



## Maureen Ann Farag

June 19, 1948 - November 10, 2018

Maureen Ann (Crimmins) Farag, passed away on November 10, 2018. She was born on June 19, 1948, to William McCarthy Crimmins and Elizabeth “Betty” Marie (Grottendeck) Crimmins. She was the oldest of nine children. She was born in Boston Massachusetts, where she won Boston’s Most Beautiful Baby contest in 1949. Her family then moved to Muskegon, Michigan, when she was 16 years old. She graduated from Muskegon Catholic Central High School in 1966. She went on to attend Madonna University where she graduated with a BA in Art Education. During her college summers, Maureen worked on the Milwaukee Clipper where she met Robert “Bob” Farag. They dated for a few years and married on April 8, 1972, at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church in Muskegon, Michigan. They were married for 46 years. They made their home in Gary and then Miller Beach, Indiana, right by the same lake where they met. Maureen received her MA in Art Education and her Administration License at Purdue University Calumet and her Post Graduate degree in Accounting at Indiana University Northwest. Maureen and Bob have two beautiful and talented daughters- Jessica (Eric) Waters and Regan (Troy) Frost, of whom they are very proud. They have two amazingly beautiful and brilliant granddaughters-Lila and Olivia, and one way too cute grand dog-Pooh Bear. She is also survived by her siblings-Joanne Crimmins, Claire (Duane) Panozzo, Michael(Kelly) Crimmins, Regina (Greg) Gardiner, Mary (John) Starks, William (Linda) Crimmins; brother-in-law- Michael Cunningham. She was preceded in death by siblings- Elizabeth

Cunningham, Susan (Thomas) Roush. Maureen was an educator for the School Town of Highland at Highland Middle School for 46 years. She was an Art Teachers for 33 years and the Assistant Principal for 13 years. While there, she won the "Shining Star Award" from the Indiana Middle Level Education Association. She positively influenced thousands of students, families, and teachers. She LOVED being an educator and found it to be the most rewarding profession. She served on the Gary Mental Health Board and the Miller Arts Council, and was a building representative for Indiana Middle Level Education Association as well as a member of the Board of Directors for the Art Education Association of Indiana. She and Bob owned the Griffith Golf Center for 25 years from 1984-2009 and the Griffith Family Video Store for 5 years. We will always remember "If you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything at all," "Three squeezes," "Have PMA (Positive Mental Attitude)," "Always make memories," and that "Nanas always win."

Time of Sharing will be held at Burns Funeral Home (10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN) on Friday, November 16, 2018, from 2 pm until 7 pm. A Celebration of Life will be held at Miller Bakery (555 S. Lake Street, Gary, IN) on Saturday, November 17, 2018, from 1 pm until 5 pm. In lieu of gifts and flowers, please donate to the Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance at <https://give.ocrfa.org/give/186942/#!/donation/checkout> or Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance, PO Box 32141, New York, NY 10087. Cremation will precede the Time of Sharing .www.burnsfuneral.com

# Previous Events

## Time of Sharing

NOV **16**. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point

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# Tribute Wall

LD

“ *Maureen was my childhood best friend and neighbor when the family lived in Norwalk Ct. We did everything together as kids up until freshman high schoolers. I just found out and I am so saddened with this loss. We found each other on face book almost a decade ago and kept in touch with likes and hearts. So many memories of the Crimmins family. I will miss her dearly. My heart goes out for your loss.*  
*Lyn Oliver Detroy.*



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**Lyn Oliver Detroy** - January 17, 2019 at 08:36 PM

LM

“ *Maureen was a very soft spoken, elegant lady with a warm and giving personality...I regret not being able to share with Bob and the family during this difficult time...please know that my prayers and best wishes are with you.* *Lou Martinez*

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**Lou Martinez** - November 16, 2018 at 03:31 PM

DG

“ *To Bob and the Farag family my deepest sympathy . Throughout our lives we are sent precious souls meant to share our journey , however brief or lasting their stay, they remind us why we are here . To learn...To teach.....to nurture.....to love . They move our souls to sing and make our spirits to dance . Rest in peace - Maureen*

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**dean gregoline** - November 16, 2018 at 08:26 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Maureen Ann Farag.*



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November 15, 2018 at 10:32 AM



“ *Panozzo Family purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Maureen Ann Farag.*



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**Panozzo Family** - November 15, 2018 at 09:04 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Maureen Ann Farag.*



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November 15, 2018 at 08:32 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Maureen Ann Farag.*



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November 14, 2018 at 09:55 AM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Maureen Ann Farag.*



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November 13, 2018 at 07:17 PM



“ *God bless you Maureen and Thank-you for your dedication and wisdom given to Highland Middle School. My sympathy goes out to your family and friends for their loss.*

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**Luanne Jurczak** - November 13, 2018 at 09:34 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maureen Ann Farag.*



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November 12, 2018 at 09:02 PM



“ *Blessings to you, Maureen and all who loved you. I will always remember you and your beautiful family from back in Norwalk, CT...more than 50 years ago !*



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**Kenneth Oliver** - November 12, 2018 at 08:55 PM

CK

“ *Marreen and I use to share notes in HS.. We were both the oldest of 9....what a great Lady....prayers for your family.. Colleen Kordecki Klingler*

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**colleen kordecki klingler** - November 12, 2018 at 06:15 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Maureen Ann Farag.*



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November 12, 2018 at 05:25 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Maureen Ann Farag.*



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November 12, 2018 at 04:12 PM