



Margaret Barbara Phares Ford

March 12, 1922 - September 5, 2018

Margaret Barbara Phares Ford, 96, went home peacefully to be with the Lord on September 5, 2018 surrounded by her sons and loved ones at Symphony of Crown Point. Marge was born and raised on Detroit Street in Hammond, Indiana; graduated from Hammond High School in 1941; operated the Merle Norman Cosmetic Studio in downtown Hammond; and was crowned Hammond Centennial Queen in 1951. She married Charles Ford of Westpoint, Indiana in 1952, head of R&D for American Maize Company in Hammond, and together had four sons. She resided in Griffith for 40 years.

After the untimely death of her husband in 1962, Marge raised her four sons, who all went on to graduate from Purdue University. Apart from being a devoted mother and caregiver, Marge worked as a librarian at Franklin Elementary School for 25 years and ran the summer recreation program for the Griffith Park System for 10 years.

Marge was an active member of the Griffith United Methodist Church and was always promoting and organizing social activities with her friends. She was involved in scouting with her sons through the church, where she served as "den mother" for Cub Pack 531 for many years. In addition to supporting her sons in scouting, she was also a huge supporter of her sons' athletic teams and participated in the Griffith High School Booster Club for many years. An avid sports enthusiast, Marge was a loyal Purdue and Cubs fan for her entire life.

Marge was loved deeply by those who knew her, and will be remembered by

her infectious laugh, good-natured spirit, and personality that never ceased to make others smile.

She was preceded in death by her parents, George and Lucy Belle Phares; her husband, Charles Ford; her son, Lawrence Ford; and her brothers, Joseph and Earl Phares. Marge is survived by her sons, Roger Ford (Barbara) of Waxhaw, North Carolina; Douglas Ford of Crown Point, Indiana; Craig Ford (Karyn) of Scottsdale, Arizona; and her grandchildren, David Ford (Samantha), Krysta Michel (Matthew), Rachel Ford, Josh Ford, Alison Ford, Gina Ford and Dustin Ford, as well as her great grandchildren.

The family will receive friends and visitors from 2pm- 8pm on Sunday, September 9, 2018 at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, Indiana. A celebration of her life will be held on Monday, September 10th, at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Interment will be at Westpoint Cemetery, in Westpoint, Indiana following the service.

The Ford family would like to thank the kind employees of Symphony of Crown Point for the loving care provided to Marge over the past three years. In lieu of flowers, please send flowers! She loved them! www.burnsfuneral.com

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **9**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point
10101 Broadway
Crown Point, IN 46307
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Celebration of Life

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

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Interment

SEP **10**.

Westpoint Cemetery
Andrew Rd
Westpoint , IN

Tribute Wall

RF

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Roger Ford - March 20, 2021 at 03:33 PM

LI

“ Luma and Zack Izzy purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Margaret Barbara Phares Ford.



Luma and Zack Izzy - September 09, 2018 at 11:43 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Margaret Barbara Phares Ford.



September 09, 2018 at 11:36 AM

TF

“ The Sit Family purchased the Adoring Heart for the family of Margaret Barbara Phares Ford.



The Sit Family - September 08, 2018 at 10:05 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Margaret Barbara Phares Ford.*



September 08, 2018 at 08:28 AM



“ *Deb, Martha and Ron, John andKaren, Jane and Roger purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Margaret Barbara Phares Ford.*



Deb, Martha and Ron, John andKaren, Jane and Roger -
September 07, 2018 at 09:54 PM



“ *We knew Marge and her family from both Church and School. What a great presence she was! She had to love people, especially children. It was obvious just watching her while she read books to the children at Franklin Elementary School. She was always patient and kind to all children (and fellow teachers). If she had another side she didn't let it show. Writing this remembrance brings back so many memories. Love to Marge and her family, and, Marge, enjoy your long deserved rest. Carl and Eunice Booker*

Carl and Eunice Booker - September 07, 2018 at 03:27 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Margaret Barbara Phares Ford.*



September 07, 2018 at 01:53 PM



“ *Your Team - Brian, Carol, Jay, John and Bobbie purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Margaret Barbara Phares Ford.*



Your Team - Brian, Carol, Jay, John and Bobbie - September 07, 2018 at 12:04 PM



“ *What a wonderful life! Margie you were such a classy lady who lived life with beauty and grace. I will always remember that crazy infectious laugh of yours. The world was blessed to have you for 96 years. And you will live on in the hearts of all of the lives you touched. You will be greatly missed. So long till we meet again.*

Krstin Bradley - September 07, 2018 at 08:40 AM



“ *Claudia purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Margaret Barbara Phares Ford.*



Claudia - September 07, 2018 at 07:09 AM

TJ

“ *The Gilmores (Dan, Nancy, Jim) purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Margaret Barbara Phares Ford.*



The Gilmores (Dan, Nancy, Jim) - September 06, 2018 at 04:29 PM

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roger ford - September 06, 2018 at 12:43 PM

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Roger Ford - September 06, 2018 at 11:19 AM

SB

*Doug,
I'm sorry for you loss.
She is with the angles....*

Sam Burns - September 07, 2018 at 09:09 AM

PS

Dear Fords,

What beauty and Grace that Margie expressed throughout her life. Always a smile she realized that living and being in the moment with people was loving those around her. Kerry and I have been fortunate to share times and meals with Margie, Craig and Karyn and through you we were able to be a part of your family events here in Arizona and in Chicago at the Cub's game. Thank you for sharing her. Her infectious smile is engrained in our minds and I know heaven has just welcomed a very bright addition.

Paula Serven - September 07, 2018 at 11:24 AM