



## Marcella M. Connell

December 3, 1924 - December 11, 2009

Marcella Mauter Connell, a lifelong resident of Toledo, died December 11, 2009 at Sunset House, where she had lived for the past three years. She was preceded in death by her two best friends in life: Jerry, her beloved husband, and Rita Horne, her dear sister. She was also preceded in death by siblings: Katherine High, Patricia Cervenec, John, Paul and Francis Mauter; and sons-in-law, Merle DeTorto and Tom Arman. Marcella was a proud alumna of St. Thomas Aquinas grade school and St. Ursula Academy. Before her marriage to Jerry, she worked as a key-punch operator at the Ordinance Depot in Rossford. Upon his death in 1969, she returned to work, first in the China department at Hudson's and later at ABC Mailing and Roger's National Research. She retired from Maritz Marketing Research in 1986. Anderson Parkway was her home for over 40 years where she singlehandedly raised her family after being widowed at a young age. "3627" holds many fond memories for her family and friends. Friends and family appreciated her baking skills-she made "pies to die for and breakfast rolls to rise for." Second to her baking prowess were her skills at the card table. For most of her adult life, she played bridge at least once a week. Until 2005, the bridge club she joined in the 1950's met once a month. She also played in several other bridge groups including St. John's Mothers' Club, St. Ursula, Blessed Sacrament, and St. Pius. Marcella also kept busy at her Singer sewing machine. Her children were proud to wear a "Marcella Original." She sewed Easter dresses with matching coats; 100's of St. Ursula uniforms; wedding,

bridesmaid, and prom dresses. Marcella was generous with her time and was willing to help wherever and whenever needed. While she was still driving, she was quick to offer transportation to those needing a ride, sang regularly at parish funerals, and cheerfully supported charities associated with the Catholic Church. She will be missed by those who survive her, most especially her eleven children: Sheila Johnson (Dennis), Marcia DeTorto, Kathleen Connell Gallagher (Steve), Maureen Connell O'Brien (Steve), Colleen Dunne (Timothy), Dennis, Molly Connell Stebli, Julie Connell (Tom Rood), Michelle Jankowiak (Jerry), Toni Arman and Rev. Dr. Martin Connell, SJ. Also surviving are her sister and brother, Ann Daudelin and Joseph Mauter; grandchildren Megan, Betsy, Bill, Kathleen and Susan; Jovanina, Maureen and Ben; Justine; Casey and Catherine; Caitlin and Peter; Natalie and Mike; Brad, Dan and Anneka; Claire and Paul; and many nieces, nephews and friends. The Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated 11 AM Tuesday in Blessed Sacrament Church. The family will receive friends from 2-8 PM Monday in the Ansberg-West Funeral Home, 3000 Sylvania Avenue. Memorials may be directed to the Blessed Sacrament School Building Fund, Sunset Retirement Communities, Detroit Province of the Society of Jesus (Our Lady Queen of Peace School, Tanzania), 7303 W. 7 Mile Rd., Detroit, MI 48221 or a charity of the donor's choice.

# Tribute Wall

TT

“ The Chicago and Detroit Province Jesuits wish to express their deepest condolences to all of Marcella's family and friends. She will continue to be remembered daily in their prayers and good works. Marcella was a cherished Companion of the Jesuits, among them her son, Rev. Martin Connell, SJ, on the journey of faith and service, "Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam."

Tim Freeman, Chicago & Detroit Province Jesuits - [tim@jesuits-chi.org](mailto:tim@jesuits-chi.org)  
[tim@jesuits-chi.org](mailto:tim@jesuits-chi.org) - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Marcella was a good friend of my Mom, Phyllis. She came over often to visit and play bridge. She was always very kind and friendly. My condolences go out to the entire family.

Mary Kay Sanford Hagerty - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

EE

“ Marty, I offer you my deepest sympathy and prayerful support. I know your mom is at peace and resting in God's abundant love. I'm sure you and your sisters gave her a great send-off. I'll offer mass for her and continue to keep your family close in prayer. Eddie

Eddie Siebert, SJ - [esiebert@loyolaproductions.com](mailto:esiebert@loyolaproductions.com)  
[esiebert@loyolaproductions.com](mailto:esiebert@loyolaproductions.com) - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Julie-I'm so sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. I know she must have been a great Mother-she raised such a nice family! My condolences to you and your family. Sincerely, Cheryl LoFiego

Cheryl LoFiego - [clofiego@buckeye-express.com](mailto:clofiego@buckeye-express.com) [clofiego@buckeye-express.com](mailto:clofiego@buckeye-express.com) - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ Marty, Please accept my condolences upon the death of your mother. May she rest in peace. I offered Mass for the repose of her soul yesterday evening and I will be keeping you and your family in my prayers in the weeks ahead. God bless your great work in Tanzania. Paul

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**Paul Brian Campbell, S.J. - [pcampbell@loyolapress.com](mailto:pcampbell@loyolapress.com)**  
**[pcampbell@loyolapress.com](mailto:pcampbell@loyolapress.com)** - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ Grandma, We will all miss you bery much. Your presence as a mother and grandmother will carry on throughout the Connell family. Hopefully one day my Mom will teach me how to make an apple pie that's even just half as good as yours! Love, Casey

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**Casey Dunne** - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ 'Chelle, so sorry for you that your Mom has passed. I don't know how old this photo is but it is exactly how I remember her - some folks are young forever. I remember your home smelling like food cooking, rooms full of girl's stuff, and a sewing machine surrounded by fabric and trimmings. Sounds like that's the way you all remember Anderson Pkwy., too. Praying for you, t.

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**Terri Schlembach-Mills - [tmills@rossfordschools.org](mailto:tmills@rossfordschools.org)**  
**[tmills@rossfordschools.org](mailto:tmills@rossfordschools.org)** - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ To the Connell Family, I am so sorry about the passing away of your mother and will keep all of you in my prayers. Love, Ann Fagan

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**Ann Fagan (Pinkava)** - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ *Please accept my prayers for your family during these difficult days. God bless, Karl J. Kiser, S.J.*

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**karl Kiser, S.J. - karl.kiser@uofdjesuit.org karl.kiser@uofdjesuit.org** - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ *Marty, My condolences on the death of your mother. I recall meeting her once on a holiday drive from Chicago east. I will remember her at Mass this afternoon at Arrupe House, and you, and your family. I am sorry for your troubles. Sincerely, John*

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**John McManamon, SJ - johnmacjstb@yahoo.com johnmacjstb@yahoo.com** - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM