



Marie Rose Bacon

April 19, 1917 - May 7, 2019

Marie Rose Luebbert Bacon died May 7, 2019 after years of defying expectations, smelling roses, walking on the sunny side of the street, living her faith and inspiring everyone who knew her. She was born in 1917 at Meta, Mo the fourth child of Stephen and Christine Schanzmeyer Luebbert.

She was raised on a farm with no electricity, no running water and no indoor toilet. What she did have were parents she adored, three brothers, Raymond, Henry and Francis and sisters Clara, Dorothy and Florence who proceeded her in death but her memories of them and her childhood in Meta were never far from her mind. She never could recall the inconvenience of an outdoor privy or the lack of running water nor hot summers and cold winters without air conditioning or heated bedrooms.

She left the farm in 1934 during the depths of the Great Depression to travel to St. Louis for surgery to save her leg from the ravages of a bone infection. It was during her stay in St. Louis that she was given a Miraculous Mother of Mary medallion by then Archbishop John Joseph Glennon who was later elevated to Cardinal by Pope Pius XII. She wore the medallion every day of her life following the successful surgery as her acknowledgement to what she considered a miracle and the admonition from Archbishop Glennon that she would live a long life and raise a beautiful family if she believed in the Blessed Mother. During the nine months she was confined to a fracture bed she did not see her parents and was unable to attend Mass.

Once recovered from surgery she relocated to Jefferson City where she met her future husband Robert Lafayette Bacon of Linn, MO. They were married in 1939 but only after Bob converted to Catholicism. Robert died in 1965 following a lifetime of illness but not before they produced six children who all survive. Mary Frances Gelber (Philip), LaMesa, CA; Richard Robert (Jeane Dulle Bacon) Ballwin, MO; Thomas Kurtis (Janis Hager Bacon) Cascade, ID; John Henry (Kathleen Hurley Bacon) , Montgomery, IL; Lawrence Joseph (Elizabeth Abernathy Bacon) Brighton, MI and Daniel Paul (Theresa Pierron Bacon), Kansas City, MO. She was also blessed with 20 grandchildren and 37 great-

grandchildren.

After the children left her nest she began her second career in 1976 at the age of 59 as housekeeper for Bishop Michael Francis McAuliffe for the Diocese of Jefferson City. Upon her retirement in 2006 at the age of 90 she focused on providing baked goods and other kindnesses to neighbors and others who no longer could fend for themselves. In 2011 with her vision failing she moved to Ballwin, Mo to live with her eldest son Richard and his wife Jeane. She described her years with Dick and Jeane as a life of luxury where she was pampered and doted upon by two very special people and their children. In March of 2015 her family regretfully moved her to an elder care facility where she died peacefully knowing she was loved and admired by all who knew her.

Marie Rose was a remarkable person by any definition. She leaves behind a legacy of faith, optimism and above all, Love and Understanding. We will miss her every day.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to the Marie Bacon Scholarship fund at Helias High School or Immaculate Conception Parish.

Friends will be received from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 18, 2019 at Immaculate Conception Church. Mass of Christian Burial will follow immediately with Msgr. Robert A. Kurwicki officiating. Interment will be private for the family.

Arrangements are under the direction of HOUSER-MILLARD Funeral Directors, 2613 West Main Street, Jefferson City, Missouri 65109 (573) 636-3838. Condolences may be left online for the family at www.millardfamilychapels.com.

Cemetery

Resurrection Catholic Cemetery

3015 West Truman Boulevard
Jefferson City, MO, 65109

Events

MAY 18 Visitation 09:30AM - 11:00AM

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
1206 East McCarty Street, Jefferson City, MO, US,
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MAY 18 Mass of Christian Burial 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Marie Rose Bacon.



May 17 at 11:13 AM



“ I remember when grandma came to our house and she could make cookies and cinnamon roles from scratch and if course they were amazing. She made probably 6 dozen for our church which we delivered that Sunday. I remember when I asked her what her favorite color was and she said I don't think about myself and I said I don't think God would fault you for having a favorite color; she said light blue. Years after grandma sent me a quilt she made that was in all light colors. I have used it many times, worrying about it getting to worn but then thought, she would want me to use it and find comfort in it. I am using the blanket tonight and it means more to me than ever. Grandma, from what I know was an extremely tough women. She may have been harsh at times but had to play the man and women role which would be difficult. Women are usually the nurtures and men the discipliners. To do both would be hard and almost painful at times, but look at what she created and how successful her children turned out; amazing.

Dawn Bacon - May 17 at 01:17 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marie Rose Bacon.



May 15 at 06:42 PM



“ Sorry for your Family's loss.

I remember
meeting this Great

Lady at
Janae & Jareds' wedding

Diane Breu - May 14 at 02:37 PM



“ Marie is a one-of-a-kind saint! I can't think of anyone in my life that did more to guide a bunch of rowdy, know-it-all young high schoolers (not limited to, but certainly including Dan's class) through the sometimes awkward process of growing up. Marie was a godsend in many ways to us, literally keeping us off the streets by graciously lending her home to her sons' friends as "home base".

Marie was a giver, as selfless as she was principled, and simply a great woman. We'll miss her and keep her memory close always.

Rich Kraus - May 13 at 12:13 PM



“ My mom, two years Marie's junior was a recipient of her famous baked goods. I remember when Marie worked at the Governor Hotel's bar the year we all, girls of the class of '60, turned 21. A bunch of us were bar hopping and asked Mrs. Bacon for a recommendation of a "different" drink. She served us vodka gimlets!

mary les vogel - May 13 at 11:47 AM



“ What a beautiful tribute you wrote about your mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Gail & Ed Musialowski - May 10 at 05:41 PM



“ Sincerest condolences to the Bacon family.

Doug Henson - May 10 at 08:31 AM



“ What a well written tribute.
Sorry for the loss of your Mom.
Germaine Haymart

GERMAINE HAYMART - May 09 at 05:52 PM



“ What a wonderful tribute to a beautiful lady! "Grandma Marie" was always so sweet to my girls too! My condolences to all the Bacon family.

Donna Schnieders

Donna Schnieders - May 09 at 05:32 PM



“ Dear Jeane & Dick,
Sending sympathy your way.
Sincerely,
Sharon Henson Cormack

Sharon Henson Cormack - May 09 at 09:40 AM



“ Condolences to the Bacon Family on the loss of their loved one.
Sincerely,
Larry & Dana Henson Zimmerman

Dana Henson Zimmerman - May 09 at 09:35 AM