



Margaret B. Clifford

December 18, 1927 - June 16, 2016

Margaret B. Clifford, 88, of Sylvania, passed away peacefully on June 16, 2016 at Hospice of Northwest Ohio. She was born on December 18, 1927 to Frank and Iva Barber in Archbold, Ohio.

Margaret graduated from Flower Hospital School of Nursing in 1950. Her compassionate and gentle spirit led her successful nursing career which included positions in surgery, occupational health and the American Red Cross. Following her retirement, she worked at Macy's in Toledo, where she practically donated her paycheck back for her impeccable and expansive wardrobe.

Margaret married John Clifford on October 4, 1952 and together, they raised two children, Michael and Susan. She was the heart of her family and her greatest joy was time spent with them celebrating everything from simple occasions to major achievements.

“And though she be but little she is fierce” is a quote that fits her well as she was extremely independent and led a very active life filled with friends and activities until her diagnosis two months ago. She did things her own way and on her own time. Margaret had a passion for genealogy, collecting antiques and fashion.

She touched countless lives, often with a simple and thoughtful gesture when it was needed most. She was loved by many and will always be remembered for her generosity and kindness, never failing to put others first.

Left to cherish her life fully lived are her daughter Susan (Tom) Deckelman

and her grandchildren Allison (Mark) Murawski, Jeffrey and Andrew Deckelman, and daughter-in-law Mary Clifford of Philadelphia. She was eagerly anticipating the arrival of her first great grandchild in August. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and son.

The family will receive friends on Monday, June 20 from 3-8 p.m. at Ansberg-West Funeral Home, 3000 W. Sylvania Ave. A mass of resurrection will be celebrated on Tuesday, June 21 at 1:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Church, Sylvania. Interment following at Toledo Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions be directed to Lourdes University College of Nursing or the National Park Service. Margaret's family would like to thank the nurses and staff at Hospice of Northwest Ohio for their support, care and compassion. To send Margaret's family online condolences, please visit www.ansberg-west.com.

Tribute Wall

TF

“ Our deepest sympathy on the passing of your mother. She will be missed in the neighborhood. Marge always had a smile and enjoyed talking with us when we were out walking the dog or at Halloween when we would all sit out passing out the goodies to the kids that came through. She was a wonderful person and we are lucky to have known her.

The Stucker family - Mary, Linda and Sandy Stucker-Adams

The Stucker Family - June 21, 2016 at 09:07 AM

KS

“ So sorry to hear of your moms passing. My mom would have loved to have come, she is not in the best of health herself. We would have brought her had we known earlier. She talks of how blessed she was to have known her. May you all find peace. The Badger Family

Kathy (Badger) Sontag - June 20, 2016 at 08:51 PM

JW

“ We would like to express how sad we are at the loss of Margaret. Even though we were 2nd cousins we did not know each other well, but we would always converse if we would chance meet. Such a kind and gentle lady. Sincerely, Judy Bittner Welsh and Michael Bittner

Judith Welsh - June 20, 2016 at 05:57 PM

JM

“ I am very sorry for your lose. I only met Margaret a few times, but Mary Clifford spoke so highly of her I felt I knew her well.
Peace be with your family !
Joanne Miller

Joanne Miller - June 18, 2016 at 06:36 PM

CB

“ Your mom and grandmother was a very special lady. She was a role model to many young women pursuing a career in nursing. We know she will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Chris and John Bruning - June 18, 2016 at 06:09 PM