



Margaret "Marge" Ann Meyer

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Margaret "Marge" Ann Meyer, age 86, of Centerville, passed away Thursday, March 6, 2025 at her home surrounded by family.

Marge was born on February 21, 1939 in Kellog, Iowa, the daughter of Orvil Sidney Weston and Leon Crystal (Tippetts) Weston. Marge grew up on a farm with her parents and siblings in rural Jasper County, Iowa. As a child, Marge would ride her pony to piano lessons (she enjoyed riding the pony more than the piano lessons). In her formative years, she attended Barrett country school.

She graduated from Kellog High School, and continued her education at the University of Iowa where she studied art history. During her time as an undergraduate, and unbeknownst to her parents, Marge and several of her girlfriends took a trip to see the Hawkeyes play in the Rose Bowl in a car they purchased for twenty-five dollars. Her parents learned of the trip through an article on the front page of the Des Moines Register.

Later, at Northeast Missouri State, she earned her master's degree in early education. On September 12, 1959, Marge was united in marriage to Donald Meyer in Kellog, Iowa. To this union, three children were born, Cindy, Robert and Allison.

The couple spent almost 45 years together, until May 6, 2004, when Donald passed away. Marge later married Arthur Vernon Bates, where she gained three bonus children, Carla, Tom and Brian.

Marge was a teacher for many years at St. Mary's Catholic School in Centerville. She loved to be active in the community. She was a member of the P.E.O., T.T.T., the quilting club, a past member of the Appanoose County Historical Society, a volunteer at the food pantry and Meals On Wheels, was active in the 18-80 club, as well as the Jaycee's program.

She was also a member of the First Lutheran Church in Centerville. In her free time, Marge enjoyed painting and doing anything artistic. She was an avid reader, also enjoyed traveling,



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cooking and hosting dinners for friends and family, gardening, riding horses, fishing and playing bridge with her friends.

Marge had a passion for wine and would make regular trips to local wineries. Her travel adventures led her to Italy, Mexico, Canada, the Bahamas and the Caribbean in addition to many destinations in the US. Her interest in horses was shared with her granddaughters and great-granddaughter. Several of her descendants also shared her artistic talents.

Left to cherish Marge's memory are her children, Cindy (Greg) Cowan, Robert (Shawna) Meyer, and Allison (Hap) Haas; her step-children, Carla Bates, Tom Bates (Diana Gordin), Brian (Stephanie) Bates; her grandchildren, Lisa Katter (Todd Barker), Nicole (Seth) Cramer, Garrett (Hailey) Cowan, Adrian Meyer, Makaya Meyer (Jacob Biondi), Wes Meyer, and Sarah Haas; her step-grandchild, Gavin (Regina) Cowan; great grandchildren, Gage Barker, Caden Barker, Kell Barker, Slate Barker, Colt Barker, Knox Barker, Sloan Barker, Ethan Millhouse, Blane Cowan, Emma Cowan, Gracey Cowan, and Arthur Biondi; her siblings, Carolyn Brown, Phil (Sandy) Weston, and James Weston; as well as several extended friends and family members.

Marge was preceded in death by both of her husbands, Donald Meyer and Arthur Bates; her parents, Orvil "Pat" and Leon "Crystal" Weston; her step children, Jeff Bates and Connie Bates; her siblings, David (Delores) Weston, and Nancy Welsch; and a brother-in-law, Dr. Lou Brown.

Per wishes, cremation has been accorded. A Celebration of Life service will be held at 10:30AM, Saturday, March 15, 2025 at the First Lutheran Church in Centerville with Dr. Jeremy McElvain officiating. Burial will follow the service at Mt. Ararat Cemetery, east of Centerville.

Visitation will take place Friday, March 14, 2025 at Thomas Funeral Home in Centerville, with the family greeting friends from 5-7PM. Memorials in honor of Marge have been established to Drake Public Library and the First Lutheran Church of Centerville, IA, and may be mailed to Thomas Funeral Home, 501 North 18th Street, Centerville, Iowa 52544.

Condolences may be shared online at www.thomasfh.com or www.facebook.com/thomasfuneralhome.



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Thomas Funeral Home posted:

October 21 at 6:14 PM



Thomas Funeral Home shared an album called **Obituary Wall**.



March 6 at 7:00 PM



Joanne Winkel lit a candle in honor of Margaret "Marge".



March 20 at 7:00 PM



Joanne Winkel posted:

Rob, Cindy, and Allison. I am so sorry for the loss of your mom. She was such a nice lady, and I will always remember her laugh. I remember how she would sit at the table with Don on the weekends, and sip on wine together. I appreciated her kindness and artistic talents! Godspeed Marge.

March 20 at 7:00 PM



Kayla Russell lit a candle in honor of Margaret "Marge".

Marge was amazing lady! She had such a bright smile. She was married to an amazing grandpa of mine. Marge always had a great cooking session for family meal and holidays! She will be missed. I'm sorry for your loss. May she rest in peace. Love ya Marge.



March 13 at 7:00 PM



Darius Filak posted:

Sending my sincere condolences - God Bless her long beautiful life!

March 12 at 7:00 PM



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Margie Stewart posted:

Thoughts, prayers and hugs to you Cindy along with the rest of your families. May God provide the strength, encouragement and faith to get through these rough day to come. Your mom was a strong dedicated and hardworking woman and may she rest in peace!

March 12 at 7:00 PM



Mark And Thelma Smothers lit a candle in honor of Margaret "Marge".

We feel so blessed to have known Marge; she always had that contagious smile. May happy memories carry you through this sorrowful time. You're in our thoughts, our hearts, and our prayers.



March 11 at 7:00 PM



Phil Weston posted:

Cousin's: Easter at Don & Bertha Weston's Back row: Sister Nancy, Carol Cummings, Marge & ConniePat, Kathy holding sister Jenine and brother Phil in fire truck

March 10 at 7:00 PM



Phil Weston posted:

Margaret's father told her and sister Nancy they'd have to do their sun bathing in swim suits on the hog house roof away from the country road and those pesky neighborhood boys who kept honking as they drove by when the girls were soaking up rays in the front yard.

March 10 at 7:00 PM



The Meyer Family Dean, Florie, Karin And Kim posted:

As the trees grow may the branches reach to heaven and touch your soul Margaret

March 10 at 7:00 PM



Phil And Sandy Weston posted:

To a very loving sister

March 10 at 7:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Those we lose live on in our hearts and minds. May your love and good memories continue to live on. Deepest condolences.

March 9 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Our deepest condolences, from Allison's teammates at Dell Technologies.

March 9 at 7:00 PM



Rhonda Spencer posted:

So sorry for your loss Cindy, sending thoughts and prayers.

March 9 at 7:00 PM



Pat Risher posted:

So sorry for your loss

March 8 at 7:00 PM



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Leane Hieber posted:

Dear Family, We were heartbroken to hear about Aunt Margaret's passing. She held a special place in our hearts, and we are grateful for the cherished memories we shared. I will always remember those family trips to Colorado, where Aunt Margaret's laughter would fill the car, especially when she insisted Don pull over his Chrysler for her favorite cherry wine. Those warm summer nights when they would drag their mattress from their bedroom to sleep under the carport. Her playful spirit shone through even in the little things—like giving us stale marshmallows to feed to Rob's 4-H pigs, which turned into our own fun game as we watched them react to our antics placing them on their muddy bottoms. Aunt Margaret had an eye for style, always having the latest issue of Vogue on her coffee table, a testament to her love for beauty and life. I will never forget how lovingly she welcomed her new granddaughter, Lisa, sharing sweet moments carefully feeding her ice cream from the "Double R" and tenderloin dinners that brought everyone together. Her dedication to Grandma and Grandpa Weston during their later years was a reflection of her immense love for family, always keeping us updated on their well-being. Even after Don's passing, Aunt Margaret's resilience shone brightly as she found joy and companionship once more, reminding us that love is a constant. She shared that a new suiter was bringing her strawberries from his garden. I can imagine her and Mom together again, sharing laughter and love in Heaven. Please know that your family are in our prayers during this difficult time. We will forever cherish Aunt Margaret's memory and the love she shared with us all. With love, Todd, Leane, and Katie

March 8 at 7:00 PM



Sara Tait lit a candle in honor of Margaret "Marge".



March 7 at 7:00 PM



Jenny Fuller posted:

Sorry for your family loss

March 7 at 7:00 PM



6 D. Meyer Cousins posted:

Our condolences. Diane, Denise, Debbie, Danette, Dawn, Dana and our families. Much love and hugs

March 7 at 7:00 PM



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SW

Shelley Weston posted:

Our hearts go out to you all during this difficult time. May Margaret live on through your cherished memories. Our deepest sympathies for your loss. Margaret was a wonderful artistic person. I enjoyed having her as an aunt. Sincerely, Shelley Weston and Justin Loper

March 7 at 7:00 PM

JB

Jean Beeler posted:

I so appreciated Marge, her intelligence, interest, and listening ear. My sympathies to her family

March 7 at 7:00 PM

PD

Patsy Dudenhoeffer posted:

Great teacher lady at Syt Marys School

March 7 at 7:00 PM

MN

Michelle Lynn Nichols posted:

So sorry for your loss.

March 7 at 7:00 PM

MW

Mark Welsh posted:

Cindy, Rob, Allison & Family - Condolences... and apologies I will not be able to attend the memorial. I'll be toasting to Marge on that day and thinking about my favorite memories and stories of her. She definitely brought a huge amount of laughter into my life and am grateful to have had her artistic influence as well. Hugs from abroad.... Mark

March 7 at 7:00 PM

SW

Shelley Weston posted:

In loving memory of Margaret Meyer.

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Anonymous posted:

With sympathy for Margarette's family

March 7 at 7:00 PM



Susan Broshar posted:

So sorry to the family. I remember many fun trips to Kansas City with Marge and Don for Iowa Southern Utilities meetings.

March 6 at 7:00 PM



Danette Blum posted:

Sorry to hear this hugs and prayers and love to all

March 6 at 7:00 PM



Deanna Russell posted:

So very sorry Cindy and family. 🙏❤️ Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. Hugs ❤️

March 6 at 7:00 PM



Sandy Mitchell posted:

She will be so missed from our bridge club where we are all sisters in heart! Praying for all of her family which she was so proud of.

March 6 at 7:00 PM



Mattandchantell Devore posted:

Sorry for your loss

March 6 at 7:00 PM



Marcy Lyons Thamke posted:

Sorry for your loss Cindy, thoughts and prayers to you and your family!

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PE

Penny Bruce Eddy posted:

So sorry for your loss Cindy & your family. Love visiting w your mom at Fareway

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HC

Haley Cowan posted:



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JB

Jeri Bradley posted:

So sorry for your loss.

March 6 at 7:00 PM

MZ

Marcia Wilson-Zaputil posted:

So sorry for your loss!

March 6 at 7:00 PM

MF

Melinda Wright Fadiga posted:

So sorry...sending prayers

March 6 at 7:00 PM

CP

Carolyn Padavich posted:

So sorry, Cindy! Prayers for you and your family!

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WD

Willa Dobbs posted:

So sorry for your loss

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TD

Tony Deininger posted:

Very sorry for the family's loss! 🙏

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SS

Susan Sacco posted:

Sincere condolences 🙏

March 6 at 7:00 PM

JT

Jamie Tracy posted:

So sorry for your loss Cindy Cowan. Prayers to you and your family 🙏

March 6 at 7:00 PM

CS

Cindy Sherrard posted:

Sending prayers to Marge's family. I enjoyed playing bridge with her on Thursdays!

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PC

Pamela Young Curtis posted:

So sorry for your loss Cindy and family.

March 6 at 7:00 PM

JL

Jami Miller Livingston posted:

Marge was an avid library user.

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CA

Chrissy Archer posted:

So very sorry for your families loss!

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ME

Melissa Evans posted:

So sorry what a great lady

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KL

Kristopher Laurson posted:

My 3rd Grade teacher. Rest in peace Mrs. Meyers.

March 6 at 7:00 PM

DS

Denise Sheston posted:

So sorry Cindy and family. She taught our kids at St. Mary's. Prayers for family.

March 6 at 7:00 PM

SA

Stephanie Lathrop Anderson posted:

Cindy thinking of you and your family. So sorry for your loss.

March 6 at 7:00 PM

KS

Karen Seeley posted:

I'm so sorry for your loss....❤️

March 6 at 7:00 PM

JS

Jan Spurgeon posted:

So sorry to hear of your mother's passing. 😞 Your mom was a beautiful person. May many happy memories sustain you now and always! Prayers for peace and comfort. ❤️🙏❤️

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MB

Mindy Cowan Belloma posted:

Sending prayers

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RB

Ronda Baty posted:

Awww. My third grade teacher. Nice lady.

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PD

Patricia Devore posted:

Sorry for your loss Cindy your in our thoughts and prayers

March 6 at 7:00 PM

LR

Lois Reynolds posted:

So sad to hear. Sending our love, caring thoughts and prayers Cindy and for all your family. 🙏🌟

March 6 at 7:00 PM

PH

Pat Calhoun Houser posted:

Prayers for the family 🙏

March 6 at 7:00 PM

JB

Jenn Buban posted:

Oh... ❤️ So Sorry Cindy Cowan sending you love and hugs during this difficult time 🙏🥲

March 6 at 7:00 PM

MM

Marilyn Mead posted:

We will miss her especially on Sunday mornings. Marge always sat behind us at church. Before church started we always compared notes about the Iowa and Iowa state sporting events that had taken place that week. We will miss you! Barry and Marilyn Mead

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BA

Bruce Ayres posted:

My neighbor for many years! RIP

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TB

Todd Baze posted:

So sorry 😞 Cindy and Rob.

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JS

Jennifer Dwight Salstrand posted:

So sorry Cindy Cowan. Prayers to you and your family.

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RK

Roger Kinnamon posted:

Sincere condolences to the family.

March 6 at 7:00 PM

DF

Debra Egbert Foster posted:

I'm sorry for your family loss Cindy. You are in our prayers.

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JM

Jeff Meng posted:

Sorry for the loss! Prayers to the family! 🙏

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TW

Tammy Warnick posted:

Sorry for your loss. She will always hold a special place in my heart. My prayers are with you and your family.

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BM

Bridget Morton posted:

Cindy, I am so very sorry. You are in my prayers.

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SB

Susanne Ballanger posted:

Cindy, our thoughts and prayers for you and your family.

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MC

Missi Hurst Cisler posted:

I'm so sorry to hear this. Sending prayers for all the family. ❤️

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MS

Margie Stewart posted:

So sorry to hear Cindy, thoughts, prayers and hugs!

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RM

Renea Monson Morrissey posted:

My deepest sympathy to family and friends

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SM

Sherri Morlan posted:

So sorry for your loss 🙏🙏

March 6 at 7:00 PM

RP

Renee Pagel posted:

I didn't meet Marge until she married my Uncle Art. She was so nice and very welcoming. My condolences.

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SN

Sandy Nab posted:

Sending prayers for the family and friends

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Theresa Summers posted:

So for your family's loss

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Jenel Allen Barth posted:

So many wondrous memories of Marge...in church and at the library. I will miss her. You all have my sincerest sympathy.

March 6 at 7:00 PM



Melanie Lynn Kuechler posted:

So very sorry. Prayers of comfort to the family 🙏📄

March 6 at 7:00 PM



Patsy Ray-Regenwether posted:

Thinking of you all with ❤️🙏❤️

March 6 at 7:00 PM



Tammy Bullard posted:

So sorry Cindy. Thoughts and prayers for you and your family.

March 6 at 7:00 PM



A Memorial Tree Was Planted For Margaret "Marge" Ann Meyer posted:

We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Thomas - Centerville

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Dennis & Beverly Sisul Laurson lit a candle in honor of Margaret "Marge".

We are very sorry for the families loss. Our 3 sons attended school at St Mary's while she was a teacher there. Please accept our sincere sympathy.

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Thomas Funeral Home shared 6 photos to the **Obituary Wall** album.

October 13 at 5:33 PM

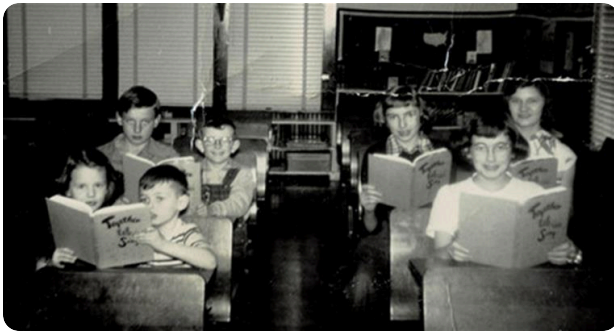




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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Margaret "Marge" by
contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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