



Marla Ann Peterson

June 17, 1937 - May 15, 2023

Marla Ann Peterson, 85, of Rockford went to be with her Lord and Savior on May 15, 2023. She was born June 17, 1937, in Keosauqua, IA, to Leo Cecil and Mildred Noreen (Bunker) Bankson. She married her sweetheart Jack Donald Peterson on September 20, 1952 in Rock Island, IL. They celebrated 70 years of marriage in 2022. Marla was a homemaker and a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She had the gift of hospitality and hosted numerous family events over the years. Marla's presence in the room made everyone welcome, and fellowship with other Christians was very important to her. She was gifted in music and blessed with a beautiful singing voice. Marla's actions spoke clearly of her love for God and her family and of what she valued in life. Survived by her husband, Jack; her sons, (all of whom were her favorite) Steven (Kathy), Hans (Kim), Scott (Sharon), Kerry (Jill), Tim (Rebecca), Eric (LeAnn); 26 grandchildren, 40 great-grandchildren; brother, Michael (Penny) Bankson; nieces, nephews, cousins, her husband's extended family and her beloved Yorkie, Allie.

Preceded in death by her parents, sister, Donna Tweed, and close friend, Paula DeRosso. Celebration of Life and sharing of memories to be held June 5, 2023 from 2 pm to 5 pm at Rock Church, 6732 Harrison Ave., Rockford. Graveside service in Arlington Memorial Park at 10 am for family and friends.

Grace Funeral &

Cremation Services is assisting the family. Share a memory or condolence at www.graceFH.com. In lieu of flowers, please honor your favorite charity.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 5. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Rock Church
6732 Harrison Ave
Rockford, IL 61108

Tribute Wall



“ Grace Funeral & Cremation Services created a Webcast in memory of Marla Ann Peterson



Grace Funeral & Cremation Services - June 05, 2023 at 05:48 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marla Ann Peterson.



June 03, 2023 at 03:34 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marla Ann Peterson.



June 02, 2023 at 03:21 PM