



## Marianna P. Houghtaling

May 13, 2011

Marianna Houghtaling, 78, of Camillus passed away peacefully at home following short illness. Born in Minot, ND she worked for 27 years at Stonehedge Elementary School. She is a member of Christ Community Church and enjoyed sewing and drama. Marianna was predeceased by her brother E. William Preston. She is survived by her husband of 58 years David; two daughters Nancy (Joel) Cure and Nora (Chris) Siracusa; a son Brad (Theresa) Houghtaling, a brother Marlyn (Harriet) Preston; a sister Karin (Herb) Nemier; nine grandchildren Nicole, Matt, Tyler, James, David, Jessica, Amanda, Sierra, and Shana. Calling hours are 5 to 8 pm Tuesday at B.L. Bush & Sons, 10 Main St., in village of Camillus. Services are 11 am Wednesday at the Christ Community Church, 3644 Warners Rd., Syracuse. Burial will be in Belle Isle Cemetery. Contributions in lieu of flowers may be made to Christ Community Church, 3644 Warners Rd, Syracuse, NY 13209. Please sign her guestbook at [www.BLBUSH.com](http://www.BLBUSH.com)

# Tribute Wall

PM

“ To the Houghtaling family, I was so saddened to read of Marianna's passing. I was fortunate enough to share time with her as both a student and teacher at Stonehedge and as her driver to Stonehedge Reunion Luncheons. I will miss her kindness, caring, and all the wonderful stories of your family, past and present. She was a role model for many, and I am thankful to have been able to spend time with her to glean some of her wisdom. My condolences to all of you.

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**Patti Moore-Wleklinski** - May 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Marianna was always willing to tackle and solve any problem with her great organization (Post-its on her wrist!), search and find skills, and her trusty screwdriver. She worked and lived with a special graciousness. I will remember her "Thank you kindly", and the warm smile she gave to everyone at Stonehedge.

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**Sharon Hayford** - May 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ I was so sorry to hear of Marianna's passing, but we all know that she is with the Lord. I believe that my husband and I began to go to Christ Church in 2005 because Marianna was greeting us each Sunday. She remembered who we were each Sunday when we came back and made us feel welcome and as though we would be missed if we did not come. I am sure she made a lot of people feel that way through the years. What a wonderful Godly woman.

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**Meg Schultz** - May 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Dear Dave and Family, We are very sorry to hear of Marianna's passing. She was a shining light to all, and especially to me. I don't believe I have ever seen her not smiling. Mom and Dad send their Love and Prayers to each of you and your wonderful families. Mom just turned 90, Dad will too in November. They don't get out much, mostly just to see Dr. LaClair, then lunch at Wal Mart and a little shopping. I do what I can to help them and enjoy being there for them. When I see Marianna again I will ask to hear again the stories of moving from N. Dakota in the Model T, then A, and What is the proper way to pronounce MISSOURI. With our Love, John, Helen, Don & families

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**Don Woods** - May 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Dear Dave and Family, No one on earth knows how much I love Marianna...Dave I beleive you might be the only one who might be able to really understand. She was the most Godly Woman I have ever known in my 58 years of Life here on earth. A loving, compassionate Warrior of the Lord. She, Dave, Cathy and I had a very special relationship from day one that we beleive was ordained by God himself. Marianna now is in the presence of God and Cathy. I owe Marianna so much...her spirt was nothing short of God's himself in ministering to Cathy in her last days...I was blessed and very proud to call Marianna my "adoped Mother". She counsoled me, loved me, and advised me much in the transition to Cathy's promotion to Heaven. Well, Sharon and my girls ALL came to love you guys and they seen first hand how much Marianna loved me and my new family. I had not spoken to Marianna for a few years and last spoke to her several months ago and after sharing a urgent concern she said she would pray for me....Praise God that issue was answered by God..I told Marianna I love her not knowing I would not get another chance even to talk to her again... I heard of her plight only a day or so before her promotion and prayed she would not have to suffer like Cathy did and God answered.... Marianna, I am looking forward to seeing you and Cathy some day. I am working to see that all my family and friends will be in Heaven some day. Because of Marianna's encourage to do so, I still Greet at our church... Dave, know this that I am praying for you every day.... Love, Mark Bartolomeo

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Mark Bartolomeo - May 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ *Mr. Houghtaling and Family: I was so sorry to hear about Mrs. Houghtaling's passing. I so enjoyed being a neighbor of yours for the 3 years until my job was transferred to Michigan. She was such a kind person and made me feel so welcome when I moved into the neighborhood. I so enjoyed talking with her and could tell her great love of Jesus and her heart to serve Him. I will be praying for the whole family during this difficult time. Laurie LeBouef*

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**Laurie LeBouef** - May 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Marianna will be greatly missed at CCC. She was one of the first people I met when I came to the church. I remember her sweet smile and lovely voice. She was always ready to help and make you feel welcomed. I know this is a time of sadness, but it's also joy. The Lord has called her home. I know I will see her again in the future. My thoughts and prayers go out to you Dave and your family.*

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**Deborah Snyder** - May 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ *Dave, Nora, Nancy, Brad & Theresa, We are truly sorry for your loss and share in your grief. Marianna was such a warm hearted faithful woman. We were all so blessed to have shared our lives with her. She always had a smile and faithful repsonse for any situation. She has truly been an inpiration. She welcomed us all in her heart, her faith, her home and the house of God. She loved you all so much and loved to share the tales of David, her kids and especailly the pride of her grandchildren. She is in the best of hands now and I am sure she will be as much an angel on our shoulders in heaven as she was here with us. We are here for you. Rest asuured she is in your hearts forever. Love The Wilson's*

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**Tonya & Jim Wilson** - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

HP

“ Dear Nora, Chris and the girls, We are so very sorry for your loss. I know that this is such a difficult time. Please take comfort in knowing that others care. If there is anything we can do, just call. Nora, I am here for you, always!!!! I will talk to you soon. Love, Heather & Marty

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**Heather Puchta** - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ I am very sorry about Marianna's passing. She was a very special friend over the years at Stonehedge Elementary school. My condolences to the family during this very difficult time.

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**John W. Fleming** - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Dear Dave and Family...Our thoughts and prayers are with you for now, and the coming days. May the Lord fill this massive void in your lives with wonderful memories of Marianna. You and Marianna were probably the first ones to greet Don as he walked into the church in Syracuse in late 1996. You kept an eye on him until I could move there, and I appreciate that! We are so thankful the Lord was thinking of our needs when He crossed our paths at Immanuel. You are a treasure and we thank the Lord for our years of friendship! And we believe that Marianna is one of the new greeters at Heaven's gate.

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**Don/Susan Kavanaugh** - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *What can we say? Marianna worked her whole life as a servant for our Jesus! She is now with Him, and that makes our hearts happy. