



Martha M. Weis

November 1, 1933 - September 30, 2023

Martha May Weis passed away peacefully with her children by her side on September 30, 2023, at 11:53 p.m. at the age of 89 in Edwardsville, IL. She was born on November 1, 1933, in St. Rose, IL to the late Rosalia and Bernard Schumacher. Martha was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, known for her loving nature and creativity.

Martha was a loving mother and wife who dedicated her time to her family and various charitable endeavors. For many years, she volunteered for the C.U.R.E. Childhood Cancer Association in St. Louis, Missouri, raising funds for leukemia. Martha and her husband, Bernell, shared a love for travel, exploring destinations such as Europe, Hawaii, Alaska, and the western states. On their 50th anniversary, their children and their spouses surprised them with a western Caribbean cruise for the entire family. Martha's 80th birthday was celebrated with a week-long family trip to the Gulf Coast of Florida.

Survived by Mary Jo (Dave) Daniels of Highland, IL; Karen R. Weis of Millbrook, NY; Michael B. (Nicole) Weis of Aurora, CO; Trudy A. (Bill) Luchini of St. Louis, MO; Stacie W. (Dave) Sefcik of LaGrange Park, IL; and Ryan M. (Diana) Weis of St. Louis, MO. Martha was a cherished grandmother to Brian Luchini, George (Natalie) Marron, Courtney (Josh) Mahlandt, Bianca Parinello, Luciene Parinello, Avery Parinello, Matthew (Lauren) Weis, Joshua

(Heather) Weis, Ava Sefcik, Nathan Sefcik, and great-grandchildren Vivian Marron, Cecilia Marron, Jack Mahlandt, Rhys Mahlandt, and Evangeline Weis. She is also survived by her sisters Rosemary Venhaus, Patricia (Jerry) Lampe and Marguerite (Ray) Fabre, sisters-in-law Shirley Schumacher and Florence Bohnenstiehl.

She is preceded in death by her husband of 52 years, Bernell, daughter Barbara, mother Rosalia Schumacher, father Bernard Schumacher, brothers Gervase Schumacher, Wendelin Schumacher, Joseph Schumacher, Thilbert Schumacher, sister Georgina Schumacher, sister Theresa Buchmiller, sister-in-law Norma (nee Buske), and brother-in-law Valentine Buchmiller.

Martha's educational journey began at St. Rose Elementary School. She later pursued her high school education through homeschooling and earned her GED.

In her professional life, Martha worked at the Alton Box Board Company in Highland, IL, before marrying Bernell in 1956 and becoming a dedicated mother, housewife and supported the farm as bookkeeper. Together, they successfully expanded their beautiful farm. Late in her career, Martha worked in retail at Famous Barr in Fairview Heights, IL.

Martha and Bernell were active members of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Marine, IL, where she taught PSR classes and actively participated in the Altar Society and prayer group for many years. As a couple, they sponsored Father Thomas in his educational pursuit to become a Catholic priest in India. They also generously donated to his missionary work in India.

Outside of her professional and family life, Martha found joy in her hobbies. She expressed her creativity through making stained glass stepping stones and windows. Known for her delicious baked pies, Martha delighted in sharing

her culinary talents with loved ones. Sewing was another activity she enjoyed. She also stayed healthy and developed lifelong friendships by being a long-term member of the YMCA.

Visitation for Martha will be from 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 7, 2023 at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home, Highland, IL. Funeral Mass will be at 12:00 noon on Saturday, October 7, 2023 at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, Marine, IL. Interment will be next to her husband in St. Elizabeth Catholic Cemetery, Marine, IL. A funeral luncheon will be held in the church social hall after the interment.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Bright Focus Foundation or St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, Marine, IL.

Martha Weis will be remembered for her loving nature, dedication to her family, and her numerous contributions to her community. She will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Cemetery Details

St. Elizabeth Catholic Cemetery

Marine, IL

Previous Events

Morning Visitation

OCT 7. 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home - Highland
1501 9th Street
P.O. Box 187
Highland, IL 62249
(618) 654-2133
info@spengel-boulanger.com

Funeral Mass

OCT 7. 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church
120 North Windmill
P.O. Box 457
Marine, IL 62061
(618) 887-4535

Tribute Wall

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“ *In memory of your very kind mother. I loved being in the prayer group with her and I had the pleasure of doing her hair many years ago. Just being a good friend with her was a gift. She loved my drawing of an angel as she said it looked like her daughter who, passed at a young age. What an honor it was that she compared my drawing to her Blessed Daughter. She’s in peace and getting to see family members.*

Sylvia Kauh - October 06, 2023 at 01:09 PM

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“ *Hi Mary Jo, So sorry that I will not be able to extend my condolences in person as I will be in Granite City at the Pro-life Mass and Rosary Walk. Your Mom always had the most beautiful smile. It was always a delightful conversation when I ran into her. A lovely soul has been welcomed into the arms of Jesus. Carol Henrichs*

Carol Henrichs - October 06, 2023 at 12:48 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Martha M. Weis.*

October 04, 2023 at 02:11 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Martha M. Weis.*



October 04, 2023 at 02:11 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Martha M. Weis.

October 04, 2023 at 08:23 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Martha M. Weis.



October 04, 2023 at 08:23 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers for strength through this difficult time.
The Rehg family

Marie Rehg - October 03, 2023 at 05:05 PM



“ I recall a trip to their farm as a kid and how chaotic running a farm with children can be. She always had the situation under control. But, my best memory was when her and my Mother were strawberry picking and she locked her keys in the car (twice if I recall correctly), I was so small I could fit through the trunk opening to retrieve them- not sure of the details, but she made me feel like a hero! Jeff Daiber

Jeff Daiber - October 03, 2023 at 12:40 PM