



Mary Margaret Brown

October 13, 1956 - October 2, 2006

Mary Margaret Brown, 49, of Evansville, died Monday, October 2, 2006 at her residence.

Mary was born on October 13, 1956 at St. Mary's Hospital, where she became the third of seven children. She graduated from Memorial High School and went on to earn a nursing degree from the University of Evansville. Her years as a nurse were very rewarding as she had the most nurturing character and love of people.

In addition to her professional life Mary also enjoyed playing board games, particularly Scrabble, and sports, mostly swimming and biking, which began when she was a young lifeguard at Burdette Park. She peddled her bike from the East side of town each day she was on duty. In later life, she enjoyed biking along the winding country roads of the West side of Evansville. She said it always reminded her of vacations she took as a child to Idaho.

During her lifetime, Mary's true joys were her family, friends, and pets. She was the most magnificent gardener. As a former member of the West Side Garden Club, she received many awards for her floral arrangements. Her home was her castle and she reveled in her gardens and interior country home planning. She also had a great love for animals and always had a dog or cat around her.

Mary was a kind, gentle and altruistic soul. Even in her most trying moments she was always thinking of others. Her loving nature has been an inspiration to many and is a testament of the human spirit.

Mary was married for 23 years to Michael E. Brown and was the proud mother of four children.

Mary is survived by her son, Michael Wesley Brown, his wife, Jessica Brown and their son, Wyatt Brown; her daughter, Megan Tas, her husband, M. Atilla Tas; her daughter, Jessica Hewig, her husband, Billy Hewig; her daughter, Molly Brown; her parents, Dr. and Mrs. William Schmidt; her siblings, Katie Ossenburg, Julie Hanson, Christopher Schmidt, Joseph Schmidt, Helen Brown and William Schmidt, Jr.

Funeral services will begin at noon Thursday, October 5, 2006 at St. Agnes Catholic Church, Rev. Jack Durchholz officiating. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from 10:30 A.M. until the funeral begins at noon Thursday at St. Agnes Catholic Church, 1600 Glendale Avenue, Evansville, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Vanderburgh County Humane Society.

Pierre Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Family and friends unable to attend may leave condolences online at www.pierrefuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 5. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Agnes Catholic Church
1600 Glendale Ave
Evansville, IN

Service

OCT 5. 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Agnes Catholic Church
1600 Glendale Ave
Evansville, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Margaret Brown*

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ *Wes, I just wanted to let you know I was thinking of you during this difficult time. Kenneth told me that your mom passed and he gave me the information to contact you. I am sorry that you and your family are facing this very sad situation, but I hope you can be peaceful knowing your mom is at peace. Be grateful that you have Jess and Wyatt to help you each day and, from what I hear, a new one to be excited about. Congratulations. Take care of yourself and your family. Jamie###imported-begin##Jamie Richardson###imported-end##*

October 12, 2006 at 12:11 AM



“ To my mom, my strength, and my hero. I miss you every second of every minute. I see you everywhere. At night when I close my eyes I feel you there with me so I know you are in a better place. I just know it's going to be SO hard without you. I wanted so much for you to be there when Billy and I have children, how you always loved to hold babies. I think of you when I hold Wyatt, he truly was a blessing in disguise no matter how much of a shock it was. We had a picnic today by the riverside and I closed my eyes and could swear you were sitting there with us saying "It's a party!" I miss you more than words can ever express. I have cried more crocodile tears for you than you would ever believe. It makes me think of kindergarten when the teacher was trying to pull me from your arms. I won that time, but not this time. I feel selfish because I still want you here with me. I know you are gardening away with Bernie by your side up in heaven. You are and will always be my best best buddy. I truly love you most. Marvin###imported-begin##Jessi Hewig - daughter###imported-end##

October 06, 2006 at 10:28 PM



“ To my sister Mary. The funeral is over and you now have your official wings. Susie gave me the picture you picked out of the two of us at Jessies wedding. I will cherish it each day knowing I have my "Official Guardian Angel" looking after me. You were not going to let down your guard to miss out on your daughters special day and a chance to party. I dreamed of all of the people I know in heaven ready to help you celebrate your first heavenly party. What a fun, beautiful person you are. Your will to live and stay with your family is a sign of strength & courage that I will never forget. I knew the Lord was looking forward to trading some wings for those horrible green peas that we often traded. I will never forget our bike rides to Burdette Park as kids and family vacations. Thank you for reminding me this morning to take some flowers from our garden to put on your new home. I look forward to keeping the flowers tended there and watching sunsets with Molly. My view of life, faith and hope will always be better here on earth because of you. I would like to say my tears today have been tears of joy but I just miss you. You raised a beautiful family and I will do my best to help them however I can to fill the void left by your smile. Love always,
Joe###imported-begin##Joe Schmidt###imported-end##

October 05, 2006 at 10:25 PM



“ Mary was probably the friend I spent the most time with when we were school girls. We roamed the neighborhood after school and during school breaks finding all kinds of fun. I don't recall ever getting into any trouble (if we did, I blocked it out). We were too busy having fun. I remember fun parties in the basement of her house (including a Halloween party--5th grade--her mom really scared us with those monster brains and eyeballs we had to feel with the blindfolds on!). We played truth or dare during sleepovers, but never picked dare...we were not big risk takers. Unless we were playing tacklemania in someone's yard with boys and girls. We definitely weren't girly girls then. She was a true and trusted friend. I'm so glad I had a chance to see Mary this year. The only way I can describe her is gorgeous. She was beautiful inside and out, as always. I'm so happy she had the joy of being a proud mother and grandmother to such wonderful children. It's a sad time for all of us who new and loved her. I'm glad I have many pictures of us together--to keep her memory alive. Kathy###imported-begin###Kathy Kroeger###imported-end##

October 05, 2006 at 05:33 PM



“ Dear Helen and family,
Thinking of you today from Indianapolis and sending our love,
support and prayers.
Love, The Leone's###imported-begin###Karen, Joe and Joseph Leone###imported-end##

October 05, 2006 at 04:02 PM



“ Molly, we wanted to let you know how deeply sorry we are about your Mother's passing. I have heard only wonderful things about her. I know she raised a great daughter. Our sympathy and prayers are with you and your family.

Darla & Brian Fenneman##imported-begin##*Darla & Brian Fenneman*##imported-end##

October 05, 2006 at 01:12 PM



“ Molly and family,
Laila Wessel informed me yesterday of your mother's passing. I am so truly sorry for your loss. I send you my sympathy and love.

Breanna Herschelman##imported-begin##*Breanna Herschelman*##imported-end##

October 05, 2006 at 11:04 AM



“ Wes and the family - I am so sorry for your loss. Mary was a wonderful person, she reminds me so much of my own mom. If there is anything I can do for you, please don't hesitate to call. Your family is always in my thoughts and prayers. I'll see and talk to you soon. - Omar

##imported-begin##Omar Shariff##imported-end##

October 05, 2006 at 10:11 AM



“ As Mary lay sick I told her how much her life touched all of her family and so many other friends around her. I said "Mary, you have a wonderful life". "Look how many people love you" "What a blessing you are"

She made it so easy to serve her. Always cheerful and funny even to the last words she spoke to me. I asked her as she was dying to let the Guardian Angels take her. And would she be our Guardian Angel. "Could you come back and give us a sign that you are happy, and hug us?" That night I found out she died on the Feast of The Guardian Angels. Thank you, God for the gift of taking her on a day as special as she was. And she has sent each of us girls a personal sign. Thank you, God and Mare. Born on a Feast of Fatima and went to her new life on the Feast of the Guardian Angels. Isn't she special!

Miss you, Mare.

Julie##imported-begin##Julie Schmidt Hanson##imported-end##

October 04, 2006 at 09:52 PM

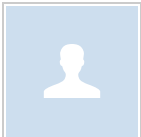


“ Dear Helen and Schmidt family,
I was so terribly sorry to hear of your loss. I know Mary fought a hard battle for a very long time. Our family continues to pray for her, although I know by faith that God has taken away her pain and given her a joy that supercedes anything she ever knew here in this world. I rejoice for her, but mourn for you as I know you suffer. I pray that God embraces your family so that you may feel the comfort that only He can bring. My dad has prayed for well over a year for a miracle for Mary (3 times a day). It wasn't the miracle he prayed for, but I hope you can find a peace in imagining the miraculous, beautiful things Mary sees at this moment.

