



MARION (MURPHY) SIMSER

July 16, 1921 - March 29, 2021

Marion A. Simser, age 99, of La Crescent, died March 29, 2021, at SpringBrook Village.

Funeral services will be held Friday, April 9, 2021, at 11:00 AM at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Caledonia, MN. Visitation will be from 4 PM -7PM on Thursday, April 8th and Friday, April 9th from 10:00 – 11:00 AM at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery in Blue Earth, MN on Saturday, April 10th at 11:00 AM.

Marion was born July 16, 1921 at Oak Park, MN, the daughter of Anna Legler and William Peulen. She married Floyd Murphy, January 4, 1944 at Newport, Arkansas. Floyd preceded her in death, June 4th, 1979. She married Kenneth Simser, May 5th, 1984 and he preceded her in death May 13th, 1999. Marion retired from U.S. Bank at the age of 75 and worked as the church secretary at SS Peters and Paul Church in Blue Earth until she retired at age 87. She moved to Caledonia, MN to be closer to family in 2009 where she was embraced by the community.

Marion's most important things in her life were faith, family, and friendships. She enjoyed meeting new people, knitting, playing bridge, talking on the phone, cooking, and cultivating hybrid Tea Roses. She was active in Catholic Daughters of America and playing in card clubs.

Marion will be lovingly remembered by her family, Frank (Margaret) Murphy of Altura, MN, Tim (Sheila) Murphy of Caledonia, MN, Joan (Lou) Walter of Rochester, MN, Annette (Tom) Casey of Leawood, KS, Jim Simser of Fairmont, MN, Carolyn (Tom) Fischer of Mason City, IA, Dee Ann Simser of Eagan, MN, Mary Beth Simser of Mankato, MN, and Tom (Jayne) Simser of South St. Paul, MN, 24 grandchildren, and 26 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her daughter Anna Marie Murphy, her sisters Pat Doerr, and Betty Haven and brothers William and Joseph Peulen, and daughter in law Winn Ann Simser.

Memorials preferred to St. Mary's Catholic School, Caledonia, MN.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 8. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Saint Mary's Catholic Church
513 S Pine St
Caledonia, MN 55921
(507) 725-3804

Prayer Service

APR 8. 6:30 PM (CT)

Saint Mary's Catholic Church
513 S Pine St
Caledonia, MN 55921
(507) 725-3804

Visitation

APR 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

APR **9**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Burial

APR **10**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Calvary Catholic Cemetery
214 S. Holland St.
Blue Earth, MN 56013

Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of MARION (MURPHY) SIMSER.*



April 07, 2021 at 11:29 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of MARION (MURPHY) SIMSER.*



April 07, 2021 at 08:48 AM



“ *Randy and Sue Rushin purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of MARION (MURPHY) SIMSER.*



Randy and Sue Rushin - April 05, 2021 at 09:44 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of MARION (MURPHY) SIMSER.*



April 05, 2021 at 11:16 AM

DM

“ I will always remember our long conversations on the driveway and helping you and Kenny cover the roses in the fall. You were a wonderful neighbor and have/will be missed. Rest in peace.

Darla Meyer - April 05, 2021 at 08:07 AM

TP

“ Marion was a special person and the love her entire family, friends and the communities she lived in showed just the type of person she was. Prayers to your families during this difficult time.

Tom Pitzen - April 04, 2021 at 09:54 PM



“ Julie Merzenich lit a candle in memory of
MARION (MURPHY) SIMSER



Julie Merzenich - April 02, 2021 at 03:31 PM



She was such a wonderful lady, beautiful inside and out.
I treasure every time she brought me a rose on Ladies day.

Julie Merzenich - April 02, 2021 at 03:34 PM

HB

“ Marion was such a kind and beautiful soul. Anyone that met her, fell in love with her and her gentleness, smile, and amazing outlook. She will be greatly missed by staff and residents at Springbrook Village of La Crescent!
Thought and prayers from all go out to the family.

*Heidi Bartsch - Care Coordinator
Springbrook Village of La Crescent*

Heidi Bartsch - April 02, 2021 at 02:23 PM



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April 02, 2021 at 12:26 PM

LH

“ LeeAnn Higgins lit a candle in memory of MARION (MURPHY) SIMSER



LeeAnn Higgins - April 02, 2021 at 10:49 AM

LH

“ Please accept my deepest condolences. I will miss seeing Marion' smiling face, and I will cherish forever the good times and hearty laughs at the annual Altura Christmas Tea Party events, including the dinners afterwards at the Murphy house where we sat for hours laughing and talking. I cherish every memory of Marion and the family and I feel lucky to have known her. My heart is with you.

LeeAnn Higgins - April 02, 2021 at 10:49 AM

BL

“ Tim, Sheila & families,
So sorry for your loss! Marion was such a lovely lady! Got to know her through our mutual friend Beverly A. Please know you are in our thoughts & prayers!

Bob & Pat Lemke - April 01, 2021 at 09:19 PM

LB

“ My sympathies to all of you. I've had some nice visits with Marion in the last years except the covid year rehashing when we were kids on farm. I remember in high school being instructed by Marion at your house on how to enter checks in a ledger book with columns of what kind of expenses they were for. I was kind of worried I'd put something in wrong column. But I guess I did ok . She will be missed

Lorraine Bolster - April 01, 2021 at 02:12 PM