



## Marie T. Seaser

January 2, 1927 - July 30, 2020

We announce the passing of Marie Terese (nee Kelly) Seaser, our loving and devoted mother and friend to all whose lives she touched on July 30, 2020 in her 93rd year. She was born to Peter Patrick Kelly and Florence Buehner Kelly on January 2, 1927 in Detroit. As a young adult, she endured the hardship and sacrifice of WWII, losing her only brother Raymond in conflict in Germany. She graduated from St. Anthony's High School in 1945 and soon thereafter enrolled in the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps. Although not completing the program, she shared her interest in nursing as a hospital volunteer with the Catholic Medical Mission Board. She was a proud American and served as an election official volunteer for many years.

Marie and the love of her life, Ervin (Bud) Seaser, met as neighborhood children where they lived across the street from one another. They were married on June 21, 1947 in Detroit for a harmonious 64 years. To this marriage were born four sons: Raymond Ervin, "R.J." Robert John, Dennis Michael, and Paul Francis. Dennis died just days old. Most of all, she loved her family and instilled in her sons' strong values which have served them well.

As a Ford Motor Company wife, a devout Catholic, and the mother of three active boys, Marie was a faithful and loving woman. She was a committed and strong partner to Bud, steadfast through his 32-year career at Ford and his time in the U.S. Navy. Marie's strong Catholic faith kept her active in her church and Catholic schools where she was on the Altar Society and involved in her sons' activities. Her boys greatly benefited from her dedication to their education, sporting events, and Catholic faith. The family spent many summers at the Kelly family cabin in Roscommon, where northern Michigan fun and frolic created many precious memories. They also enjoyed many camping adventures throughout the United States. She loved visiting her Colorado Family.

Intensely proud of her Irish heritage, Marie was a longtime sustaining member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Ancient Order of the Hibernians (LAOH), an Irish Catholic fraternal organization that protects and promotes Irish heritage and culture. Marie and Bud loved to

travel and Ireland was often on the itinerary. She served on the LAOH Rose Kennedy Division's Board of Directors, served as an officer, and was a delegate to many state and national conventions. Marie honorably served as LAOH State President where she made many lifelong friends.

Marie is survived by her sons: Raymond (Patty), Ft Collins, CO.; "R.J." Robert (Kristin), Redford, MI; Paul (Barb Romig), South Lyon, MI. She leaves behind five beloved grandchildren: Tracy Lahay, Dearborn, MI; Patrick (Lauren) Seaser, Peoria, AZ; Andrew (Jennifer) Seaser, Abigail McMahon (Carl Hinderer), and Kyle Seaser (Courtney), all of Colorado. Also mourning her passing are 11 great-grandchildren; sister, Patricia Haight; former daughter-in-law Karen Pernicano; and many nieces and nephews. She shared a special bond with her niece, Susan Marie Cockman. Marie is predeceased by her beloved husband, Ervin John (Bud); infant son Dennis; brother, Raymond; sister, Florence Kelly Fritz; and daughter-in-law, Kay Kenney Seaser. She will be dearly missed and forever in our hearts.

Please join us in celebrating her life Wednesday, August 5th from 4 PM -7 PM at O'Brien Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River Ave., Novi. Funeral mass (with pre-funeral viewing 9 AM -10 AM) at 10 AM, Thursday, August 6th at Church of the Divine Child, 1955 N. Silvery Lane, Dearborn. Private Interment at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, MI. Monday, August 10th at 10:30 AM. A post-Covid celebration of Marie's life will be held at a later date. Online condolences are welcomed at <http://www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com>.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in honor of our mother Marie Seaser for Educational Scholarships to Sacred Heart Major Seminary, 2701 Chicago Blvd, Detroit, MI 48206 or Divine Child High School c/o Aubri McNamara, 1055 N. Silvery Lane, Dearborn, MI 48128

We understand during this different time that you may prefer to be distant and the Seaser family supports your decision. For those wishing to participate in her funeral mass and are unable to join in person, you may participate remotely via the YouTube link listed below. Please click the link to participate:

<https://youtu.be/dcTcXwXfvFo>

# Cemetery

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# Events

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**Great Lakes National Cemetery**

4200 Belford Road

Holly, MI, 48442

**AUG**

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**Visitation**

04:00PM - 07:00PM

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O'Brien-Sullivan Funeral Home

41555 Grand River Ave, Novi, MI, US, 48375

**AUG**

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**Liturgy**

10:00AM

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Church of the Divine Child

1955 N. Silvery Lane, Dearborn, MI, US, 48128

# Comments

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“ Ed Fritz lit a candle in memory of Marie T. Seaser



Ed Fritz - August 10, 2020 at 02:41 PM

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“ Paul, my sincere condolences to your family on the loss of your mother. From all that I have read, and in knowing you for as many years as I have, your mother's passing was indeed a heavy loss.

