



## Marie Louise Knudson

December 19, 1938 - June 7, 2015

Marie L. Knudson

RACINE-Marie Louise Knudson, 76, passed away at Froedtert Hospital in Milwaukee, on June 7, 2015 with her family by her side.

She was born in Racine on December 19, 1938 the daughter of the late George and Bertha (nee: Extrom) Christensen.

Marie's dedication and involvement at Holy Communion Lutheran Church for over 45 years defined her true faith and giving spirit. She was very involved in bible study and the RESPITE program and many other church organizations. Marie found great satisfaction as a volunteer with Cops 'N' Kids for over 10 years.

She was employed as a Research Technician for Eaton's Cooper Power Systems, retiring in 1999 after 22 years of service.

Marie is survived by her children, Laura (Daniel Bogacz) Knudson of Racine, Nancy (Steve) Gauger of Burlington, son, David (Nancy) Knudson of Racine; grandchildren, Steven Bogacz, Katie Gauger, Matt Knudson and step-grandchildren, Derek Gauger, Darci Gauger and one step-great grandson, JT Gauger. She is further survived by two sisters, Margie (Robert) Lavine of Louisiana, and Johanna (Richard) Stocker of Colorado, in addition to nieces and nephews, Johana Olivier, Barbara Polster, Walter Lavine, Glen, Gary, Bob and Eddie Christensen, Richie and Jimmy Stocker. Marie is further survived by other relatives, long time club friends, including her beloved church family and many other special friends.

She was preceded in death by her brothers, Alan, Kenneth and David (Lila) Christensen.

Marie's memorial service will be held at Holy Communion Lutheran Church, 2000 W 6th Street on Thursday, June 11, 2015 with Rev. Mark Doidge officiating. Visitation will be held at church from 4 pm until service time at 6 pm. Marie will be laid to rest in a private ceremony at West Lawn Memorial Park.

In Lieu of flowers, those wishing to remember Marie may direct memorials to Holy Communion or Horizon Hospice, 11400 West Lake Park Drive, Milwaukee, WI 53224.

The Knudson family would like to take this opportunity to express their profound gratitude to Horizons Hospice as well as the entire staff at Froedtert Hospital and Dr. Wendy Peltier for their thorough and attentive care.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 11. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Holy Communion Lutheran Church  
2000 W. 6th Street  
Racine, WI

## Memorial Service

JUN 11. 6:00 PM (CT)

Holy Communion Lutheran Church  
2000 W. 6th Street  
Racine, WI

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Marie Louise Knudson*



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**Sturino Funeral Home** - June 09, 2015 at 06:12 PM

NG

*My Mom quietly led a loving, giving life to all around her. She was the center of our family and had a good word about everyone. There is a huge hole in my heart. She will be deeply missed. Nancy*

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**NANCY GAUGER** - June 11, 2015 at 12:23 AM

DS

*Thanks for sharing this beautiful video. We appreciate the glimpse into your happy family memories.  
Our sympathy,  
Debra Solomon, David, Doran and Meira Domash*

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**Debra Solomon** - June 11, 2015 at 08:49 PM

KH

“ *Karen Hickson lit a candle in memory of Marie Louise Knudson*



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**Karen Hickson** - June 16, 2015 at 08:38 PM

KH

“ To me, Marie was the epitome of all a woman could be. She became an important part of my life during the years my family was struggling with difficult issues. Her compassion, strength and unfailing love will never be forgotten. Fly free beautiful spirit!

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**Karen Hickson** - June 16, 2015 at 08:34 PM

NG

*Thank you for the incredibly kind words about my Mom. I share your feelings about her. I believe you have the same qualities, my wonderful cousin. I love you, Nancy*

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**Nancy Gauger** - June 25, 2015 at 11:56 PM

BP

“ I am still in shock that my precious Aunt Mary is gone. I have never met anyone in this life so genuinely kind and caring. Her door and her heart were always open. She not only listened, but heard and understood. She was an excellent role model and an inspiration. She made us want to become better people. She was as Fred Rogers (Mr. Rogers Neighborhood) would put it “one of the helpers” in life.

*I am consoled by the fact that she led a life rich with laughter, joy, fabulous children, and fabulous friends. Her children, my dear cousins, all inherited wonderful traits from my Aunt Mary. My aunt would have been so proud of Laura, Nancy, and David’s strength, poise, and nurturing compassion these last few weeks during what had to be the most devastating periods of their lives.*

*I feel so blessed for having Aunt Mary in my life and she will be in my heart always.*

*Barbara (Stocker) Polster*

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**Barbara Stocker Polster** - June 13, 2015 at 09:13 AM

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*Barb, what wonderful sentiments to say about Mom and us kids. We were truly fortunate to have had her in our life as the best example of how good a person can be. We are also fortunate to be related to such a great extended family. Love Nancy*

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**NANCY GAUGER** - June 16, 2015 at 07:54 AM

GW

“ *It is with deep sadness that we extend our sympathy to the family of Marie. As new members to Holy Communion in the early 1980's, Marie made us feel welcome right away with her friendly smile and outgoing personality. We shared duties with her as part of an altar guild team for several years and loved her commitment to her faith and family. We were blessed to know her. Our thoughts and prayers, Gary & Kathy Wee*

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**Gary Wee** - June 11, 2015 at 05:45 PM

 Henry Cornett

“ *So sorry to hear about your loss, Dave and Nancy. We are praying for you and your family. If you need anything you just let us know.*

*Henry Cornett & Shea Leech*

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**Henry Cornett** - June 11, 2015 at 01:12 PM

DK

*Thank you Henry and Shea*

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**David Knudson** - June 12, 2015 at 08:40 PM

DS

“ I never had the opportunity to meet Marie, but I have had the extreme fortune of knowing her daughter Nancy, my best friend. Nancy always spoke so lovingly of her mother, with much respect and pride. She must have been one special woman to have raised such a beautiful family. My heart goes out to you all.

Donna Schlesak - June 11, 2015 at 12:15 PM

NG

My dear friend. I was so fortunate to have you at my side as my mother passed, as I have been these last 13 years. Thank you.

NANCY GAUGER - June 16, 2015 at 07:47 AM

 Johanna Olivier

“ When I was a young girl I carried a picture of my beautiful aunt in my wallet. I so wanted to look like her. I remember sitting on her knee at grandmas house and she was teaching me the Lords prayer. I still cant believe she is gone but we will meet again on the other side.

Johanna Olivier - June 11, 2015 at 11:20 AM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Marie Louise Knudson.



June 10, 2015 at 06:26 PM

PK

“ Patrick Knowles lit a candle in memory of Marie Louise Knudson



Patrick Knowles - June 10, 2015 at 06:06 PM

PK

“ I am so sorry to learn that Marie passed away. I remember her as being so sweet, so kind, so caring. It has been many years since I last saw Marie. Looking through her picture album brought back lots of lovely memories--thank you so much for posting them!

Fair winds and following seas, Marie, and my sincere condolences to you, her family.

Pat Knowles  
Fond du Lac

Patrick Knowles - June 10, 2015 at 06:05 PM



“ 64 files added to the album Life Tributes



Sturino Funeral Home - June 09, 2015 at 05:40 PM