Tami Schneider Moore, my dad, and I intend to briefly visit in the morning. On the chance I don't get to speak with you, Helen, please know I will keep you and your family in my prayers.

Sincerely,
Susan Murray Milligan##imported-begin##susan murray milligan##imported-end##

October 04, 2006 at 09:47 PM



“ Wes and Jess- I am so sorry for your loss. Sorry I cannot be there to pay my respects, but know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Love,
Mandi##imported-begin##Amanda Malayter##imported-end##

October 04, 2006 at 09:34 PM



“ *Mary touched every person she met in a warm and special way. I had the joy and pleasure of orienting her to Same Day Surgery at St. Mary's over a year ago when she started there. We hit it off and had so much in common, same initials- MB - and my real name is Margaret. She always called me "Miss Molly" -even when I saw her last the end of August. She was suffering back pain at that time- during orientation - and still looked to the needs of others and even mine. She was so pretty inside and out. She came to our work Christmas party in a red leather jacket. She was an angel to me and an inspiration to endure the hard things in life that don't make sense. I loved her as all who ever met her and will be praying for all of you tomorrow and in the days ahead. Sorry I cannot be there because of a new job. Katie, a hug to you. Sincerely, Molly Ballard###imported-begin###Molly Ballard###imported-end##*

October 04, 2006 at 08:58 PM



“ *Dear Dr. Brown,*

As I was reading the paper this morning I was truly saddened when I came across your dear mother's obituary. She sounds like a very loving person with a joyful spirit. I am sure that you feel truly blessed to have her as your mother. I am so sorry for your loss. It really hits me in the gut as I feel as if I know her after reading the obituary and after meeting you and your family. I am truly sorry and hope that the memories you have of her will give you peace. I am sure that she would want that. God bless and love you and your family during this time.

Sincerely,

Jeri Mannino###imported-begin###Jeri Mannino###imported-end##

October 04, 2006 at 06:08 PM



“ Dear Bill and Mary Lou,
So sorry to hear about Mary Margaret! I'm sorry, too, that I can't make it to the funeral home or the funeral. Please know that you and your family are in my prayers in a special way during this time of sorrow. Please give my sympathy to Katie, Julie, Chris, Joe, Helen and William (I remember him as Billy) as well.
Love and prayers,
Sister Rose###imported-begin##Sister Rose Wildeman###imported-end##

October 04, 2006 at 04:42 PM



“ It's so hard to find the right words to say now. I miss my mother infinitely. It hurts so much because I see her all around me; in trees, in flowers, and most of all in the sunsets. She always said that sunsets were her favorite part of driving home from the East side of town. I can still picture her today on the front porch with a cup of coffee watching the sun go down. These simple things help though too. My sister Megan tells me that it's good for me because it constantly reminds me that she's there, watching over me. I miss you mom so much and will love you forever.###imported-begin##Molly Brown###imported-end##

October 04, 2006 at 03:06 PM



“ We are thinking of you and praying that God's peace and the comfort of friends and family will see you through. The obituary is a wonderful tribute to Mary's beautiful life.
Lynn and Stan###imported-begin##Lynn and Stan Flittner###imported-end##

October 04, 2006 at 08:43 AM



“ My sister was a warrior. She found God in nature...when you said, "I love you," she'd always responded back..."I love you most, man." She loved Christmas time and would keep garlands up around her doors until Spring. She raised amazing kids! You should have seen them care for her until the end of her awful disease. It was a testament to her success in raising compassionate, loving human beings. She left this world a better place and I know she will find a way to keep in touch with us from heaven. Our personal angel. We will miss her terribly.##imported-begin##Helen Brown##imported-end##

October 04, 2006 at 07:16 AM



“ It was so sad to hear the news about Mary. I have so many fond memories of spending time at the Schmidt home when I was much younger. I can still picture us enjoying a slice of watermelon together and spitting the seeds into the garden or playing hide-and-seek in that wonderful basement filled with so many good hiding places.
Mary and her family were good friends to our family and so helpful to us when my mother passed away.
I always enjoyed her company and thought of her recently when I came across a picture of us at our first communion. She was a very kind and gentle person. She will be missed.
My condolences to her children, parents, sisters and brothers.
Sincerely,
Rick Notter and family##imported-begin##Rick Notter##imported-end##

October 04, 2006 at 06:27 AM