



Vajen Margaret

October 27, 2010

Margaret Ann Vajen, 85, of Napoleon, OH died Wednesday evening, October 27, 2010 at the Golden Living Center - Northcrest in Napoleon. She was born March 27, 1925 in Napoleon to the late Franklin "Lee" & Esther (Hornung) Franz. In 1945, she married Robert Vajen at the St. John UCC Church, Holgate. Margaret was a homemaker, who raised 7 children, Susan (George) Huber of Overland Park KS, Dr. Thomas (Mary Jane) Vajen of Lancaster, OH, Margo (Joe) Pichotta of Barrington, IL, Gwen Rohrbaugh of Napoleon, Jan (Susan) Vajen of Sylvania, Kevin (Tammy) Vajen of Napoleon, and Denise (David Chrislip) Vajen of Cincinnati, OH. She also helped her husband run their family business, "The Idle Hour" in Napoleon from the late 50s thru the 60s, managed the family farm for over 25 years, worked for Home Oil and United Telephone in Napoleon, and the Ohio Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation in Defiance for over 16 years. Margaret was a life member of the St. John UCC Church and its organist for over 25 years. She was also a former Florida American Legion Auxiliary member and a Holgate Eastern Star member. Those who knew Margaret Ann know she most enjoyed her role as Grandma Vajen to her 24 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren, to whom she will always be the legendary game player, head pizza chef and spirited joke-teller. Besides her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, Robert in 1975; an infant daughter; and a brother, Franklin "Bud" Franz. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, November 6, 2010 at St. John UCC Church, Holgate with Pastor Jane Hillman officiating. Interment will

follow at the church cemetery. Visitation will be held on Friday from 2-8 p.m. at the Rodenberger Funeral Home in Napoleon and Saturday from 10 - 11 a.m. at the church. The family suggests memorials to the St. John UCC Organ Fund, Arthritis Foundation, or a charity of the donor's choice.

Tribute Wall



“ There are no words to describe the feeling of loss when a loved one moves on to the next life. My love and prayers are with your family.##imported-begin##Debbie Tucker##imported-end##

November 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Hi, Our thoughts and prayers to you and your family. In my Sermon at St John's in Sept. I mentioned your Mother and the music program which was so instrumental in our lives. Likewise She and Susan played at my Ordination in June 1969. What wonderful memories!!##imported-begin##Marvin&brenda Rettig##imported-end##

November 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Vajen family, your are all in my thoughts and prayers. She will always be a inspiration to me. She will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Julie Dominique##imported-end##

November 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Denise and family, Your Mom and Dad are together with all the ones that went before us. Oh that joy, that beauty when we see them again! Did you ever wonder why the sky has so many stars? They are beams of light from our loved ones who are in the heaven above shinning their love down upon us! Your Mother was a star here on earth and in now in the heavens above! I have fond memories of her! Much love to the entire Vajen family. Sincerely,Charles (Chuck)Fruth.##imported-begin##Charles Fruth##imported-end##

November 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Denise and the entire family: I saw your mom back in May as I was poking around Northcrest. We had such a nice chat and she caught me up on all your doings. Deepest sympathy to you and your family.##imported-begin##Ellie Stough Cichocki##imported-end##

November 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Denise and the Vajen family, Please accept my heartfelt condolences on the loss of your mom. I have many warm memories of her and her kindness toward me as an awkward teenager. I trust that your memories of her will bring you comfort at this time. Amy##imported-begin##Amy Heaston##imported-end##

November 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Denise - know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.Lynn and Terry##imported-begin##Lynn Daum##imported-end##

October 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ We share the sadness of your loss. Margaret was such an example of someone who had a very strong spirit. I believed her pain was unbearable at times, but she seemed to know she was more than her body,so she moved on with strength until she could not. What a lady. Our best to the family. Joan and Russ##imported-begin##Joan And Russ Howard##imported-end##

October 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Vajen Family May God be with all of you at this time. You have our sincere sympathy.##imported-begin##Bob And Joyce Klausing##imported-end##

October 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Vajen Family I extend my deepest sympathy on the death of Margaret Ann. May she be resting in peace. You are all in my prayers that you will be comforted at this time of loss. Blessins! Sister Helena##imported-begin##Sister Helena Young##imported-end##

October 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Denise and family, There are so many words that one can say at a moment like this but too few of them can truly bring you comfort compared to the loss you must feel. I'm so very sorry to hear of your mother's passing and hope that in the very near future her memory becomes replaced with joy and celebration versus the pain you must feel currently. So many people know and love your family and Maggie was the proud matriarch of the fabric that makes up the Vajen family tapestry. Love and peace to all of you and may Maggie truly rest in peace.##imported-begin##Norbert Howe##imported-end##

October 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM