



## Margaret Ann Franks

January 26, 1936 - July 1, 2011

Margaret Ann Franks was born in Burlington, IA on January 26, 1936, and was the daughter of Lowell and Eileen Horton. She was raised in Nauvoo, IL, the third of five children. She attended Saints Peter and Paul Grade School, graduated from Nauvoo Community High School, and earned an Associates of Arts degree from Mt. St. Clare College in Clinton, IA.

After graduation she moved to Springfield, IL, where she was employed in the office of the Secretary of State. It was there she met her husband, Tom Franks, of Pekin, IL. They married in October 1965 and had two children: Geoffrey M., who was born in November 1966, and Thomas M., who was born in April 1968.

The Franks family moved from Springfield to Urbana, IL, then to Savoy, IL, then to Pekin, IL, and then to Chesterfield, MO. Margaret and her husband spent over 20 years in Chesterfield before retiring to Gravois Mills at the Lake of the Ozarks in 2007.

Margaret was an active member of the Philanthropic Educational Organization (PEO), a volunteer organization, while in Pekin and in Chesterfield. Upon moving to Chesterfield, she was employed by Dierbergs and worked there for 20 years. She enjoyed playing bridge and belonged to bridge groups in Pekin and Chesterfield. Margaret was an avid reader of thriller and action novels

and an equally avid sports fan; she loved watching the major sporting events, including the Super Bowl, March Madness, Wimbledon, and The Masters. She walked daily, rain or shine, and met many friends and neighbors along the way, keeping herself amazingly fit. Margaret was also a woman of deep faith and was a member of the Shrine of St. Patrick's Church in Laurie, MO.

Margaret lost her battle with esophageal cancer on July 1, 2011 and entered into rest in the comfort of her own home with her beloved husband, Tom, by her side. She is survived by her husband, Tom; her son, Geoffrey; and her son, Thomas, and his wife, Shannon. She is also survived by her three brothers, Thomas J. (Gerda), James J. (Barbara), Jeffrey L. (Joyce), and by her sister, Ruth E. Gartland (John), as well as by many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Lowell and Eileen Horton.

A memorial service for Margaret will be held at the Shrine of St. Patrick Church in Laurie, MO on Saturday, July 9, 2011 at 10:30 A.M. with a visitation beginning at 9:30 A.M. A funeral mass will be held at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Nauvoo, IL and will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that you make a donation in memory of Margaret to the American Cancer Society at <https://www.cancer.org/involved/donate/donateonlinenow/index>; the Hospice Compassus in Osage Beach, MO at <http://www.hospicecompassus.com/pg-volunteers-donors-donations.html>; or the Four Seasons In-Home Service in Sedalia, MO (1-866-746-2600).

Arrangements are under the direction of the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 9. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church  
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Gravois Mills, MO 65037  
<http://www.stpatrickcatholicchurch.org>

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