If your family has an organization or charity that is accepting donations in her name, please direct me to them.

Once again, my thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Mike Mnich

Mike Mnich - August 07, 2020 at 09:52 AM

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“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



Barbara McNamara - August 06, 2020 at 11:57 AM

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“ Kathy Fritz lit a candle in memory of Marie T. Seaser



Kathy Fritz - August 06, 2020 at 10:38 AM

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“ Kathy Fritz

Remembering the parties at your house when we were kids.



Kathy Fritz - August 06, 2020 at 02:02 AM

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“ Mary And Dave Jordan lit a candle in memory of Marie T. Seaser



mary and dave jordan - August 05, 2020 at 10:10 PM

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“ I have fond memories of Aunt Marie. In a time when 'men wore the pants in the family' (and she was surrounded!), Aunt Marie, Tillie and Grandma Kelly also wore them well!

mary fritz jordan

mary fritz jordan - August 05, 2020 at 10:09 PM

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“ One of my sweetest memories of Grandma was when I was about 6 years old. I was spending the day with her and she decided it would be fun to bake cookies together. Grandma showed me the recipe on the back of the Tollhouse bag of chocolate chips. While I practiced my recipe reading skills, Grandma got all the ingredients out and taught me how to measure everything into the bowl. We took turns stirring the mixture. Then we scooped out the perfect amount for each cookie, placing it on the cookie sheet. Of course, the most difficult part was waiting for the cookies to bake. Once they were finally ready, we sat together munching on them and chatting about what kind of cookies we should make the next time. To this day, I think of Grandma every time I see a yellow bag of Tollhouse chocolate chips. Baking with her is just one of many warm memories I will carry of my time with Grandma.

Tracy Lahay - August 05, 2020 at 10:07 PM

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“ When I was high school sophomore, I went to Grandma's house in the mornings before school most days (before I got my license) and we talked about life and whatever else we could think of. It's funny now because I don't remember much of what was said, but I remember the scent of her many different perfumes. How she found the time to get a new bottle of perfume every day, I'll never know. Ha Ha Ha. Ha. Seriously though, I remember how nice it was to talk with her and spend time with her every morning. They were special one-on-one moments with her that I will always cherish.

Rob Seaser - August 05, 2020 at 10:06 PM

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“ One of my favorite memories of Grandma happened when I was 13 or 14 years old. My parents were on a vacation and Grandma & Grandpa were in town to watch me & my brother & sister. After school one day, Grandma drove me to soccer practice in my Mom's car. It was a beautiful day but Grandma somehow turned the windshield wipers on to their fastest setting. No matter what she tried, she could not find the right knob to get them off. When she dropped me off at practice, my teammates thought it was hilarious....watching the wipers moving so fast, despite the sunny weather. I laughed it off and said that she was from out of town and was driving my Mom's car. Of course I thought she would find the right switch to get them off or ....that she would ask Grandpa to help her figure it out before she returned to pick me up.

However.....about five minutes before practice ended, my teammates & I saw her pull in to the parking lot with the wipers still flying back and forth across the windshield -- I guess neither of them could find the right knob to turn them off. I still think of this every time I drive a new car and have to find the windshield wiper controls. I loved it when Grandma and Grandpa came to see us in Colorado, it was always special time.

**Drew Seaser** - August 05, 2020 at 10:05 PM

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**mary fritz jordan** - August 05, 2020 at 10:02 PM

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“ Judy (Danko) Scanlon lit a candle in memory of Marie T. Seaser



**Judy (Danko) Scanlon** - August 05, 2020 at 07:36 PM

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“ I remember very well our visits to Michigan, enjoying our time in Grandma’s house on Nightingale. We played out front with the neighborhood kids while the adults sat on the porch and in the yard, enjoying the fun. We’d play baseball, catch fireflies, and just run around. We don’t have fireflies in Colorado so they were especially fun for us to chase and catch. We’d all go back inside after the romping was over to cookies and lemonade Grandma had all ready for us. She made warm, welcoming beds for all of us, a bit of a trick as their house wasn’t very big. I thought it was great fun.

During some of those summer nights, I remember walking from their Nightingale house over to Levagood Park, which was really close to the house. There were summer leagues playing baseball on fields that stretched as far as you could see. We would walk around the park with Grandma and Grandpa and they would buy us snow cones and pretzels. They both loved showing us around the neighborhood.

I will miss Grandma’s easy demeanor, her huge heart, and how she always made you feel like you’re the most important person in the room.

Kyle Seaser - August 05, 2020 at 01:23 PM

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“ I remember Grandma's hugs. She had a sweetest most luscious floral aroma I remember to this day.... and I wish I could smell it one more time.

Whenever we would visit Michigan, I can remember the excitement I would feel in my heart and stomach as we turned on to Nightingale, their street. We would pull in their driveway and Grandma would always come out on the front porch. My legs couldn't run fast enough to her to give her a great big hug, and to receive one as well. Her hugs were the best - she could have written the book on how to give the perfect Grandma hug! Warm.... full of love.... and just the right squeeze! Not to mention her always sweet scent! Now, whenever I think of her, I will recall the unique scent I remember from my days as a little kid. In fact, the day she died, my brothers and I texted each other, all of talking about how much we would love one more sniff of that Grandma Marie bouquet. Her aroma was clean and sweet like a flower blossom. Every single hug stirred it.... and I breathed it in as deeply as I could. Her house even smelled like it, from her linens and clothes to her hair and even her car. The sweet smell of Grandma Marie. She was always so good at sending us cards for our birthdays or special occasions (if they weren't with us to celebrate) and I can remember even smelling the cards to try to get a whiff of that my Grandma, even though it never seemed to work.

I will miss Grandma.... and I look forward to seeing her in heaven. I hope she will open her arms to me so I can nuzzle in for the best and most aromatic hug she can give me.. Until then, grandma, know how much we love you.

Abby Seaser McMahon - August 05, 2020 at 01:22 PM

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“ Lucy Fritz And Paul Belinc lit a candle in memory of Marie T. Seaser



Lucy Fritz and Paul Belinc - August 05, 2020 at 09:36 AM

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“ Hello Ray,  
It has been about 50 years since we have seen one another. I live in Minnesota now and was sad to see that your mother has passed.  
I have great memories of the Rosedale years and have always remembered your mother and father as very special folks.  
Best wishes at this difficult time.  
Dennis McClain (19701 Rosedale)

Dennis McClain - August 05, 2020 at 12:53 AM

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“ Donald N Sharon Haight lit a candle in memory of Marie T. Seaser



Donald N Sharon Haight - August 04, 2020 at 08:30 PM

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**Paul Seaser** - August 04, 2020 at 07:56 PM

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“ One truly fine Lady! I had the privilege of doing her hair at the Village of Westland she was a dear friend. Rest In Peace My sympathy to your family

**Rita Tata** - August 04, 2020 at 04:41 PM

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“ Jill Frost lit a candle in memory of Marie T. Seaser



**Jill Frost** - August 04, 2020 at 11:49 AM

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**Paul Seaser** - August 04, 2020 at 11:31 AM

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“ On behalf of the Hospitality Management program at Colorado State University, we offer our condolences for your loss. You are in our thoughts at this difficult time.  
Jeff Miller

Jeffrey Miller - August 04, 2020 at 10:07 AM

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Paul Seaser - August 04, 2020 at 08:36 AM

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“ My sincere condolences to the Seaser family. We were just a few doors down the street and I remember mostly Ray and Bob from DC activities. I remember seeing their parents walking by our house to church. They always had a smile and a pleasant word. I moved to Virginia 35 years ago so, despite having my parents and later my sister on the block I lost touch with the Seaser family. I pray that they will have the love and faith to get through these difficult times. I trust that the fine example of Marie and Bud will guide them and provide good memories to cherish as they have surely gone to a better place.

Ken Opiela

ken Opiela - August 03, 2020 at 04:48 PM

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“ Denise Williams lit a candle in memory of Marie T. Seaser



Denise Williams - August 03, 2020 at 04:15 PM

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“ Abby Seaser McMahon lit a candle in memory of Marie T. Seaser



**Abby Seaser McMahon** - August 03, 2020 at 03:53 PM

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“ Paul - Very sorry for the loss of your Mom. What a great tribute to your Mom and the fulfilled life she lived.  
Mike (Michael J) & Gayle Bart

**Michael Bart** - August 03, 2020 at 02:22 PM

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“ Bill Gittinger lit a candle in memory of Marie T. Seaser



**Bill Gittinger** - August 03, 2020 at 12:38 PM

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“ Paul Seaser lit a candle in memory of Marie T. Seaser



**Paul Seaser** - August 03, 2020 at 09:03 AM

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“ End of an era, One of several of my Nightingale "Moms", Blessed to have lived in a time and place where i was raised by multiple families and had so many brothers and sisters.

Loved Marie and Bud and brothers Bob, Ray, and Paul. Thoughts and prayers to you all!

Joe Opiela

joe opiela - August 03, 2020 at 08:20 AM

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“ My memories of Marie are of a woman who knew what she wanted. We looked forward to our time together. Her appearance was always important her and we made it happen.

Gods speed Marie. Sally C

Sally Carson - August 03, 2020 at 09:32 AM

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“ So sorry to hear of my LAOH sister Marie's passing. She will be missed dearly. God Blessongs to her family.

Jane Kelly - August 02, 2020 at 09:22 PM

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Patricia Martin - August 02, 2020 at 05:42 PM

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Paul Seaser - August 02, 2020 at 11:23 AM

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**Paul** - August 02, 2020 at 11:18 AM