



Margaret M. "Maggie" Louer

May 10, 1928 - September 4, 2021

Margaret M. Louer, age 93 of Highland, IL, died Saturday, September 04, 2021, at Highland Health Care Center in Highland, IL.

She was born on Thursday, May 10, 1928, in Valmeyer, IL, the daughter of Raymond and Selma (nee Pape) Rippelmeyer.

On Saturday, August 14, 1948, she married Herman H. Louer, Jr. at Valmeyer, Illinois, who survives.

Margaret Louer was born May 10, 1928 at Valmeyer, Illinois. She was baptized, confirmed and married in the United Church of Christ, Valmeyer, Illinois. She graduated from Valmeyer High School in 1946. She started teaching in September 1946 in a one-room school house in Boxtown, Illinois with all eight grades and 14 students. While teaching, she attended night school and summer school. In 1948, she married Herman Louer and continued teaching in a one room school, Schallom School, near Valmeyer, Illinois. In 1954, they and their two children moved to St. Ann, Missouri where she attended Harris Teacher College to work on her teaching degree. She also worked nights as a waitress at Howard Johnsons restaurant in St. Ann and worked for Monsanto Corp. as a secretary. In 1962, she and Herman bought a farm between Pierron, IL and Highland, and she attended Greenville College to complete her Bachelor's Degree. She taught at Pocahontas, IL,

eight grades with 42 students for two years. She then taught math at Highland, Jr. High School from 1964-1980. She received her Master's Degree from SIUE and became Principal for K-3 at Highland Primary in 1980. She retired in 1985. She was also a farm wife and very active in helping with planting, caring for the animals, gardening, canning, sewing and mending. Their large family would join together for fishing at Montauk State Park for fishing time "Home" in Missouri. Most of all Maggie loved and enjoyed her five grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. She and Herman spent many miles on the road traveling to see the grandchildren and taking them on trips to visit one another. They regularly spent time in Wisconsin with their daughter and her family on fishing trips. She and Herman traveled a lot spending time in Florida and Texas, making fishing trips to Alaska (five times) and several trips to Europe. They moved from the farm in 1989 to a house on Dunlap Lake in Edwardsville, across the lake from their son and his family, and were an important part of taking care of their grandsons Nathan and Craig, Jr. In 2003, they moved to Faith Countryside Condos, Highland. In 2014, due to health reasons, they moved to assisted living at Cedarhurst, Highland. She was an excellent cook, liked to bake pies for family and friends and enjoyed cooking for large family dinners. She taught Sunday School and Bible School classes when her children were young. She will be remembered for her many contributions and involvement with the Highland community. She was always happy with a big smile and big heart.

Survivors include:

Husband - Herman H. Louer, Jr., Highland, IL

Son - Craig R. (Jane) Louer, Edwardsville, IL

Daughter - Connie D. (James R.) Abert, Saint Louis, MO

Grandchild - LTC Megan J. Keuss, USA Retired (Husband-LTC Christ Keuss, USA), Saint Louis, MO

Grandchild - Aaron J. (Becky) Abert, Spring Lake, MI

Grandchild - Morgan C. (Adam) Peters, Saint Louis, MO

Grandchild - Nathan S. (Erin) Louer, Atlanta, GA
Grandchild - Dr. Craig R. (Ericka) Louer, Jr., Nashville, TN
Great Grandchild - Alex R. Keuss, Saint Louis, MO
Great Grandchild - Charlotte A. Keuss, Saint Louis, MO
Great Grandchild - Matthew J. Keuss, St. Louis, MO
Great Grandchild - Caroline Jane Louer, Atlanta, GA
Great Grandchild - Harrison Patrick Louer, Atlanta, GA
Great Grandchild - Lena Margaret Louer, Nashville, TN
Great Grandchild - Max Harmon Louer, Nashville, TN
Brother - Raymond F. "Bud" Rippelmeyer, Jr., Waterloo, IL
Sister In-Law - Doris Rippelmeyer, Waterloo, IL
Nieces and Nephews - Many
Special Nephew - Homer H. (Sharon) Rusteberg, Highland, IL.

She was preceded in death by:

Father - Raymond F. Rippelmeyer - Died 5/28/1977
Mother - Selma C. Rippelmeyer (nee Pape) - Died 2/6/1983
Brother - Russell A. Rippelmeyer - Died 8/01/2000
Brother - Robert W. Rippelmeyer - Died 1/9/2016
Sister In-Law - Glenda F. Rippelmeyer - Died 1/16/2015
Sister In-Law - Helen L. Rippelmeyer - Died 12/31/1999.

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Thursday, September 09, 2021, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL and from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM on Friday, September 10, 2021, at St. John United Church of Christ in Valmeyer, IL.

Funeral Service will be at 12:00 PM on Friday, September 10, 2021, at St. John United Church of Christ in Valmeyer, IL, with Rev. Steven J. Boorsma, Pastor, officiating.

Interment will be at St. John's Cemetery in Valmeyer, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to Evangelical United Church of Christ, Highland, IL; Shriners Hospitals for Children; or St. Johns United Church of Christ, Valmeyer, IL.

Tribute Wall

NH

“ Maggie was my first principal at Highland Primary. I still remember as a retirement tribute singing the Ghostbusters’ song with other teachers to our creative wording, “Who you gonna call? Maggie Louer!” We even dressed up like in the Ghostbusters’ movie!!

Nancy Horrell - September 17, 2021 at 11:56 AM

PW

“ Mrs Louer was such a beautiful woman in every way. My deepest sympathy is sent to all of you.

