Marcella “Marcie” F. Pomeroy

Oct. 9, 1921 — April 9, 2015

Marcella “Marcie” F. Pomeroy, 93, of Winona entered the Kingdom of Heaven April 9, 2015, at Lake Winona Manor, where she had been a resident for nearly eight years. She slipped away peacefully, surrounded by her loving children.

She was born Oct. 9, 1921, in St. Louis, to William and Florence (Lanigan) Vogel and moved with the family to Winona when she was a young girl. She graduated from Winona Senior High School and began a career as a secretary.

Marcie and Frank Pomeroy were united in marriage Oct. 17, 1941, at St. Thomas Pro-Cathedral in Winona. Over the years, they had 12 children, the first son and daughter living only a few hours.

Marcie was a homemaker until the late 1960s, when she returned to work as a clerk at Montgomery Wards. While there, she brushed up on her secretarial skills and then had a long career in that field, first as secretary to the Registrar at St. Mary’s College, followed by many years as secretary to the Academic Dean at Winona State College, from which she retired.

As empty nesters, Marcie and Frank moved to Winhaven Court and loved being near the Cathedral, the Senior Center and downtown shops. They had an active social life at Winhaven, participating in card games, Bible study, exercise programs and other activities. Marcie was a woman of great faith and attended Mass frequently. She always put the needs of others before herself, and there was always room for one more person at the dining table, often extending to short or long-term stays with the family. The Pomeroy home became a gathering place for many friends of the children, leading to the often-told tale that the grass could never grow because there was always a ball game going on in the yard.

Marcie is survived by her children, Pat Knee, Frank (Patty Jo), Dan (Julie Schoener), David (Kathy), Jim (Kathy), Joe (Barb), all of Winona, Eileen (Lou) DeLario of Rochester, N.Y., Bob (Betty) of Pompano Beach, Fla., and Buffalo City, Wis., Mary (Verdonn) LeFevere of Vinton, Iowa, and Diane (Bruce DeFries) Kaste of Trempealeau; 22 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister, Lorraine Anderson of Randolph, Minn.; cousins; nieces; nephews; and great-nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her parents; husband, Frank, in 2000; brothers, Kenneth and William Vogel; sister, Bernice Vogel; infant son, Joseph; and infant daughter, Mary. She was also preceded in death by her sons-in-law, David Kaste and Bill Knee.
The light of her soul will live on in our hearts forever. Marcie was loved by all who knew her. She was not only a mother to her own ten children, but also a compassionate listener who opened her heart to all her children’s friends as well. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Marcie’s family is very grateful to the staff of Lake Winona Manor for their loving and compassionate care for nearly eight years, to Hoff Funeral Home for assisting with arrangements, and to Msgr. Richard Colletti and the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, mother’s home parish for most of her life.

In lieu of flowers, the family will be arranging memorials.

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday, April 13, at Hoff Celebration of Life Center in Goodview. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 14, at Cathedral of the Sacred Heart with visitation one hour prior. The Rev. Msgr. Richard Colletti will officiate. Marcie will be laid to rest in St. Mary’s Cemetery in Winona.

Please share a memory of Marcie with her family and view her video tribute at www.hofffuneral.com.

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