



Martha (Peggy) Rees Whitelaw Freebersyser

May 21, 1926 - October 17, 2018

Martha (Peggy) Rees Whitelaw Freebersyser, 92, died peacefully Wednesday, October 17, 2018.

Widow of Chester R. Freebersyser. Mother of Joan (Thomas) Hundelt, William (Elizabeth West) Freebersyser, James (Karen) Freebersyser and Jack (Karen) Freebersyser. Grandmother of 9, Great-grandmother of 11, Great-great-grandmother of 3. Beloved Aunt to many.

A Memorial Mass will be offered on Saturday, October 27, at 10 a.m. at St. Ferdinand Church, 1765 Charbonier Road in Florissant, Missouri. A luncheon will follow in the Duchesne Center at the church.

In recent years, Martha was lovingly cared for at Delmar Gardens West and in her last months she received added care through the Pathways Hospice staff. The family sends special thanks to Julie, Bonnie, Pat, Annie, and Shirl. Along with husband Chester, Martha was a former resident of St. Patrick's apartments for seniors in Florissant. Prior, they were long-time residents of Hazelwood.

Martha had an auspicious start, born in a house that was later used as the rectory for the priests who served the Friends of Mount Grace (the Pink Sisters), an organization dear to the family.

The youngest of 8 siblings, Martha, known as Peggy for most of her life, had a special gift of caring for the elderly. As the youngest, she touched each of their lives in a loving way in their later years. She gave outstanding care to her mother Maude who lived with the family for many of her 96 years. Maude was politically active and was known to volunteer daughter Martha to drive friends and even strangers to the polls to vote.

Martha enjoyed playing the piano and often the organ with sister, Jesse. She loved going to the movies with friend and neighbor Alice, and getting together with the ladies from her high school days at Beaumont.

She was hostess to many at family get togethers at her Holly Avenue home with bottlecap games going on in the alley behind the house, card games in the dining room for the ladies, and card games in the basement for the men, while an old wind-up Victrola player sounded in the background, and children ran everywhere. There was always plenty of food for all and fried chicken was her specialty.

Special family memories are of Martha making toasted cheese sandwiches in a toastite maker. She would bring these round sandwiches with the crunchy toasted edges to her children at the grade school for a homemade hot lunch. Sometimes that hot lunch was Steak 'n Shake hamburgers. She is remembered by her nieces for her beautifully hand written letters and cards, and for making those same toastites.

Her brother-in-law Bob taught Martha to drive. She was proud of that first car and became the only driver in the household for some time. Instead of a glove compartment, the car had a sliding "goodie" drawer which held treats for well-behaved passengers.

Martha loved spending time with her nine grandchildren – Tom, Kevin, Jeff, Amy, Joel, Elizabeth, Jim, Bob, and Matthew. Whether it was babysitting, playing cards, or going on miniature golf or bowling outings, she was for sure a fun grandma.

She was a kind, soft-spoken lady who put other's needs above her own.

In lieu of flowers the Family requests Memorial Contributions in the name of Martha Freebersyser to The American Heart Association, 460 North Lindbergh Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63141; Website www.americanheart.org

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

OCT **27**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Ferdinand Catholic Church
1765 Charbonier Road
Florissant, MO 63031

Tribute Wall

JK

“ So sorry to hear of the loss of your mother.

Jean Klaus and family

Jean Klaus - November 04, 2018 at 08:21 PM

JF

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jim & Karen Freebersyser - October 26, 2018 at 10:51 PM

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Jim & Karen Freebersyser - October 26, 2018 at 09:22 PM

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Jim & Karen Freebersyser - October 26, 2018 at 09:13 PM



Museum

Jim & Karen Freebersyser - November 01, 2018 at 09:05 PM



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Jim & Karen Freebersyser - October 26, 2018 at 06:43 PM



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Jim & Karen Freebersyser - October 26, 2018 at 05:55 PM



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Jim & Karen Freebersyser - October 26, 2018 at 05:41 PM

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“ Jim & Karen Freebersyser lit a candle in memory of Martha (Peggy) Rees Whitelaw Freebersyser



Jim & Karen Freebersyser - October 26, 2018 at 04:32 PM

RF

“ Robert Freebersyser lit a candle in memory of Martha (Peggy) Rees Whitelaw Freebersyser



Robert Freebersyser - October 26, 2018 at 07:29 AM

RF

“ I will never forget you Grandma, you let me put your curlers in your hair when I was little, then I tried to put them on the dog too. Also, i will always and forever miss breakfast with you and Grandpa, best breakfast ever! May you both rest in peace, You are both missed and still loved very much. You are both immortal in my mind. Love you Grandma. Love Bobby

Robert Freebersyser - October 25, 2018 at 08:51 AM

CF

“ Love you Great-Grandma! Connor Freebersyser



Connor Freebersyser - October 25, 2018 at 08:31 AM

BF

“ Love you Great-Grandma! Brianna Freebersyset



Brianna Freebersyser - October 25, 2018 at 08:26 AM



“ I'll always remember Christmas Eve at your house Grandma. Those are some of my favorite childhood memories, in fact I had many great times with you and Grandpa both. May you rest in peace, and at least there's no more pain or any suffering.

Jim Freebersyser - October 22, 2018 at 10:19 PM

KF

“ Our hearts are broken. You couldn't ask for a better mom or grandmother. Always kind. Always helpful. Always thoughtful. We treasure your handwritten notes and cards - a lost art. You were a great babysitter. Still can't believe you let Bobby trim and curl your hair. On sleepovers, Bobby was served breakfasts that were fit for a king. You sat front and center at Jimmy's jazz band concerts. Even prompting the conductor to give him special recognition after he heard you quietly say, "And accompanied by Jimmy Freebersyser." Brianna and Connor will always remember you as the grandma with the chip machine. They will always remember sharing McDonald's with you for lunch and running down the hallway to show you how their sneakers would light up. We love you. We respect you. We call you Mom/Grandma/Great-Grandma with pride. Hope you and Jesse team up for a concert in heaven playing Clair de Lune - your favorite. May God keep you safely in the palms of his hands until we meet again. Love you forever and always. Say hi to Dad! Love, Jim and Karen

Karen Susan Freebersyser - October 22, 2018 at 05:47 PM

KS

“ Ken And Archway Staff lit a candle in memory of Martha (Peggy) Rees Whitelaw Freebersyser



Ken and Archway Staff - October 22, 2018 at 12:01 PM