



Marie Votta Swanson

August 6, 1927 - July 5, 2024

Marie, 97, of Coal City, died peacefully at home on July 5.

She was born on August 6, 1927, to Albert Votta and Kathryn Vaira Votta of Braidwood, Illinois.

Marie attended Braidwood High School, class of 1945, and was active in arranging all her class reunions.

She married Ernest Swanson in 1951 and they had one daughter, Denise Swanson Stybr.

Marie worked hard all her life. Her first job was at the Royal Blue grocery store in Braidwood while she was still in high school. She also worked at the Boston Store in Joliet, Grinchuck Pants Factory, and owned her own clothing boutique. In 1976, Marie became a police, fire, and emergency dispatcher for the municipality of Coal City. She remained there until her retirement in 1987. Marie was known for her amazing cooking and baking. Her specialties were bagna cauda, polenta, lemon squares and rum cake.

She was a member of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church in Coal City, where she was very active with the Martha's Parish Funeral Luncheon Committee.

Marie is survived by her daughter, Denise, her son-in-law, Dave, her brother, Albert Votta, her sister-in-law Naomi Bianchetta her brother-in-law, Gene Bianchetta, her best friend and cousin Mary Kay Decker, and her loving caregiver, Mary Lynn Grimes, as well as numerous beloved nieces, nephews, and extended family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Albert and Kathryn Votta, her husband, Ernie Swanson, her brother Joseph Votta, her sisters-in-law, Rosella Votta, Wilma Votta, Dolores (Pooch) Swanson, Avis Brancato, and LaVerne Kelly, and her brothers-in-law, William Swanson, Sam Brancato, and Fritz Kelly. As well as her best friends, Dorothy Snyder, Marge Broucek, Lori Rink, and Esther Knorr.

Visitation will be Thursday, July 11 from 4-7 p.m. at Patterson's Funeral Home in Braidwood.

Funeral services will be Friday, July 12, 2024 at 10:30 p.m. at Patterson's Funeral Home in Braidwood with Father Scott McCawley officiating.

Interment will follow at Braceville-Gardner Cemetery.

Memorial donations in her name may be directed to the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Jude's Hospital for Children, or Shiner's Hospital for Children.

Cemetery Details

Braceville-Gardner Cemetery

7295 W. Braceville Road
Braceville, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 11. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home
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Service

JUL 12. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

PM

“ Sending my condolences to you, Denise and Dave. Your Mom lived a long fulfilling life. But, so very hard to say good bye to your mom. I can imagine she was proud of your accomplishments, which are many. I'd love to hear from you again. Our cozy mystery club at the library here in Wilmington read your first published novel this month. It sounds like in many ways, you were like your mother. May her soul rest in eternal peace. Pamela Mowers

Pamela Mowers - July 26, 2024 at 03:43 PM

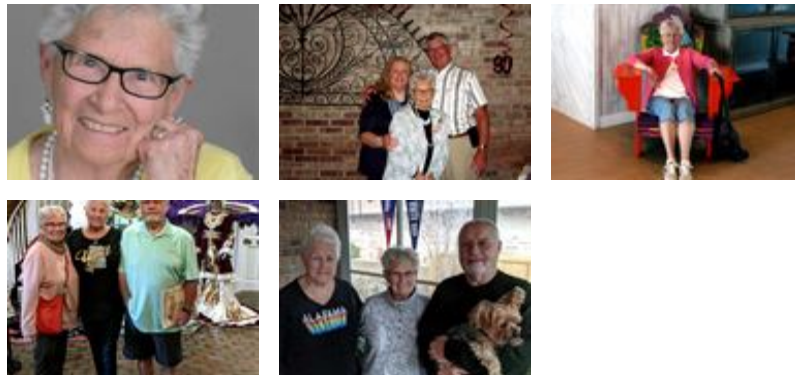
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“ My sincerest condolences, Denise. I have memories of your mother always having the most pleasant demeanor and a constant smile. I loved the pictures you shared. Quite a lady. Michelle Fedash

Michelle Fedash - July 22, 2024 at 07:23 AM



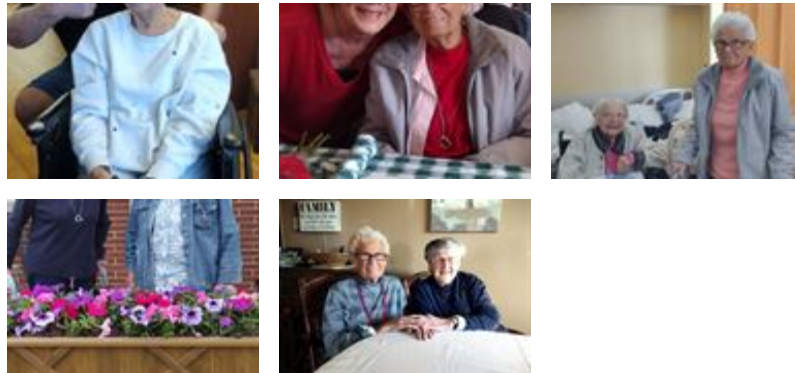
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R W Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. - July 10, 2024 at 10:30 AM



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R W Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. - July 08, 2024 at 04:11 PM

JP

“ We're sorry to hear of your mom's passing, Denise. Sending our condolences to both you and Dave.

Sincerely,

Jennifer and David Pantaleone

Jennifer Pantaleone - July 08, 2024 at 01:42 PM

CS

“ It is sad to hear of Marie passing. She was such a wonderful person. Marie and Ernie were in my parents wedding and were very good friends. I recall the times as a youngster our family going to visit Marie, Ernie, and Denise for bagna cauda. It was a treat for us and so delicious. Over the years it was great to meet up with Marie. She was always cheerful and full of life! She will be missed! Our sympathy and prayers are with Marie, Denise, and the entire family. RIP Marie Swanson.

Chuck and Arta Snyder

Charles Snyder - July 06, 2024 at 07:23 PM

CH

“ I was so sorry to see that Marie has passed away. I went on many bus trips with her and Marge They were always fun to be with “ a laugh a minute”. They were always willing to explore everything. Sending sympathy and prayers to the family. Rest in peace Marie!!

Charl Hicks - July 06, 2024 at 02:06 PM