



Marcella L. Haluska

March 25, 1929 - July 9, 2013

Marcella Louise Warner Haluska, age 84 of Albia, made her transition Tuesday, July 9, 2013, due to complications from Parkinson's disease, under the care of Monroe County Hospice at Monroe Care Center in Albia.

Marcella was born March 25, 1929 to Charles "Bud" and Gladys (Smith) Warner in Albia. She graduated from Albia High School and later married Robert John Haluska. She worked at Farm Bureau Insurance for 26 years and lived in Beaverville, Iowa for 30 years, before moving to Albia.

She lived her life by showing compassion, love and tolerance for all people. She will be forever in our hearts.

She was loved by her longtime companion Philip "Nonny" Papich; children, Linda Haluska-Saylor of St Louis, MO, Julie Haluska of Dallas, TX and John and Charlene Haluska of West Des Moines; grandchildren, Jennifer Saylor, Matthew Saylor, John Paul Saylor, Debbie Malone, Patricia Voigt and Michael Voigt; and loving sisters, Marjorie Warner Rowe and Margaret Warner Stewart of Albia.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert J. Haluska, and parents, Charles Warner and Gladys May Smith Warner.

As was Marcella's wish, her body has been cremated and there will be a private family memorial.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Monroe County Hospital or Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research.

Tribute Wall



“ *She was always 'Grandma' to me, and while I didn't get to know her as much as I wanted to, I do get to know her through my mom and her stories about her. I can remember visiting her in Albia many times when I was a kid and still remember that playground right across the street from her house. I've been doing some genealogy work on FamilySearch.org and Ancestry.com and that's when I found this site. So, I just wanted to stop here to say I love you grandma.*

John Paul Saylor - July 02, 2023 at 04:43 AM



“ *Marcella L. Haluska*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



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January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *Miss my mom every day*

Linda haluska saylor - May 01, 2019 at 10:25 AM

LD

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CI

“ I am so very blessed to have such wonderful memories of Marcella and her many visits to Evanston, and our many visits to Albia. What a truly lovely person she was...kind, loving, compassionate, and yes, even fiesty at times, AND that giant smile of hers - especially noted when I would bring some of my Dad's homemade wine for her and Nonny! :-) I witnessed firsthand her devotion and love to her children...she was their biggest supporter indeed. You will be missed, Marcella. You brought me many smiles when you sent cards and letters these past few years...a testament that although I have not seen you in person, your spirit and love have truly remained in my heart. My sympathy and love to Julie, John, Linda and to the rest of Marcella's family.

Carol Mensinger - Evanston, IL - July 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ She was such a good friend of my sisters, Elinor and Margeret. I remember how very pretty she was and she always was so poised and pleasent. she was a special person and will be missed. I'm sorry that I didn't know she was at Monroe Care Center where my sister Margeret is. I certainly would have looked in on her.

Bernard Judge - California City, CA - Friend - July 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Margaret we just learned of your sister's passing and want to extend our sympathy to you.

Jim and Alyce Chance - Manilla, IA - friend of Sister Margaret - July 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *My Mother was an a wonderful person. She showed grace, love, compassion and tolerance for all people.
If you ever met her you would know unconditional love.
I miss you Mom, but you will always be in my heart.*

Julie Haluska - Dallas, TX - Daughter - July 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ *To all of Marcella's family I extend my sympathy. I had the privilege and pleasure to be part of Marcella's health care for many years while working with Dr. Randall at the clinic. I can honestly say Marcella always MADE ME FEEL BETTER when she came in...she always complimented me on something! We had good conversations over the years and I certainly enjoyed her unique sense of humor, her stubbornness and feisty ways. I hadn't seen her since my retirement the first of the year but did visit with Nonny several times at church and I was sad to learn of her failing health. I will miss seeing her again.*

Patty Hannam

Patty Hannam - Albia, IA - Frien - July 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ Mom was the perfect mother to her three children. Each of us has our special memories. Some of mine include meeting her at the bus after work just because I couldn't wait to see her! Mom and her mom (darling Memo) made sure we got tickets to see The Beatles. She like Ringo best! Mom went to a Paul McCartney concert w/my husband, Tommie. My kind, gentle Mom gave a security guard what for when everyone stood on their chairs and we could no see anymore. Needless to say, we were moved so close we could see the Levi's logo on Paul's jeans. Mom loved us all and I probably got my sense of humor from her. She recently told me you are as young as you think you are and to enjoy every day. I only hope I have been half the Mom my mom always has been. Love you forever, Linda

Linda Haluska Saylor - St Louis, MO - Daughter - July 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Miss you Grandma.. Remember watching Jaws with me and Grandpa! Who would have though that movie would have memories with it. Still one of my favorites..

Jennifer - Des Moines, IA - Granddaughter - July 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Marcella thank you for letting me tag around with you and Nonny when I was a kid. You're a true gem and now you're a free lady. We pray you rest in peace now as in the hopes of rising again. God bless and keep you dear Lady.
Love You Marcella
Dave

Dave Papich - Norwalk, IA - Friend - July 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TI

“ Marcella,

You were a wonderful woman to be around. God bless you and your family. You will forever be in our hearts and prayers. With much love.

Tom & Keli Papich Family

Tom Papich - Waukee, IA - July 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM