



Margaret Parsons

December 23, 1919 - September 6, 2012

PARSONS, MARGARET E. BILYEU Age 92, was born in Powhatan Point, Ohio, on December 23, 1919, to Emmett and Beryl Massey Bilyeu. She passed away on September 6, 2012, to be with the Lord and her loved ones who had passed over before: husband, Jack Glenn Parsons; daughter, Jackie Ann Parsons Batdorf and son-in-law Joseph Batdorf; sister, Eileen Bilyeu Heath; brother, Emmett Bilyeu. She is survived by: her son and caregiver during the last seven years of her life, Jerry Dee Parsons; sister Nelda Muhleman of Dublin, Ohio; grandchildren Robbie Minarcin, Susan Minarcin, Jeremy Batdorf (Mikala), all of California; Kari Lynn Parsons Cropper (Eddie) of Wichita, Kansas, and Jay Dee Parsons, currently serving in the US Army in Afghanistan; eight great-children; numerous nieces and nephews. Marge graduated from St. Clairsville (Ohio) High School in 1937 and earned her Nursing Degree at Ohio Valley Nursing School in 1939. She then joined the Army Nurse Corps, and proudly served until she married Jack in 1942 just weeks after the attack on Pearl Harbor, whereupon she was honorably discharged. After the war, Jack's Army career took them to several locations nationwide and to Germany. The family finally retired to Albuquerque in 1957, where Marge became employed at Sandia Base, which is now Kirtland Air Force Base Hospital. She was one of the first three Registered Nurses in the country in 1973 to be awarded the duties of Nurse Practitioner, a newly formed position. Her knowledge and professionalism at KAFB's OB-GYN Clinic became well-known among thousands of military women and wives and

their families. Everyone wanted “Mrs. P” as their “doctor” because of her kindness, patience, straight-talking manner, and her caring nature. Serving others, making life better, and calming fears, was her goal in the job she loved so dearly. After she retired in 1982, she taught prenatal classes for a few years, and also served as a volunteer on the local Community Corrections Panel with the State Department of Corrections. She became somewhat of a celebrity during the Gulf War in 1991 when she was interviewed by Channel 7 News, after requesting that the Army should send her to Saudi Arabia instead of a younger nurse who may have to leave a family behind if activated. “Mrs. P” was known for her good sense of humor as well as her sharp wit, and never met a stranger, charming everyone who came in contact with her. Funeral arrangements are being conducted through French Mortuary, 10500 Lomas NE, with Elder Mary Jaynes officiating. Viewing will take place at French ~ Lomas Chapel from 5:00 to 7:00 pm Wednesday, September 12, 2012. Funeral Ceremony will take place at 10:00 am Thursday, September 13, 2012. Burial will be at the Santa Fe National Cemetery at 12:45 pm following the funeral service. Please visit our online guestbook for Margaret at RememberTheirStory.com FRENCH10500 Lomas Blvd. NE (505) 275-3500

Tribute Wall

AD

“ It makes me sad to know the world has lost this wonderful human being...I always looked for you to step outside your door whenever I walked past, ready to greet me with a smile and a story or two of your nursing days. My thoughts and prayers are with Jerry and the rest of the family. Rest in peace, Marge.

Aggie Dagucon - September 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VS

“ When I was little, Mrs Parsons let me help her do yard work, when I was older, she let us rake her leaves in her cement front yard so we could roller skate through the paths we made, when I was a teen, she let me park my car there so it would be off the street, and she was there when my baby daughter needed stitches in her forehead. I thank God for her patience, wisdom and love of children. V

Vivian Gonzalez Spinn - September 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NW

“ I only met Marge a couple of times, many years ago, but she left such a lasting impression on me. She was an amazing lady and my heart goes out to her family.

Nancy Kuhnert Woods - September 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Aunt Margie was a must-see anytime I was in the Albuquerque area. I was always so excited to see her. She was a straight shooter with a great sense of humor. Always had fun visits. The first time I heard her use the term 'cranialrectumitis' I fell out of my chair. That was over 20 years ago and I still use it. Love you, Aunt Margie

Joe Bellinger - September 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Marge left a lasting memory with me as a fun-loving soul. She knew how to live life to its fullest. Here's to a life well lived, Marge!

Joyce Osta - September 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ER

“ My sympathy to all of the family. Marge worked in the OB clinic and I worked on the OB ward at Sandia/Kirtland so knew each other quite well as we were there all the same years. She was such fun and now she is up in heaven being every one's friend and keeping them laughing. Am out of town so will miss her service but she and the family will be in my thoughts and prayers. Ethel Lane, RN

Ethel Lane RN - September 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ On behalf of the French Family of Companies we express our deepest condolences.

Buck Dyck - September 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM