



Margaret G. Lacey

June 1, 1908 - July 3, 2017

Margaret G. Lacey, age 109, of Fonda, Iowa died Monday, July 3, 2017 at Fonda Specialty Care.

Funeral Mass will be held Friday, July 7, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Fonda. Burial will follow in the Mt. Zion Catholic Cemetery in Fonda. Visitation will take place one hour prior to the service at the church. The Mahaney Funeral Home in Fonda is in charge of the arrangements.

Margaret G. Lacey was born June 1, 1908 in Gillett Grove, Iowa, daughter of Robert and Catherine (Hannrahan) Lacey.

She was baptized and confirmed in the Catholic Church, and lived her entire life as a devout Irish Catholic, regularly attending daily Mass.

In 1910, the family moved to Varina, Iowa where Margaret attended school, graduating from St. Columbkille School in 1925. Margaret continued her education in Cedar Falls earning her teaching certificate. She returned to Pocahontas County to teach for several years in a one-room school house.

In her 30's, Margaret took the civil service exam and entered the Secret Service of the United States working for the Armed Services Division, moving

from Joliet, Illinois, to St. Louis, Missouri, to Washington D.C. During her 30 years of service, Margaret earned many promotions. She served under the leadership of different presidents during WWII, Korean and Vietnam wars.

After retiring, Margaret lived for five years in Janesville, Wisconsin, assisting her cousin Fr. Delbert Schmelzer with parish duties. In the late 70's Margaret moved to Fonda, her hometown area, where she lived until the present time.

Margaret was an active member of OLGK parish, Holy Family Society, and school volunteer.

Margaret was very proud of her Irish heritage and always served guests a "cup-of-tea" with her Irish Belleek china. She enjoyed traveling, attending family celebrations, reading, and walking.

Throughout Margaret's lifetime, she touched the lives of many. Her kindness and genuine love for others will be remembered for years.

Margaret was preceded in death by her parents, and only sibling, John.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Zion Catholic Cemetery

Fonda, IA 50540

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church -- Fonda
513 North Main Street
Fonda, IA 50540

Funeral Mass

JUL 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Fonda, IA 50540

Tribute Wall

BT

“ God bless "The Candy Lady"..... Many of Rose Tiedeman's grandchildren experienced the love and kindness of Margaret, "the candy lady", over the years; particularly, in the 70's and 80's. They traveled the path, often, across the alley to Margaret's home. She made those toddlers feel sooooo special.

We are saddened by her death; but rejoice and celebrate with Margaret.
Indeed, a truly, great lady..... My wife, Jeanne, shared a birthday with Margaret, and for many years exchanged pleasantries. Dee Schachtner contacted Jeanne, approx. fifteen years ago, with a request from Margaret to lector at Margaret's funeral. Jeanne was honored, and gladly accepted.

Regretfully, we were in a distant place from June 27 til July 11, and didn't learn of Margaret's "promotion" until just a few minutes ago. Three of her "candy-kids", Marti, Mike, and Lis, along with their families, were with us.

They will never forget Margaret's love.. They will never forget Margaret Lacey;
otherwise known as, the "Candy Lady"..... bill tiedeman

Bill Tiedeman - July 11, 2017 at 09:04 PM

BR

“ Dear sweet Margaret...you were always such a joy to visit. May you forever rest in peace. God received a special angel when he called you home.
My family sends their love and condolences during this difficult time.



Brenda - July 11, 2017 at 08:10 PM

SK

“ Sandy Kilbride lit a candle in memory of Margaret G. Lacey



Sandy Kilbride - July 10, 2017 at 09:32 PM

LF

“ Margaret was a truly great lady, She lived her life to the fullest! I remember her coming over to my Mother-in-law and Father-in-laws (John and Catherine Fitzgeralds) house across the alley when Tom and I would be there visiting. We would sit around the kitchen table and visit. She had a heart of gold and was so interested in all the family. She had a strong religion and I know she is very happy now and is one of our angels!

LaVerda Fitzgerald - July 10, 2017 at 10:50 AM

AM

“ Margaret was a special part of the Fitzgerald family. So many fond memories of her sitting at my grandparents' kitchen table. I'm so glad that my Grandmother has been reunited with her best friend.
Rest In Peace Margaret... ❤️

Amy (Fitzgerald) Merschbrock - July 07, 2017 at 08:55 AM

ML

“ My deepest sympathy to the family of Margaret. She was one great lady and will be missed by her Fonda friends. Rest in peace and Gods blessings to all.



mary lange - July 06, 2017 at 04:53 PM

FH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Funeral Home - July 06, 2017 at 04:29 PM



“ White Standing Wreath was purchased for the family of Margaret G. Lacey.



July 06, 2017 at 12:18 PM



“ Very sad to hear of the passing of my Godmother, Margaret Lacey. She held me at my baptism and her prayers helped me throughout my life. It was a great joy to be in Fonda for her 90th and 100th birthdays. My sympathy to all of her friends in Fonda.

Kurt Lacey Vorndran

Kurt Vorndran - July 06, 2017 at 11:01 AM

MB

“ *Mary Baskerville lit a candle in memory of Margaret G. Lacey*



Mary Baskerville - July 06, 2017 at 07:00 AM

CL

“ *Cathy & Keith Lawyer lit a candle in memory of Margaret G. Lacey*



Cathy & Keith Lawyer - July 05, 2017 at 08:39 PM

CA

*Margaret was a very close and dear friend of my Mom & Dad, John & Catherine Fitzgerald. She celebrated many events with our family over many years. We have many great memories and stories of her life that she shared with us. She was a very kind, generous, religious, and graceful lady. Our Lord welcomed home a very dedicated and faithful woman. Rest in Peace Margaret.
Cathy (Fitzgerald) & Keith Lawyer*

Cathy - July 05, 2017 at 08:54 PM

SH

“ *Shirleystauter lit a candle in memory of Margaret G. Lacey*



shirleystauter - July 05, 2017 at 07:50 PM

GR

“ There is no doubt in my mind that Margaret was crowned as one of God's special Angels on earth immediately. She was always a source of spiritual light to me. We shared many years as partners on the First Friday of each Month in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. I would pick her up at her home, and we would share that precious hour together in with God! She often would reach for my hand and say, "Gwen, I am praying for your family everyday, and I know God will Bless you." It was such a comfort to me as I felt that God was one of his special Angels on earth. That I would never get any closer to anyone who loved God more than Margaret. The World needs more "Margarets", and I was one of the lucky ones to have her as my Margaret during those years and that special hour.
Gwen Reiling, Fonda

Gwen Reiling - July 05, 2017 at 05:59 PM

PK

“ Paul Kelly lit a candle in memory of Margaret
G. Lacey



Paul Kelly - July 05, 2017 at 05:10 PM

RS

“ Margaret was simply a lady of faith, grace and poise. When you would visit with her, you came away with a deep sense of intelligence and interest in life. So many times in earlier years one would see Margaret in all kinds of weather swiftly walking to daily and Sunday Mass. Her devotion and reverence was powerful. And the community of Fonda will long remember her beautiful 90th birthday celebration at the K.C. Hall complete with a stringed musical ensemble. I remember the comment made on that celebratory day so many years ago, "This is class." God has welcomed home a faithful servant whose many years on this earth provided an example of Christian living.

Randy and Marilyn Schmitt - July 05, 2017 at 03:48 PM

PG

“ WE LIT A CANDLE IN MEMORY OF DEAR MARGARET LACEY. WHAT A LIFE SHE LIVED--109 YEARS. SHE IS NOW WITH JESUS IN PEACE. MAY ANY FAMILY BE AT PEACE NOW TOO.
LARY & PATTY GUNVILLE
325 SENECA ST. APT. B
STORM LAKE, IOWA 50588



PATTY GUNVILLE - July 05, 2017 at 03:11 PM

EC

“ Erin Cambier lit a candle in memory of Margaret G. Lacey



Erin Cambier - July 05, 2017 at 01:43 PM

ME

“ *Mary Fitzgerald Essing lit a candle in memory of Margaret G. Lacey*



Mary Fitzgerald Essing - July 05, 2017 at 10:21 AM