



## Margaret N. "Marge" Steinkoenig

March 12, 1937 - January 30, 2022

Margaret (Marge) Steinkoenig, 84, passed away on Sunday, January 30, 2022, at her home in Highland, Illinois, with family by her side. After a long fight with cancer, she is now at peace with the Lord.

Marge was born on March 12, 1937 in Beaver Prairie, Illinois, to Robert and Alvina (Heldorfer) VonAlst. She was married to Gerald (Jerry) Steinkoenig on July 20, 1957, and with much love, again on September 7, 1957, with God as their witness.

Marge worked and retired from Marine Garment. Seamstress by trade, Marge was also very talented and opened Craft Palace, on the square, in Highland. As a local business owner, with her sister Verna, they sold handmade crafts of many kinds. They also traveled regionally, during craft fair season, packed, set-up, sold and re-packed weekend after weekend. After many years of hard work, Marge retired at age 60 to spend time with family and travel with her husband.

In retirement, Marge was a snow bird, spending 18 winters at their home in El Mirage, Arizona. There, they enjoyed being with friends, golfing, playing cards and games, 4 o'clock happy hours and entertaining.

Marge loved to spend time with her family and hosted many holidays and gatherings. She and Jerry made quite the team when preparing meals for the family. Sometime simple, sometimes elaborate, all delicious and many which cannot be duplicated.

Marge also enjoyed reading a good novel in her free time. From romances to

mysteries, she would always have a book by her side. Playing cards, though, was what she lived for. She was always ready to whoop the grandkids in a game of euchre or play switcheroo with anybody that would sit down at the table. She always had her money pouch with her, ready for a game.

Camping at Carlyle Lake, from the time the kids were young, was a lifelong pastime. From tents to a big RV, and everything in between, Marge and her family spent summers at the lake. While at the lake, she also loved fishing for white bass, out on the boat with her sister Arlene and her nieces and nephews. Then, she would get out the fryers for a fish fry with all the fixings. Marge also enjoyed traveling, having a nice dinner out and visiting wineries as often as they could. They would age their favorite wines and save them for special occasions.

Marge was also well known as "Gram." Short for Grandma, she loved her grandchildren immensely. She was there to help, nurture and guide her children to be great parents, as she was. They all cherish her and she will be greatly missed.

What Marge was most proud of, were her four children. She was proud of each of them, how they succeeded in their careers, the people they became, and the beautiful, loving families they have made. She was very special to each and every one of her children, and they will always hold her dearly in their hearts.

Survivors include:

Husband - Gerald W. "Jerry" Steinkoenig , Highland, IL

Son - Bradley A. (Rozann) Steinkoenig, Highland, IL

Daughter - Michelle A. (Randy) Mershon, De Kalb, IL

Daughter - Denise K. (Anthony) Shelton, Wildwood, MO

Daughter - Dee A. S. (David) Barnard, Edwardsville, IL

Grandchild - Heather R. (Jacob) Gutzler

Grandchild - Major Corey A. (Emily) Steinkoenig, US Air Force

Grandchild - Reed J. Anderson

Grandchild - Jacob A. Anderson  
Grandchild - Brandon M. (Stacy) Venhaus  
Grandchild - Dustin G. Venhaus  
Grandchild - Derek J. (Katie) Venhaus  
Grandchild - Emily P. (Major Ross Puffer, MD, US Army) Barnard, OD  
Grandchild - Benjamin D. (Jacquelyn) Barnard  
Grandchild - Christian D. Fredericks  
Great Grandchild - Jackson Gutzler  
Great Grandchild - Addison Gutzler  
Great Grandchild - Emerson Gutzler  
Great Grandchild - Karson Gutzler  
Great Grandchild - Abbie Venhaus  
Great Grandchild - Macie Venhaus  
Great Grandchild - Wade Venhaus  
Great Grandchild - Ellie Venhaus  
Great Grandchild - Levi Venhaus  
Great Grandchild - Robin Barnard  
Great Grandchild - Knox Puffer  
Sister - Arlene Hilmes  
Brother - Gerald (Ruth) VonAlst  
Sister - Marita J. "Marty" Ringering  
Brother In-Law - Joseph (Belinda) Steinkoenig  
Brother In-Law - John (Sue) Steinkoenig  
Sister In-Law - Marilyn Haukapp  
Sister In-Law - Judy Steinkoenig.

She was preceded in death by:

Father - Robert H. VonAlst

Mother - Alvina D. VonAlst

Son In-Law - Kenneth R. Anderson

Sister - Verna M. Zobrist  
Brother - Terrence L. VonAlst  
Brother In-Law - Greg Hilmes  
Brother In-Law - Robert Zobrist  
Brother In-Law - Bernard Ringering  
Brother In-Law - Kenneth Steinkoenig  
Sister In-Law - Donna FencI  
Sister In-Law - Lillian Steinkoenig  
Brother In-Law - Charles FencI  
Sister In-Law - Carol Steinkoenig  
Brother In-Law - Wayne Haukapp  
Brother - Henry J. VonAlst - infant.

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

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Thursday, February 03, 2022, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL and from 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM on Friday, February 04, 2022, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 AM on Friday, February 04, 2022, at Saint Paul Catholic Church in Highland, IL, Rev. Father Pat G. Jakel, Pastor, officiating

Interment will be at Saint Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Highland, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society or St. Paul School Educational Foundation.

# Tribute Wall

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“ From Garth and Laura Collins and family purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Margaret N. "Marge" Steinkoenig.



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**From Garth and Laura Collins and family** - February 03, 2022 at 01:00 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Margaret N. "Marge" Steinkoenig.



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February 03, 2022 at 10:42 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Margaret N. "Marge" Steinkoenig.



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February 03, 2022 at 10:30 AM

JW

“ Joan Watson purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Margaret N. "Marge" Steinkoenig.



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**Joan Watson** - February 02, 2022 at 05:06 PM

MW

“ Marie Weis lit a candle in memory of Margaret N. "Marge" Steinkoenig



Marie Weis - February 02, 2022 at 10:59 AM

JW

“ Joan Watson lit a candle in memory of Margaret N. "Marge" Steinkoenig



Joan Watson - February 02, 2022 at 10:58 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Margaret N. "Marge" Steinkoenig.



February 02, 2022 at 09:34 AM

DB

“ Dave & Mary Baker purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Margaret N. "Marge" Steinkoenig.



Dave & Mary Baker - February 02, 2022 at 07:54 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Margaret N. "Marge" Steinkoenig.*



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February 01, 2022 at 05:43 PM



“ *Cindy Weis lit a candle in memory of Margaret N. "Marge" Steinkoenig*



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**Cindy Weis** - February 01, 2022 at 01:58 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Margaret N. "Marge" Steinkoenig.*



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February 01, 2022 at 01:44 PM



“ *Thoughts and prayers for your family. Marge was a fellow bowler who was always laughing and having great times. She was slash's proud of her family and proud of them. Her fun and creative spirit will be remembered. RIP IN PEACE MY FRIEND*

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**Pam Lecerf** - February 01, 2022 at 11:57 AM

LL

“ So proud to say she was my Godmother. RIP  
Love always Lynn



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**Lynn Lillis** - February 01, 2022 at 11:55 AM

LF

“ Linda and Bob Richardson and Family purchased  
the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Margaret  
N. "Marge" Steinkoenig.



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**Linda and Bob Richardson and Family** - February 01, 2022 at  
11:51 AM