Pat Winter - September 15, 2021 at 06:18 PM

SD

“ My deepest condolences to Herman and Craig and Connie and their families. Maggie was an incredible woman, educator, wife, farmer and all around beautiful soul. My life was better for having known her.

Sheila Dunn - September 09, 2021 at 11:56 AM



“ Truly Beloved Bouquet was purchased for the family of Margaret M. "Maggie" Louer.



September 08, 2021 at 09:07 PM

DT

“ Mrs. Louer was my 8th grade teacher in Pocahontas(1963). She was the nicest and one of the best teachers I had. I often thought of her and Herman when I past by their farm.

D.A. Tift Greenville,Il

D.A. (Andy) Tift - September 08, 2021 at 11:59 AM

SR

“ Maggie was such a lovely person; always smiling and cheerful. She was the epitome of what an elementary school principal should be! When I shared the news of her passing with my kids, they both commented on how fondly they remembered her and her ever-present smile and cheerfulness. She touched SO many lives! Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Sandi Rinderer Nashville, TN

Sandi Rinderer - September 07, 2021 at 12:57 PM

BS

“ As a new teacher in the Highland Junior High School in 1970, Maggie took me under her wing to help me in many ways. She was always so pleasant with that special smile and twinkle in her eyes that made you feel special. I am sorry for your loss of such a great member of your family.

Bev Stueber - September 07, 2021 at 12:26 PM

PH

“ Mrs. Louer was one of my favorite teachers. She always had a smile and a laugh, but still kept us on task. The first thing that always comes to mind when I think of her, is her famous byline, "If you can't cut the mustard" (you shouldn't be in that particular class.) She made an impact on so many people - truly a life well-lived. My sincere sympathy to the family.

Peggy H - September 07, 2021 at 12:21 PM

BK

“ Sending sincere sympathy to Herb, Craig, Connie and families. I am so sorry to hear of Maggie's passing. She truly was a matriarch in her time, so full of love and compassion. She always had a smile on her face and took the time to acknowledge all who she came in contact with. I will always remember her with fond memories. May she rest in Peace.

Bonnie Kloss - September 07, 2021 at 11:35 AM

CM

“ Cheryl Mueller lit a candle in memory of Margaret M. "Maggie" Louer



Cheryl Mueller - September 07, 2021 at 11:06 AM

TR

“ She was my favorite math teacher in school.

Tammy Ritzheimer - September 07, 2021 at 10:19 AM

MO

“ *The Louer Family,*

I remember having Mrs. Louer for a teacher in school and enjoyed being in her class. She was very organized and had a wealth of knowledge to share with her students. She will be missed. Mike Otto

Mike Otto - September 06, 2021 at 07:19 PM

SC

She was one of my favorite teachers. Absolutely loved her.

Sara Macke Crook - September 07, 2021 at 11:30 AM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Margaret M. "Maggie" Louer.*



September 06, 2021 at 12:12 PM

RR

“ *Rita Rinderer lit a candle in memory of Margaret M. "Maggie" Louer*



Rita Rinderer - September 06, 2021 at 11:36 AM

JH

“ *Jeanne Heuberger lit a candle in memory of Margaret M. "Maggie" Louer*



Jeanne Heuberger - September 06, 2021 at 09:01 AM

MJ

“ *Maggie was the finest principal we ever knew. She was friendly, understanding and kind; she became a personal friend to our entire family. She always had a wonderful, warm smile, and would take time to greet each child. Maggie was one of a kind. Sincere condolences to Herman and family. She is a diamond and will be sadly missed. Hugs and Prayers From Mae Jacober and children, Bryan, Crista and Brent Jacober*

Mae L Jacober - September 06, 2021 at 09:01 AM

JS

“ *Craig and Connie, I am so sorry for your loss. I remember her as being one of my favorite teachers. She always had command of her classroom in a positive manner. One could not help but to respect her. I had the opportunity to meet up with her as an adult and I always enjoyed our little chats. May you RIP Mrs Lauer.*

Jan Nihiser Schneider - September 06, 2021 at 08:01 AM

MB

“ *Mary Beth Broughton lit a candle in memory of Margaret M. "Maggie" Louer*



Mary beth Broughton - September 05, 2021 at 11:42 PM

MB

“ *Mary Beth Broughton sent a virtual gift in memory of Margaret M. "Maggie" Louer*



Mary beth Broughton - September 05, 2021 at 11:42 PM

MB

“ *My heart felt sympathy goes out to the family. Maggie was a beautiful person inside and outside. She was a very caring and compassionate person. Very well respected by everyone. She loved her job and her coworkers and the children who were touched by her. She was a wonderful friend she will be dearly missed my thoughts prayers and love goes out to the family*

Mary beth Broughton - September 05, 2021 at 11:41 PM

MM

“ *One of the Most Beautiful Souls I've ever had the privilege to know, work with, and call my friend.
Rest In Peace, Maggie.
May God Bless her Family. My thoughts and prayers are with you.
❤️ Marsha Moore*

Marsha Moore - September 05, 2021 at 11:16 PM

JP

*Herman, Connie, Graig, and brother Ray! I am sad that I am unable to attend the celebration you have planned for Maggie. Many many people understand the wonderful life Maggie lived and loved. I will always cherish the wonderful moments we shared so many years ago.
JR Potthast*

JR potthast - September 10, 2021 at 04:25 AM

PL

I/we are so very sorry to hear Maggie has passed. Wish we would have know sooner so we could have been there for the family.
The Lang Family

Pat Lang - September 23, 2021 at 03:23 PM

PL

Maggie was a dear friend of the Lang family. She now joins Tony with our Lord. Our deepest condolences to all.

Pat Lang - September 23, 2021 at 03:32 PM