



## Mrs. Margaret Mary Moran Stengle

July 19, 1927 - September 11, 2020

Margaret Mary Moran Stengle, died Friday, September 11, 2020, surrounded by her family in her home.

Born July 19, 1927, to Bernard J. Moran and Margaret Mary Mariea, Margaret Mary, and her sister, Barbara Joan, grew up in a loving Irish Catholic home, where St Patrick's Day was as big of a holiday as Christmas and Easter.

Margaret Mary was the first grandchild and leader of the many Moran, Mariea and Miller cousins. She was a parishioner of St. Catherine's of Siena parish for nearly 65 years and then a loyal and active parishioner at St. Joan of Arc since 1991.

Margaret Mary attended Ladyfield Elementary School, and was driven there every day by her father. As education was paramount to both her parents, and Margaret Mary, that was a sacrifice for all involved. Margaret Mary went on to attend Notre Dame Academy, at its original location at Monroe and Bancroft Streets. She excelled there in many areas, serving as class president and salutatorian of the class of 1945. Margaret Mary was the first in her family to graduate from college. Her parents supported her desire, her father saying he would "sell the house if needed" to make sure she could pursue her education. She attended Mary Manse College in Toledo, Ohio where she was a class leader and valedictorian of the class of 1949. Upon graduation from Mary Manse, Margaret Mary taught physics at the University of Toledo. Then, unique for a woman in that time, Margaret Mary pursued a Master's degree in mathematics at the University of Michigan, graduating in 1952. After

graduation from the University of Michigan, Margaret Mary began teaching at Mary Manse College.

Margaret Mary had the great fortune of being introduced to her husband, Ed Stengle, by her brother-in-law, Norm Cowell. Ed was a young widower with two small children; they were married in 1956 and Margaret Mary immediately took on the role and responsibility of wife, mother and homemaker. She didn't stray far from home as she and Ed established a home a block away from her childhood home on Sabra Road in West Toledo. She immersed herself into the lives of her family as she and Ed welcomed three more children into their growing family. Over many years, being involved with St. Angela Hall, St. Catherine's, St. Francis de Sales and Notre Dame Academy, Margaret and Ed supported their children's Catholic education and led by example every day. She has instilled her strong faith and family values into our lives for which we are forever grateful.

Margaret Mary was a devoted lifelong friend to many. Many of those friendships began in the neighborhood, in elementary school, high school, college and beyond. There were dances, bridge clubs, morning mass and coffee groups, alter and rosary society, monthly "over the hill gang" events and most often Margaret Mary was the leader and convener. They talked regularly, always exchanged written letters and cards, and remained close throughout their lives.

After years of raising children and running a household, Margaret returned to teaching. Her students at McAuley High School benefited greatly from her training in geometry and algebra—many former students have told her children over the years that she was one of the toughest but best teachers they ever had. During McAuley High School's last years, Margaret Mary served as chair of the math department.

Margaret Mary lost her only sister in May of 1962 and her husband Ed in May of 1993. She handled those challenges with grace and resolve. After losing her husband Ed, shortly after his retirement, Margaret Mary traveled with family and friends to the beach, Disneyworld, and to her beloved Ireland. She

volunteered at her parish, visiting the sick and delivering Holy Communion, spent time with her grandchildren, went to the gym and continued living a full life.

Margaret Mary was blessed that all five her children eventually established their own lives here in Toledo. Special mention to daughter, Joan Durham, who was always there for anything Mom needed and served as her primary caregiver in the last few years. The last week of her life she was surrounded around the clock by all of her children, their spouses, and a few of her grandchildren. We are sure she knew we were all there and because of that, she didn't want to leave.

She is survived by her five children, Anne (Karl) Helm, Jim (Barb) Stengle, Joan (Dan) Durham, John (Joyce) Stengle, and Carol (David) Gstalder; her eighteen grandchildren, Eric (Amanda), Kevin (Karen) and Christopher (Lynne) Helm; Sarah, Ryan, Pat, and Sean Stengle; Elizabeth (Chris) Bacnik, Courtney (Gary) Farmer, Ken, Melina, and Joe Durham; Janet, Julia, and Jenna Stengle; Ian (Jeni), Kathryn, and Grace Gstalder; twelve great grandchildren; and sister-in-law Midge Cowell. She was preceded in death by her parents, Bernard and Margaret Moran, sister Barbara Joan (Norm) Cowell, and her husband Ed Stengle.

The funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday, September 15 at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 11:30 a.m., where the family will receive guests beginning at 10:00 a.m. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, masks will be required. The Funeral Mass will also be live streamed via St. Joan of Arc's YouTube channel. Interment will follow at Resurrection Cemetery. Memorial donations may be given to the Ursuline Sisters of Toledo, Ohio. Please leave a condolence message for the family and view Margaret's video tribute at [CoyleFuneralHome.com](http://CoyleFuneralHome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery

5725 Hill Avenue  
Toledo, OH 43615

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **15**. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

St Joan Of Arc  
5856 Heatherdowns Blvd  
Toledo, OH

## Mass

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# Tribute Wall

RD

“ I always saw my Aunt Margaret and my Mom as these two graciously elegant gray haired ladies calmly and effortlessly caring for ten children between them (5 Douglass and 5 Stengle) and preparing and serving a huge holiday feast at one of our many family gatherings. Unforgettable, wonderful memories. Aunt Margaret was always curious about how we were and what we were doing as we grew older - and was kind, caring, and supportive. I can speak for my brother and sisters to say that we were very lucky to have had her in our lives, and will miss her greatly.  
*Bob Douglass*

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**Robert Douglass** - September 19, 2020 at 02:12 AM

TD

“ Our deepest condolences on the loss of your mother. Aunt Margaret was a wonderfully warm woman. Always a smile and pleasant disposition. A very loving woman that made us all feel very loved by her. My mom, Aunt Midge and I were unable to attend the funeral but did watch the live stream. The service was beautiful and a wonderful tribute to your mother. Our prayers are with each of you. We will hopefully see you all soon once this virus subsides.  
*Love,  
Aunt Midge Cowell and Tina Duran*

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**Tina Duran** - September 16, 2020 at 06:59 AM

ER

“ From all of the Durst family to the Stengle family - sincere condolences. Margaret was a wonderful friend to my mother Ethel Durst. They traveled together, went to church together and shared happy times. I know these 2 great ladies are reunited in heaven! God Bless you all  
Eileen Durst Rattay

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**Eileen Rattay** - September 15, 2020 at 12:29 PM

CV

“ 2 files added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE



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**COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS** - September 15, 2020 at 12:47 AM

MK

“ We were saddened to read the obituary and just want to send our heart felt condolences to the entire family. Your mother, grandmother, great-grandmother had a way of making everyone around her feel special and was a source of warmth. Her kind spirit will live on.

*Michael and betsey Kastner and family*

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**Michael and betsey Kastner** - September 14, 2020 at 05:32 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Margaret Mary Moran Stengle.*



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September 14, 2020 at 05:05 PM



“ *You and your family are in our prayers.*

*Dave and Janet Krzyminski*

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**JANET krzyminski** - September 14, 2020 at 04:39 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Margaret Mary Moran Stengle.*



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September 14, 2020 at 12:52 PM



“ *Condolances and prayers to the John and Joyce Stengle family. Fond memories of seeing Margaret at Ursuline activities and St. Ursula Academy functions. May God give you comfort.*

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**Donna Frey** - September 14, 2020 at 11:03 AM



“ *Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Margaret Mary Moran Stengle.*



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September 13, 2020 at 06:24 PM



“ *We've always enjoyed Margaret (and all the children!) at all the family gatherings. My brother Dan was fortunate enough to marry into this lovely family and we have been blessed by the sweetness and smartness of Joan through all these years. Traits we see passed on by Margaret to her children and grandchildren -- gentle giving spirits and the ability to laugh at life's little moments. Barbara and Tony Hirsch*

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**Barbara** - September 13, 2020 at 03:41 PM



“ *I never knew Mrs. Stengle, but she did a heck of job raising her children! Congrats and may you Rest In Peace!*

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**bernie kanary** - September 13, 2020 at 12:40 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Margaret Mary Moran Stengle.*



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September 13, 2020 at 11:00 AM

MC

“ Please be assured of my thoughts and prayer for each of you and for Margaret Mary Moran Stengle Peg Collins

margaret m collins - September 13, 2020 at 10:51 AM

ML

“ To all the family members of this great lady you are all in my thoughts and prayers for comfort. Margaret was such a special lady, that I had the luck to know and spend one day a month cleaning for her (and looking forward to the next visit) and looking at photos of her newest great grandchildren which she loved beyond measure. She will be missed beyond words but memories we shared I will always treasure. Love to all and Margaret you are at peace.  
Marla



Marla Lang - September 13, 2020 at 09:31 AM

TP

“ May the angels lead this amazing woman of faith home. Prayers on the way for her peace and for all who are mourning her passing.

Terri Pastura - September 13, 2020 at 07:59 AM