



Margaret M. Mason

December 4, 2024

Margaret Mary Mason, 88, of Fort Collins died December 4, 2024, after facing the challenges of dementia with courage, grace and even humor. Born February 22, 1936 in Hancock, Michigan, she grew up in nearby Houghton. Margaret graduated from Houghton High School and was employed by Houghton National Bank. She met Lawrence “Larry” Mason when he was a student at Michigan College of Mining and Technology in Houghton and married soon after on June 9, 1956 . After Larry graduated, the couple moved to Columbus Ohio where they lived for 7 years and where their children, Elizabeth and Doug, were born. In 1964, the family moved to Webster, New York where Larry worked for 23 years at Xerox. After retirement, Margaret and Larry moved to Fort Collins, Colorado to be near their son, Doug. Within another year, their daughter Elizabeth and her family moved to Fort Collins as well.

Margaret’s priorities in life were her family, her faith, and volunteer work. She

was

always quick to perceive the needs of others and offer solutions to cover these

needs, both for her family and friends. She was a full time homemaker for many

years, devoting all her time and energy to building and nurturing her family with

love. At the time, many other young families were in the neighborhood, where both she and her family built a strong foundation of friends for life.

Margaret was very involved in church activities throughout her life, including a brief time working as part-time secretary for her church in Webster once her children were grown. She sang in the church choir in Fort Collins (St Joseph Catholic Church), volunteered to count the weekly collection, cooked and baked

for funeral dinners, and regularly visited the homebound, including taking Holy Communion to them weekly. She attended daily Mass for years, often walking the

2 miles to church and back so she could exercise both her body and her spirit.

She

played cards with a group of ladies at church every week for years. She kept busy

with her many friends with whom she would pray, work and play.

Margaret had many interests, including music, reading, and spending time outdoors. She loved to visit parks and take hikes and picnics with her family throughout her life. She and Larry pulled a camper trailer to many National Parks,

traversing the southwest, the Rockies and even western Canada and Alaska.

Musical talents included playing the tenor saxophone, guitar, and piano in

addition

to singing. She enjoyed playing with a community band in Webster whose repertoire included a lot of John Philip Sousa marches. She also loved to attend

local CSU organ recitals, and concerts at the Central City Opera.

Margaret was a volunteer at Poudre Valley Hospital for 24 years where she enjoyed guiding visitors and patients to their destinations. She also sat with dying patients under the No One Dies Alone program.

Margaret was a kind, good, and loving soul, someone who would only remark on the good she saw in others, magnifying the good around her. She liked to practice random acts of kindness, such as paying for a meal for a stranger in a restaurant. She had a generous spirit.

Passing away before Margaret were her parents, Bernard and Mary (Fournier) Mathy, and her siblings, Charles, Marie, and Joseph Mathy. Her surviving family includes her beloved husband, Larry, her children Elizabeth (Gilbert) Sanchez and Doug Mason, her grandson David (Chrissy) Sanchez and great-grandchildren Max and Lily Sanchez. Also, her sister-in-law Barbara (Merle) Plagge, her niece Mary (Matt) Galer, nephews Peter Plagge (Erin Mooney) and Tim (Anita) Plagge and great nieces and nephews.

A Rosary service will be held at 4:00 pm Monday, Dec. 9th at Goes Funeral Care. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 2:00 pm Tuesday, Dec. 10th at St. Joseph Catholic Parish. A reception will follow the Mass in the Parish Hall.

In lieu of flowers or gifts, the family kindly requests donations to Pathways

Hospice. (<https://pathways-care.org/give-now/>)

A livestream of Margaret's Mass of Christian Burial can be watched on the St. Joseph YouTube Channel found here: [St. Joseph Livestream](#)

Previous Events

Recitation of the Rosary

DEC 9. 4:00 PM (MT)

Goes Funeral Care & Crematory
3665 Canal Drive
Suite E
Fort Collins, CO 80524
(970) 482-2221
info@goesfuneralcare.com
<https://www.goesfuneralcare.com/>

Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 10. 2:00 PM (MT)

Saint Joseph Catholic Church
300 West Mountain
Fort Collins, CO 80521

Reception

DEC 10 (MT)

Parish Hall at Saint Joseph Catholic Parish
300 Mountain Avenue
Fort Collins, CO 80521
parishcenter@stjosephfc.org
<https://stjosephfc.org/>

Tribute Wall

JZ

“ *Jon Zimmerman lit a candle in memory of Margaret Mason*



Jon Zimmerman - January 03, 2025 at 01:29 PM

BK

“ *My Mom, Ardie Redder, and Margaret were friends. They were both the kind of people we need more of in this world; quietly moving through life just doing good deeds every day. Mom counted the collection also for many years and she and Dad also went to daily Mass. I believe that Margaret routinely brought them Communion when they were home bound, too. Mom died in 2020 and Dad died in 2015. I am forever grateful for Margaret's compassion, selflessness, and love for others. Rest In Peace, dear angel and my sincere condolences to all of her family.*

Bonnie Kemp - December 10, 2024 at 02:17 PM

JL

“ I'm very sad to hear of Margret's passing . From the time I was about 6 years old until my early teens , Mrs. Mason was like a second mother to me . I would spend everyday with my best friend , Doug , who lived 2 doors down from my family . Inevitably we would end up at the Mason's house at some point in the day . I was always struck by Mrs. Mason's kind , calm demeanor . I still am . I can't recall ever seeing her angry , though at times we may have provoked her to be so . I recall her love for music which likely helped instill that love in my life . She (and Mr. Mason) always welcomed me as one of their own and included me on their many family adventures .
Elizabeth and Doug were like sister and brother to me . Larry , Mr. Mason , taught me many things and opened many doors to me , doors that remain open today . My heart goes out to them in this sad time .
Godspeed Margret . And Thank You !
Jim Lucey

JAMES LUCEY - December 10, 2024 at 09:15 AM

SG

“ 1 file added to the album memories



Stephanie Goes - December 06, 2024 at 09:44 AM

SG

“ *Dearest Margaret. I was so glad to be able to see you on Tuesday and wish you love on your spiritual journey even after you played that little trick on me. You have been so dear to my heart all these years - welcoming me into the alto section in choir, helping me through my cancer journey, meeting with me in the choir closet to show me "cancer" things. I have enjoyed our Church Ladies Luncheons and all the laughter and only wish we could have had one more. But I think you are having lunch with Anne now. And I wish you scrumptious food there in heaven. Tell Jesus chocolate cake and chocolate truffles and chocolate bars... need to be on the menu. Blessings and all my love. Stephanie*

Stephanie Goes - December 06, 2024 at 09:25 AM