



Margaret Larsen

May 25, 1933 - July 31, 2017

With love and gratitude to our Mom, until we meet again.

Our mom followed the light toward eternal life shortly before noon on July 31, 2017. Throughout her life she was surrounded by so much love, because she gave so much love. Her children were fortunate enough to leave nothing unsaid along the way, and we all had the chance to reiterate a lifetimes worth of loving and gratitude to her during her final days. She passed peacefully while listening to Ave Maria and being held by her children. We know she was greeted with open arms by her beloved husband Robert, and son Richard and reunited with her mother and father in addition to so many other relatives and friends that she loved dearly who passed before her.

Despite her long illness and the opportunities that came with it to say goodbye, she wasn't ever ready to have that conversation with us... it was simply too hard for her. After having opened her eyes to really see all of us surrounding her with love, she closed them again and as the days slowly passed we took turns holding her hand as she peacefully drifted away in her sleep. We knew deep down she chose to leave this way because she loved us so much that she couldn't bare a goodbye. We understand when love runs so deep how daunting a task that can be. It is comforting to know that we had someone in our lives that had an impossible time saying goodbye to us, and that we in turn had such a hard time saying goodbye to.

There really are no words to adequately describe a mother's love; some say it's deeper than the deepest depth, and others say it stronger than the

strongest bond. We believe that a mother's love sometimes exceeds what her children can actually comprehend at the time it is being so freely given. Sometimes it's not until years later that it's fully understood and appreciated. That's how deep our mother's love was. So thank you for all of the love Mom, and for being here to share in our families most joyous moments as well as our deepest hours of despair. It never went unnoticed that the origin of your love for us always came directly from your heart.

You raised four children, all of whom grew up to be are very different individuals, and yet we never grew apart. You were the glue Mom, you instilled a common thread of compassion, understanding and respect for each other's differences and most of all a strong sense of family in all of us. We in turn took this life lesson and passed it along to our own families. That's your life's legacy Mom, well done.

Throughout our life's journey together, you have always had a sixth sense knowing exactly when to ask each of us if we were doing okay. We'd often tell you we were fine yet instinctively you knew when to look us in the eyes and give us a hug after seeing that we really weren't. Today and for the coming weeks and months, we could all use a few of those hugs Mom. While we are going to miss them, knowing that you'll be watching over us and that we can still talk to you and you will still be there to listen will be our source of comfort. Please don't worry about us Mom; we'll eventually be okay because we will continue to be there for each other, just as you taught us to be.

Like the seasons of our lives, every passing comes with a new beginning. Mom, may your new beginning be filled with the spectacular beauty of spring. May you rise to once again enjoy youth, happiness, love and ultimately eternal peace.

As with our father and brother, you will continue to live on in us as you have shaped the people we have all become. While a part of us has left with you on your new journey, a part of you remains behind with all of us. Before leaving, you already knew that you'd be remembered with each passing day and kept close in our hearts, and for that we are very grateful. We will continue to love

you for all eternity Mom.

I guess your final lesson to us was that when true love lives in our hearts there really is no need to say goodbye. Let us instead say so long for now dear Mom, until we meet again.

Tribute Wall



“ *Margaret Larsen*

October 09, 2023 at 02:01 AM



“ *Margaret Larsen*

January 28, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ *I can not believe you have been gone a full year Mom. I am sad when I think about all that has transpired since you left. I know how proud and joyful several of our families milestone events would have made you.*

I want to thank you for all the signs you sent that reminded us you were watching all along. We felt your presence over the holidays, on Mothers Day, at the graduation and at our birthday celebrations. You were beautiful each time we saw you in the sky.

Happy First Anniversary in Heaven Mom, the love remains.

