



Maxine Audrey Bechtold

February 23, 1924 - March 6, 2012

Dateline: Godfrey

Maxine Audrey Bechtold, 88, died at 11:55 p.m. Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at Alton Memorial Hospital. Born February 23, 1924 in St. Louis, MO, she was the daughter of Richard and Susetta (Harrington) Burk. She was a member of the Godfrey First United Methodist Church and the Eastern Star Bethalto Chapter 847. Maxine always had a positive outlook on life. She always had a smile for everyone she met. On November 2, 1946 in Alton, she married Francis M. Bechtold. He preceded her in death on October 12, 2006.

Surviving is a daughter, Martha "Marty" McKay (Noel) of Godfrey, two sons, Larry F. Bechtold of Alton, and Gary R. Bechtold of Godfrey, five grandchildren and their spouses, Brad and Lisa Bechtold, Bryan and Stephanie Bechtold, Jamie and Andy Toolen, Marla and Keith Bryan, and Sean Bechtold, eight great grandchildren, Alec Losch, Blake, Piercyn, Reese, and Brody Bechtold, Mia, Brynna, and Keegan Toolen. She was preceded in death by her husband and a brother, Richard Burk. Visitation will be from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Friday, March 9, 2012 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton where funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, March 10, 2012. Burial will be at St. Michael's Cemetery. Reverend Don E. Long Jr. will officiate. Memorials may be made to the Godfrey First United Methodist Church.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Maxine Audrey Bechtold*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Maxine Audrey Bechtold*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *I was so sorry to learn that you must grieve this loss. I remember Maxine and Francis fondly. They were 'extra parents' to the neighborhood kids, and were wonderful neighbors to our family. I remember them chatting with my parents in our respective back yards. Please know that you are supported in prayer during this time.*

Laura Sanders Gill - March 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *There is so much good to say about Maxine .Everything she did was with dignity. I will cherish her as a neighbor, friend and someone special to all. Thanks Max for being you.*

Don and Mary Fox - March 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Thinking about you with deepest sympathy to you and your family and we share in your loss and your sorrow. She was a wonderful lady. She will be missed. Love, Lisa & Steve Grammer.*

Lisa & Steve Grammer - March 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ WHAT BEAUTIFUL MEMORIES I HAVE TO REMEMBER YOU BY ALL THE LOVE WE HAVE SHARED WITH OUR EACH OTHER AND OUR FAMILIES THANKS

LAURA BECHTOLD - March 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Maxine was a wonderful lady and I so appreciated the smile she always wore. Her kindness was unending as well as her love for people. Rest in peace dear Maxine!

Sue (Depper) Reis - March 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ Will miss Aunt Max greatly! She was a wonderful woman. Thoughts and prayers to all.

Erin Miles - March 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ Maxine has been a long time patient, I will miss that smile and the "hard times " she said she liked to give me, although they more fun for me. She shared stories and my moms name. My thoughts are with her family during this time of loss. She will be missed.

Bruce Brueggemann (Kmart pharmacy) - March 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ So happy I got to spend time with you on your birthday. Hope you enjoyed the cinnamon/raisin bread I made for you. Love you Aunt Max, will miss you, Enjoy your time now with Uncle Dudley!

Pat & Marcia Wheeler - March 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ I was truly blessed the day that I met Maxine. She flagged me down walking my dog around the neighborhood. She said she just "had to pet that cute little dog" and from that day forward, she always gave credit to Buddy for bringing us together as friends.

I doubt that I will find another person that is so quick with a smile and always had a kind word about everybody. I loved listening to her stories about camping, being a CB'er, the kids growing up and how she met her husband.

She always told me how much I helped her through her hard times. Little did she know how much she helped me! I'll never have another friend that is as special.

Max will be truly missed by a great many people. Heaven couldn't ask for a sweeter angel!

Tess and Arlyn McCormick - March 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Grandma there is nothing you wouldn't do for somebody in need. You were very loving and caring for everyone you have ever met and everybody that met you never forgot you. You have to be the best grandmother anybody could ever have. I love you and miss you very much.

Jaime Toolen - March 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM