



Margaret Mary Carlson (Marge) passed away on Thursday, January 31, 2013 at 3:15 pm. As she wanted, she did not die alone as she was surrounded by her family at the Shea campus for Scottsdale Healthcare Hospital. Her family feels fortunate that we had a chance to tell her that we loved her and we will miss her terribly. Marge said she loved us too. She most enjoyed spending time with her family during summer vacation trips to Coronado, CA. As a family, we often found Marge in her Coronado condo visiting with friends, enjoying the breeze, watching the waves with a spatula in one hand and her television remote in the other. She loved socializing with family and friends and was a self-described Coronado islander, eager chef and news junkie.

In 1976, Marge cofounded Apollo College, a post-secondary Allied Health school, in Phoenix, Arizona. Marge was a continuous owner of Apollo College until the sale of 7 nationwide campuses to U.S. Education Corporation on December 1, 2003. Following her retirement, Marge kept her larger-than-life personality focused in health education by speaking at school conferences, mentoring others new to education, and donating her time as a member of the Board at BHHS Legacy Foundation in Phoenix, AZ. She felt so proud of her connection to the many, many great associates and allies from private education including school owners and leaders, the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES), and the Career College Association (CCA).

Marge was born in Chicago, IL, on February 24, 1939 to William and Katherine Lacy, both deceased. Before moving to Phoenix, AZ, with a friend, she was raised in the small community of Port Washington, WI. Marge is survived by two daughters, Cindy and Terry, and five grandchildren, Krystal, Megan, Katelin, Jacquelyn, and Nicholas, and one great granddaughter Emma. Marge also has a brother William Lacy (Bill) residing in Sedona, AZ. Bill's children are Tom, David, Sara Kate, and Margaret.

The family appreciates the overwhelmingly generous outpouring of support and hundreds of funny "Marge stories" and it suffices to say it really helps us grieve. Marge lived her life to the fullest and spread her special, unique brand of happiness to family and friends. We always say Marge was like Frank Sinatra because she did it her way.

Services for Marge will be held at St Patrick's Catholic Community Church, 10815 N 84th Street, Scottsdale, AZ, 85260, (480) 998-3843, Friday, February 8, 2013. The viewing will begin at 9 AM and the Mass will be held at 10:00 AM. Immediately following the service, Cindy and Steve Nestor will host a reception for Marge at their home at 21036 N 102nd Street, Scottsdale, Arizona, 85255.

Marge had a charitable heart and would appreciate any contribution to a wonderful non-profit organization that provides amazing activities for her granddaughter Katelin. We appreciate any donation to: Chaparral High School Best Buddies Club. Address: Chaparral High School, 6935 E. Gold Dust Avenue, Scottsdale, AZ 85253, (480)484-6500, <http://susd.chaparral.schoolfusion.us/> then search "Best Buddies".