Robert Larsen - July 31, 2018 at 01:01 PM

DA

“ Grammie,
I believe that every person you meet in life is there to teach you something whether it is friendship, strength, love, kindness, etc. You have taught me perseverance. You demonstrated to me and others that when times get tough, you cannot give up. Despite your heartbreaking loss at a young age and your fair share of health issues, you never stopped supporting, loving, and caring for your children and grandchildren. You never stopped fighting. You always showed us the power of love and that family is forever, and I will be eternally grateful for the lessons you have taught me, the love you have shown me, and the memories you gave me.
xoxoxo, Danielle

Danielle - August 15, 2017 at 07:45 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Margaret Larsen.*



August 13, 2017 at 02:37 PM

DL

“ *It's funny Bobby that you remember that conversation with Mommy! When I was very young, she had asked me on more than one occasion the same question: "Debbie, are you sad that you are the only girl in this family - do you miss NOT having a sister?" Seeing the friends that I grew up with who had sisters and never got along with them my answer was always the same: "No, Mom, I love being the only girl I have 3 brothers with whom I get along with GREAT and, most importantly, we do NOT argue or fight with each other" !!*

Debbie Larsen-Luther - August 11, 2017 at 08:48 AM

BO

“ Been having lots of memories Mom. The one that continues to replay over and over was when I was ten years old. I remember asking you why I had siblings because I had a few friends who were only children. Your response to me was that I had siblings so that I would never be alone. I never forgot those words nor the way you said them to me. You gave me a precious gift that has enriched my life in more ways than I can count. I'm not alone now, thanks to you Mom.

Bobby - August 09, 2017 at 11:00 AM

JL

“ Mom, you passed away a week ago, and still I am at a complete loss for words. I don't know where to begin to express what is in my heart. “Thank you” seems so very trivial for all the sacrifices you made throughout your life for all of us so that we could have the best life possible. You taught us right from wrong, disciplined us when we needed it, instinctively knew when to comforted us in times of need, showered us with hugs and kisses, loved us with all your heart, and most importantly, you taught us that family means everything. From the bottom of my heart, I thank you for all of this, and for giving me the absolute best sister and brothers anyone could have ever hoped for. For this, I feel truly blessed.

There are no words adequate to describe just how important you were to me growing up, and what a powerful influence you were and will continues to be in my life, for I know you will always walk beside me. I will forever treasure your memory all the days of my life. Until we meet again...I love you Mom...forever and ever – John

John Larsen - August 07, 2017 at 04:26 PM

RL

“ Grammie,

One of the earliest memories I have of us dates back to my years in elementary school. You were retired at the time, but you chose to come back to work for a little while at my school's library as an assistant. Out of all the jobs around, you chose that one. To this day I do not know if you did it because you wanted to see me more often or if you did it to try and get me to go to the library more for my benefit. One thing I know for sure is I was fortunate to have you there, more fortunate than I knew. I remember one day I had a really bad stomach ache and you left work early and signed me out of class to take me home and nourish the stomach ache away until my mother and father got home from work. I knew then, as I do now, that you were always there to look out for me subtly; allowing me to grow on my own and make my own mistakes, letting me make my own friends without embarrassment or question (I was only a little boy at the time), and being there for me when times of growth got tough. You taught me lessons on selflessness, patience, and family that I will never forget. Whenever we were in public, you showed me off like a trophy, pointing and telling everyone "This is my grandson." You gave me the kind of joy and love any other grandson would have been envious of, and I can't help but always believe I took it for granted. I'll miss you, Grammie. I hope you are moving on to a better place which is pain free and joyful in all your future endeavors. I love you.

XOXOXOXOXOXO

Love,
R.J.

RJ Larsen - August 03, 2017 at 02:27 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Margaret Larsen.*



August 03, 2017 at 09:28 AM



“ *Harold And Fay Woltag lit a candle in memory of Margaret Larsen*



Harold and Fay Woltag - August 02, 2017 at 07:46 PM

BO

“ Mom, I want you to know that I think of the time we got to share over all these decades as gifts to us both. During the precious time I’ve been able to spend with you over the past 10 days, I hope you could feel my love and gratitude for shaping me into the man I am.

