



Madeline Brossart

October 9, 1925 - April 2, 2020

Madeline Leona (Korty) Brossart, age 94, passed away Thursday, April 2, 2020, in Memorial Hospital of Carbondale.

She was born October 9, 1925, to John Elmer and Florence (Weisbecker) Korty in Lafayette, IN.

She was raised in Lafayette, IN. After high school at St. Francis, she graduated from Mother Cabrini Hospital School of Nursing in Chicago. She then attended Northwestern University. While in Chicago she met her loving husband, Donald, whom she married in 1951. They later settled in Decatur. While raising her family, she pursued a lifelong career as a nurse including many years in surgery at St. Mary's Hospital. Despite her workload, she never lost her grace and good spirit.

While in Decatur, she was a Cub Scout den mother, a member of the St. James Catholic School PTA, and sang with the Millikin University Choir. She was active in Theatre 7 using her talents in sewing, prop making and singing. She often volunteered at Camp Ondessonk, where the family has been involved for two generations. Anyone who knew Madeline knew she worked tirelessly to make holidays, birthdays and vacations exceptional. She went the extra mile to bake cookies, have presents to unwrap and cheer you on at all of your events.

Madeline remained close to her siblings and their families, sharing many adventurous road trips with her sisters that left everyone with life-long memories of joy and laughter.

After retirement Madeline and Donald relocated to Carbondale. During her time there, she was a member of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church and participated in the Heritage Club, Woman's Club and volunteered at Unity Point School. In her final years, she lived at Prairie Living at Chautauqua, where she was loved by staff and residents alike, and was involved in many activities, including their award-winning trivia team.

Madeline was a loving and adored wife, mother, grandmother, sister, sister-in-law and aunt to many nieces and nephews. She was generous, gracious, kind and compassionate and she always thought of others first. She had a love of reading; you would often find her curled with a book or a crossword puzzle.

She will always be remembered fondly in the hearts of her family and friends.

Madeline is survived by her children, David (Connie Kiewel) Brossart, GERALYN (Steven) Rabinowitz and Julia (Robert) Mussell; grandchildren, Jacob Mussell, Joshua Mussell and Jace Brossart; daughter-in-law Marjorie Malkin and her family Daniel (Oralia) Klotz and their children, Christopher, Jacob and Daniel; sister Dorothy (Cletus) Heimann; brother William Korty; sisters-in-law Naomi (Dewey) Bergman, and Carol Korty; other relatives and a host of friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; sons Robert Alan and Timothy Joseph Brossart; sisters Rose Smith and Virginia Ciota and brothers Richard, Bernard and Charles Korty.

Entombment will be private in Pleasant Grove Memorial Park Mausoleum.

A Celebration of Life and Mass will be at Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home and will be scheduled at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made in Madeline's memory to Camp Ondessonk, 3760 Ondessonk Rd., Ozark, IL 62972.

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Grove Memorial Park Mausoleum

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall



“ *Madeline Brossart*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *You can only have one mother
Patient kind and true;
No other friend in all the world,
Will be the same to you.
When other friends forsake you,
To mother you will return,
For all her loving kindness,
She asks nothing in return.
As we look upon her picture,
Sweet memories we recall,
Of a face so full of sunshine,
And a smile for one and all.
Sweet Angels, take this message,
To our dear mother up above;
Tell her how we miss her,
And give her all our love.*



GERALYN RABINOWITZ - May 04, 2020 at 12:46 PM

NB

“ It was 1959, my first Christmas in New York City. I was renting a room at the Simmons Hotel for Women, a dilapidated old hotel where I shared a bathroom and kitchen with five other girls. My parents had sent me \$20, which I'd carefully placed under their card on my nightstand. By Christmas Eve, almost all the girls had gone home for the holiday, so the place was deserted and eerily quiet. I felt alone and frightened, wondering if I'd made a mistake coming to New York. I was crying then, and I'm crying now as I remember this. The front desk called to advise that they were holding a package for me. The “package“ was a box so huge I could barely get it in the elevator. My sweet sister-in-law had filled it with thoughtful gifts, each beautifully and lovingly wrapped. There were wash cloths, soaps, a Xmas stocking filled with little treasures, even a tiny Christmas tree. Needless to say, I no longer felt alone. This was vintage Madeline-kind, thoughtful, practical, and always there for you. I will never, ever forget her.

Naomi Brossart Bergman - April 11, 2020 at 08:21 AM

LL

“ I have many wonderful memories of Madeline. She used to love playing solitaire on the computer. Once, at Marge and Tim's, dinner was ready and Madeline said "Oh, I want to finish this game first!"

I remember all of us at Marge and Tim's for dinner, sitting around visiting. We would often tell stories. She loved telling stories about her kids when they were younger!

When she moved to Liberty Village, my Mom and Dad also lived there, but in a different building. She went from her building all the way over to my parent's building to meet them and invite them to movies and popcorn. She and my Dad (James Freels) had the same lung disease - pulmonary fibrosis. They chatted about it a bit. My Dad passed in 2014.

My fondest memory is of her accomplishment in the state NH resident scholar bowl. She won first place!

I have a special place for Madeline in my heart. Godspeed.

Les Lloyd

Leslie Lloyd - April 09, 2020 at 01:20 PM

JM

“ I had the pleasure of being mom’s youngest out of her 5 children. I was her baby. She would always tell everyone that. She always said how I kept her young since she had to run me around so much. Mom was conventionally older when she had me. I never thought of my mom as older. She was just always mom. I used to laugh that when she started getting her hair set every week... that... ya... Ok... maybe she is getting older. Mom was always willing to hop on the train, drive up or go somewhere with me. One of those times was 2002. Bob and I were remodeling our house in northern Wisconsin . Bob decided it would be best if the boys and I just left rather than deal with the saw dust, etc. I called mom and said - wanna go on a road trip with me and the boys. I think I gave her a 3 day warning. We ended up driving to upstate NY visiting my brother David and sister GERALYN. We celebrated Jacob birthday and even had a spontaneous stop at Niagara Falls. My stories could go on and on. We were blessed with an angel and know she touched the hearts of many.



Julie Mussell - April 08, 2020 at 04:22 PM

MH

“ Dear Family:
We are sorry for your loss of your mom. Aunt Madeline was a very kind and loving lady. Always a cheerful attitude and a gentle spirit. We are praying for your family that may Our Dear Lord will bring a measure of peace to you! Love,
Mike and Carol

Mike and Carol Heimann - April 08, 2020 at 11:22 AM



“ Hi. Emilie and I only met Madeline once or twice, yet we were immediately struck by her warmth and charm--a true indication why we found the family so lovely when we first met them at Geralyn and Steve's wedding. May her soul rest in the highest levels of Heaven, where she deserves to be, and our deepest condolences to Geralyn, Steve, and the rest of Madeline's family.

Gary Rabinowitz - April 08, 2020 at 10:34 AM

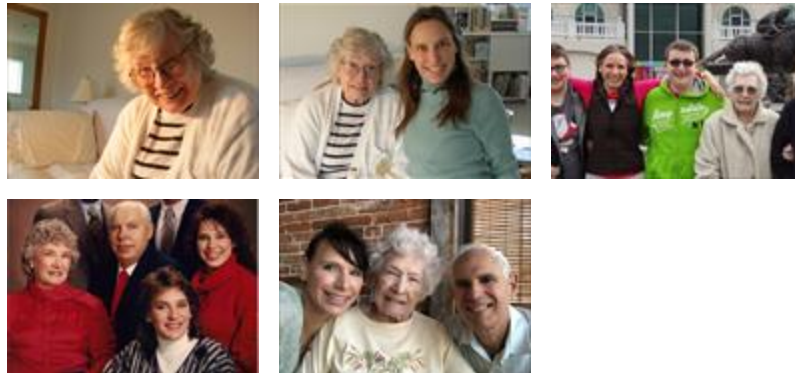


“ David and I have been thinking so much about Ginnie and Madeline. We are amazed and very comforted knowing they are together on their heavenly journey! We love all the wonderful stories we've heard about sweet Madeline! How lucky you were to have had her for your mom!! 💕💕💕💕💕

Lisa and David Ciota - April 07, 2020 at 05:54 PM



“ 18 files added to the album Memories



Geralyn Rabinowitz - April 07, 2020 at 09:55 AM



“ *My dear beautiful Mom,
I am so blessed to have had you for my mother. Your love,
encouragement and support throughout my life have been my
inspiration and anchor. You were always there for me and because
of you, among many other things, I found a love of the arts and
literature. My heart is full of love for you and from you. I take you
with me where ever I go and what ever I do. I'm grateful for all you
did for me and my siblings and making our lives special. I shall not
forget the greatness of your spirit and humbleness of heart and
faith. I will treasure all the moments with you and try to follow your
example of loving kindness to all. Keep dancing!!! Love you Mom!!*

Geralyn Rabinowitz - April 07, 2020 at 09:37 AM

EC



Eden Collazo-Minchong - April 16, 2020 at 11:30 PM

PE

“ *Julie, reading your mom's obituary made me realize what a
remarkable woman she was. I wish I had met her. Condolences to
your whole family, especially Josh*

Pati Egan - April 06, 2020 at 11:03 PM

 Debbie
Brodeur

“ *A sweet, smiling lady. Ever gracious and giving. Reading the
testimonies, I can see how many people she touched. Thank you,
Madeline.*

Debbie Brodeur - April 06, 2020 at 06:58 PM



Love you Deb.

Geralyn Rabinowitz - April 07, 2020 at 10:01 AM

Debbie Brodeur

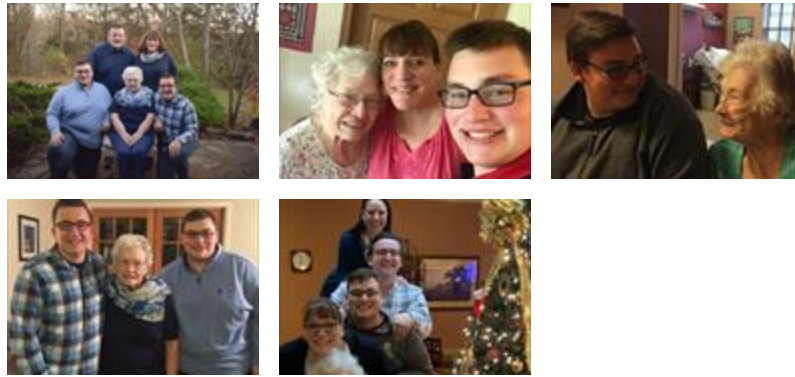
“ *Debbie Brodeur lit a candle in memory of Madeline Brossart*



Debbie Brodeur - April 06, 2020 at 06:53 PM

JM

“ *5 files added to the album Memories*



Joshua Mussell - April 06, 2020 at 06:26 PM

LC

“ *I have the fondest memories of us all being at Aunt Ginnies, swimming, cooking out, all of us together, Aunt Rosie jumping in the pool with her pajamas on after sleeping in “The Yellow Rose of Texas”. We are so blessed to have our families and to have the parents we have. They showed us how to love life, have faith in God, and cherish our loved ones.*



Lori Crump - April 06, 2020 at 05:47 PM



Thank you Lori, beautiful memories. I fondly remember those times and being with all the California cousins. I agree, we are blessed. May we all have a chance to get together again soon! Love 🌹

Geralyn Rabinowitz - April 10, 2020 at 11:35 AM

CH

“ My condolences to the whole family! Having Julie be my BFF since college, I remember Madeline as always being happy and joyful! She was quite crafty with costumes and activities (a skill Julie definitely acquired). Her love of her kids and grandkids was strong and of her kids have such big hearts...that, they got from seeing Madeline as an example!

Cathy Hartigan - April 06, 2020 at 04:57 PM