



Elsie (Mayer) Martz

July 27, 1935 - June 18, 2013

Elsie Martz of Beecher joined her husband of 57 years, Richard Martz who passed seven months ago. We are left with the most profound sense of loss, comforted only by knowing that she has been reunified with the love of her life. Elsie was born to Wilhelm and Anna (Vogl) Mayer in Chicago on July 27, 1935. Being of strong German stock, she learned the value of family, hard work and resourcefulness. She raised three children, managed apartment buildings and contributed countless volunteer hours to her community. We will never forget her laugh ... that loud, joyful, full-bodied expression of her very essence. Her laugh had its own gravitational pull, inviting others into the present moment. Elsie never took herself too seriously. Her ability to laugh at herself put people at ease and allowed them to be more honest about them selves. At age 50, Elsie took her innate comedic ability to Clown College. As a "Care Clown", she facilitated much healing thru laughter at area children's hospitals. Elsie selflessly and lovingly cared for her parents at home for over a decade. Spending time with her grandchildren Tricia and Richie, was her life's joy. Elsie was a "do-er". She loved working hard: cooking, sewing, canning, gardening and remodeling. She loved entertaining and especially hosting elaborate themed family reunions. Elsie was the "hot glue" that brought the extended family together. Elsie was a lover of family, laughter and life. She is survived by a daughter Lore Martz of Seattle, WA, a daughter Suzanne Martz Hailey (husband Bob) of Nashville, TN, a son, Richard K. Martz (wife Terri) of Peotone, IL, and four grandchildren: Patricia, Richard W., Ben and Ray, and her sister Anna M. Beck of St. Louis, MO. Elsie is preceded in death by her husband, Richard, her parents, Wilhelm and Anna Mayer, and her brother, Bill (Hans) Mayer. Visitation will be held on Saturday June 22, 2013 at the Hack Funeral Home in Beecher, IL from 12-4pm with the service of remembrance immediately following. Burial will be private. Memorials may be directed to Hospice of Kankakee Valley, South Suburban Humane Society, or the charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall

MS

“ I was a very good friend of Elsie's brother, Bill, who always spoke highly of his kid sister. I know Elsie was very good to Bill during his struggle with a terminal disease.

Michael Murphy Saskatoon, Saskatchewan - October 02, 2019 at 07:04 PM

KW

“ I just returned from vacation and learned of your Mother's passing. I just had to send you all my condolences. I have known Elsie for many yrs. mainly thru Tops Club (Weight control). I so enjoyed knowing her and spent many yrs. talking and laughing with her. She was such a bubbly person and had such a great sense of humor. "To know her. was to Love her".
Please know you are all in my thoughts and prayers. I will never forget, "Elsie".
Karen Karn Wiater

Karen Karn Wiater - October 02, 2019 at 07:04 PM

CG

“ My heart goes out to all of you. Your mother was a treasure. When I spoke with Linda Ferron today, she told me how beautiful Elsie's obituary was. I have located it and agree that it epitomizes Elsie's life and legacy. I have been lucky to have known her. connie godin

Connie Godin - October 02, 2019 at 07:04 PM

SW

“ *Elsie was my first 'friend' when we lived in the farm house next door. If my mom couldn't find me, I was with Elsie. I can remember her always allowing me to touch anything I wanted in the house, as long as I was gentle with it. I loved the coo-coo clock in the living room. I admired the fancy decorations in the front room. I remember playing in the pantry of the kitchen. As I got older, Elsie took me on annual shopping trips to downtown Chicago. I would stay that night at her house the night before...where she showed me how to iron my dollar bills for the train ride. We would see the all the Christmas windows and have a nice lunch. We always went to Marshall Fields for Frango Mints.*

I could go on forever. I am deeply saddened by her sudden passing. I am sorry that I wasn't able to make her service. I will miss her laugh, her smile, and her warm touch.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Luecke Wiater

Stephanie Luecke Wiater - October 02, 2019 at 07:04 PM

LS

“ *Lore, Suzanne and Rich-We were shocked to hear of your mom's passing. What a wonderful recap of her many qualities. She was always a force to be reckoned with and full of common sense. May the peace that comes from the memories of love and laughter, comfort you now and in the days ahead.*

Linda and Jerry Salwierak - October 02, 2019 at 07:04 PM

KP

“ *What a great photo and lovely write up. We know the pain you are feeling now and our hearts and prayers go out to you all.*

Kaye and Dan Petersen - October 02, 2019 at 07:04 PM

LF

“ To all of Elsie's Family,

We only met Elsie recently in Florida and found her to be a fun & loving lady. She was to be our landlady this upcoming winter and we were looking forward to a great season with her.

We are terribly saddened at her tragic loss and you will remain in our thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely

Rene & Linda Ferron

Linda & Rene Ferron - October 02, 2019 at 07:04 PM

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“ My Friends...Suzanne, Lore & Rich...

I am so very sad for all of you...I had no idea your Dad had passed away, and now, just a short time later, you lose your Mom...I can still hear your Mom's intense laughter, I remember all the sleep-overs that I spent at your home...where did the time go? I will see all of you on Friday, but I felt compelled to write to you now...my heart is with all of you, my thoughts and prayers are with you...may our Lord comfort all of you in this very difficult time.

~Leann

Leann Smith (Deem) - October 02, 2019 at 07:04 PM

LB

“ Lore,Suzanne and Richard,
so sorry to hear of your moms passing I didn't know about your dad's passing my thoughts and prayers are with you

Lorie

lorie baker - October 02, 2019 at 07:04 PM

PM

“ *THE COLOR OF MEMORIESÂ TABLE ARRANGEMENT was sent by Bob and Pat Martz.*

Patricia Martz - October 02, 2019 at 07:04 PM

PM

“ AZALEA PLANT was sent by Chuck, R. T., Paul .

Patricia` Martz - October 02, 2019 at 07:04 PM

RM

“ My thoughts and prayers to the family during this difficult time.

RaeAnn Hartke Minter - October 02, 2019 at 07:04 PM