TC

“ Sorry to hear of your loss. I enjoyed working with her. I will miss her a lot.

Tom Cloutier - April 28, 2018 at 01:25 AM

BS

“ Hi Julie, my deepest condolences to you and your dad. Losing someone you have nown your whole life is hard. The void is great, but with loving supporting family and friends and cherished memories, each day the sun will shine brighter. Take care.

Bob Straka - April 28, 2018 at 01:25 AM

JK

“ To the family and I am sending to all my deepest Codolences for loss of your sister. May GodBless all and also give you peace @ this sad time.

Joyce Koskelin/Argall - April 28, 2018 at 01:25 AM