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Marion Edith Welchner, beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, passed away on May 23, 2023, at the age of 99. Surrounded by her loving children, Marion left this world as peacefully as she inhabited it, leaving behind a profound legacy of love and cherished memories.

Chances are, if you're reading this, you did not pal around with Marion socially. She was, after all, 99. Rather, you're reading this because you know someone who loved her. And if you like that person, even a little, a lot of that's because of her.

Born to William and Edith Rischack in 1923, Marion spent her early years on the Eastside of Detroit. It was there, at the age of 15, that a mischievous neighbor boy named Bill Welchner playfully snatched her stocking hat while she was ice skating—a moment that sparked a lifelong love. Marion and Bill were married in 1943, and their union was one of unwavering devotion and happiness, spanning four decades. Together, Marion and Bill settled in Harper Woods, where they created a warm and loving home to raise their three children, Karen, Jerry, and Nancy.

Marion lived a life of genuine happiness and contentment, perhaps because she leaned toward no extremes: She was polished but not perfect. Tidy, but never too fussy. She wasn't a gourmet cook, yet she knew 735 creative ways to prepare a chicken. She went to Mass every Sunday, but figured God wouldn't mind if she left after Communion. Her easygoing nature reminded all of us not to take life — or ourselves — too seriously.

Her motivation was not for the things of this world, but for the intangible moments: The Thanksgiving dinners, Yahtzee with her grandkids, the perfectly ironed PJ's that she'd let them pick out when spending the night at her house. The simple act of being in her home, and in her presence, made everything, even the mouthwash, magically better. Because above all, Marion's true focus in life was her people. She loved effortlessly, making it so easy to adore her in return.

Marion is survived by her three adoring children: Karen (Jim) Healy, Jerry (Nesema) Welchner, and Nancy (Terry) Breedlove.

She leaves behind nine grandchildren, each of whom believes they were her favorite: Jeannie (the late Daniel) Amici, Jeffrey (Michelle) Welchner, Jann (Jason) Tamer, Jennifer (Geneo) Girard, Rebecca (Randy) Fike, Heather (Chris) Nianouris, Scott (Jennifer) Breedlove, Scott (Renee) Dwencke, and Gina Dwencke. Her love also extended to 18 great-grandchildren, who were blessed to know her warmth and affection.

When asked what she hoped to hear from God at the end of her life, Marion simply said, "I'm proud of you." We know that those words resonate deeply within the heavens today, for her life was a testament to the embodiment of love, compassion, and unwavering goodness of Christ. As we bid farewell to this remarkable woman, we find solace in our belief that she is finally reunited with her beloved Bill. We hope they're dancing.

Mom/ Grandma: What a blessed thing, being “yours.” Your legacy will forever remain etched in our souls. May you rest in eternal peace, knowing that your love and legacy will continue to guide us on our journey. You are cherished, you are loved, and you will be profoundly missed.

Services for Marion will be private.

Tribute Wall

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Nancy Breedlove - June 12, 2023 at 08:07 PM

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“ Jerry and Nancy: Condolences from the Carducci-FIORANI family on the death of your mother. Eternal rest grant unto to her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul rest in peace. Amen.

Mary Fiorani - June 06, 2023 at 09:24 AM

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“ Jeannie so sorry to hear about your Grandmother sending our prayers.

The Kreft Family

LISA KREFT - May 25, 2023 at 03:08 PM



“ Comfort & Light 30" Sonnet was purchased for the family of Marion E. Welchner.



May 24, 2023 at 04:00 PM