I am also grateful for having had this opportunity to help guide you through these last few days despite how heart wrenching it was to see you slowly transition away.

I’ll miss the times we shared in this life Mom, I know that your passing can never take you from me, and that I will always feel you near.

My mind knows that you’ve gone off to a far better place where your pain has been replaced by love and serene peace. Please help my heart to also understand this as well.

I am so grateful that I was able to tell you that I loved you once more before you left and give you another hug and a kiss.

Thank you for all you have done for me and all the love you have given me. It was my honor to be your first born. I will love you for eternity and you will forever remain in my heart, until we meet again.

Bobby - August 02, 2017 at 04:46 PM

“ A Loving Tribute from a Daughter to her Mother

Mom, I am NOT even sure where to begin in expressing the depth of the LOVE I have always had for you and how much my heart aches at this moment. I am your only daughter and as such, YOU and I shared a very special BOND. I believe that GOD sent you to me as a special gift from above to teach me life's lessons and shower me with your LOVE – and that Mom, you did so very well!!! You have blessed my life in so many ways that I can't imagine who I would be today if it were not for you that God selected to be my Mother. I remember the story that you told of the day I was born and how you so badly wanted a little girl after having 2 boys that you told Daddy to just whistle the tune of "My Three Sons" after you awoke from the anesthesia and you would know without any words spoken, that you had had a third son. Instead, Daddy went out and got a "life size" doll (the one I still have to this day) and walked into your room holding it!! You were so elated that when the nurse handed me over to you, you had to double check and make sure I was a girl!!!! And so it began that day – a very special relationship between a Mother and a Daughter. You were the first one to love me with all of your heart, a fierce protector, and my biggest Cheerleader and Fan. You encouraged me and pushed me hard to do well in school because you knew it was important for me to be able to stand on my own and make something of myself when I became an adult. I know you were extremely proud of all of my accomplishments as you were of Bobby's, Richard's and John's as well.

Mom you did NOT have an easy life by any means. You were left as a widow at a young age and basically had to take on the role of both Mother & Father to all four of your children, one of which was born with a disability. I remember being so scared when Daddy died so suddenly! My life was turned upside down after losing him, but, at the same time, I was frightened that I would lose you too!! God gave you the strength somehow to go on and you did such an awesome job in being a single parent from that point on. You never let us see just how scared you must have been, at the time, and the love you poured onto each of us, was enough love that we knew it was from

both you and Daddy!!!

I think Mom that the most important thing you ever did was to teach your kids to be there for each other NOT only during the good times BUT also during the bad times. You taught us all, at a very young age, it was our responsibility to not only be there and look after Richard, but, to be there for each other ALWAYS!! Bobby, Richard, John, and I have had such a close relationship with each other because of what you taught us Mom! You instilled in us the importance of family and what that really means – it is sharing in each other's lives always – making memories and being there for each other when life throws us a curve ball. I can never thank you enough for this Mom as I truly believe that I am one of the luckiest people in the world to have the most awesome brothers ever!!! You truly raised 4 good kids Mom – u did a fantastic job!!!

Mom, there are so many memories I will cherish for the rest of my life! I am grateful to God that I have them and it is these memories that I will relive in my head and heart that will see me through the broken heart I have today.

The Love between a Mother and Daughter is an unconditional forever kind of Love. Thank you, Mom, for all of the sacrifices you made in your life for me! Lord knows I was NOT the easiest child to raise and you and I had our share of bucking heads, but, at the end of the day, I truly believe, that we loved each other without ANY boundaries!!!! The fact that you are no longer here will always cause me GREAT pain but you will live forever in my heart until we meet again!

Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure ... You will always be loved beyond words, and missed beyond measure!!

Debbie

Debbie Larsen-Luther - August 02, 2017 at 04:20 PM