



Marion A. Russell

June 5, 1924 - May 16, 2024

In loving memory of Marion A. Russell, a lifelong resident of Butternut, who peacefully went home to Jesus on Thursday May 16th at the age of 99. Marion was born on June 5th, 1924, the daughter of Frederick and Pauline (Zoesch) Bentz.

Marion attended Butternut grade and high school. During her high school years, she enjoyed summer employment at Ross' Teal Lake Resort in Hayward, WI. Following graduation, she worked in the office of Edward Hines Lumber Co. in Park Falls and First Wisconsin Trust Bank in Milwaukee, WI. On October 13, 1951, Marion married the love of her life, Howard (Jack) Russell at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Butternut, WI. Marion was a lifelong member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and was known as a servant leader. She led and participated in monthly church mailings, Cradle Roll mailing and most near dear to her heart, the Tuesday Morning Ladies' Quilters Group for World Relief. Marion remained an active member in the Butternut American Legion Auxiliary, Unit #272 for 57 years and served as Treasurer & Poppy Chairman. Marion and Jack enjoyed a life full of adventure and looked forward to their travels throughout the U.S.

Marion had an unwavering faith in God and her family. She was a deeply spiritual woman who was thankful for the simple things in life. She had many passions which include genealogy, couponing, quilting, socializing, playing bingo with her friends at Park Manor Nursing Home and baking; especially her famous chocolate chip cookies. But most of all, she loved her family and

instilled values in them that will live on. Marion lived a full life and will be remembered as an incredible, mother, sister, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt, cousin, and friend. But most of all, she will be remembered for her loving and giving heart.

She is survived by her children: John (Jane) Russell, Park Falls & Susan (Tom) Joyner, West Palm Beach, FL.

Grandchildren: Jason (Brooke) Russell, Mackenzie Kunding, Katie (Robert, Jr.) Weinberger, Jackie (David) Ayers, Russell Joyner & Kasey Joyner.

Great Grandchildren: Alexia, Aubrey & Asher Russell, Caden, Jaxson & Annika Kunding, Ian & Macy Weinberger, Theo & Elliot Ayers.

Sisters: Erna Rosten, Gladys Wartgow.

Son-in-law: Tom Jirschele

She was preceded in death by her parents Fred and Pauline (Zoesch) Bentz, devoted husband Jack Russell, daughter Sandra Jirschele, brother Harlan Bentz, brothers-in-law James Russell, Gene Rosten, Herman Wartgow Jr., Sister-in-law Dorothy Hodge & nephew David Rosten.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00am on Friday June 7, 2024 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Butternut. Rev. John Deitz will officiate.

Burial will follow at Butternut Union cemetery.

A visitation will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Thursday June 6, 2024 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm and on Friday from 10:00am until the hour of the service.

Birch Street Funeral Service is assisting the family.

www.birchstreetfuneralservice.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
301 West Main Street
Butternut, WI 54514

Visitation

JUN 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Service

JUN 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

LK

“ We're so very sorry for your loss. I knew Marion from a little girl on - I saw her a few years ago in Super One; I recognized her and went up to say hello. She was so happy I had remembered her and stopped to visit and update her on our family. She was a wonderful lady. My only regret is that she didn't make it to 100. My mom used to laugh at me, because I always say, if you make it to 99, you deserve to make it to 100! Cherish all the good time and memories. She will live on in your hearts.

Take care -

Linda Black Kniskern (Bette Black's daughter)

Linda & Terry Kniskern - June 07, 2024 at 09:34 AM

JL

“ My last remaining Aunt, if she knew I was coming to visit, she made my favorite, cut glass jello cake, Aunt Marion who kept awesome records of the family, never forgot my birthday, and gave me a hard time because I did not write names on the back of my pictures. I will miss visiting and stopping by the farm. Love always Judy and family

Judy Russell Liske - June 02, 2024 at 03:14 PM

EJ

“ Marion was my dad's first cousin and was one of the few relatives that exchanged letters with Erv Sr's son Erv Jr. while he served in Vietnam. Marion was a great patriot and took the challenge of recognizing a Vietnam War Veteran when it was not publicly appropriate to do so during the late 1960s and early 1970s. This is Erv "junior ", from the dark west swamp lands in a place called Vietnam, letters from this gracious lady were comforting and gave purpose to push on even when it appeared any future was not achievable. A living earthly angle of person Marion was for sending this war veteran inspiration and hope.

Erv Thoms Jr. - May 19, 2024 at 09:16 PM

KW

“ So many beautiful memories that I will cherish forever. The way you loved your family, were thankful for even the smallest gifts and the way you loved Jesus reside amongst the top. You taught me patience and the value of life. ❤️❤️ I hope you behave up there 😊



Katie Weinberger - May 19, 2024 at 01:54 PM

BZ

“ Marion , I will miss her dearly, she was there for me when I lost Bill. She was my partner for quilting, and taught me a lot. Loved visiting with her



Bonnie Zoesch - May 19, 2024 at 01:49 PM

LK

Marion was a great lady. I remember her when I was a little girl. She was someone that everyone enjoyed visiting with and was friends with my Great Aunt and Uncle, Jack and Carolyn Juneau, my great aunt and Art and then Jim - Bev Masterson/Estep. My mom always loved visiting with her, Bette Black. I remember seeing her at Super and catching up with her on all that was going on with our family and hers - and she thanked me for stopping her and introducing myself to her - she was a lovely lady and will be missed by many. Linda Black Kniskern

Linda Kniskern - May 21, 2024 at 07:51 PM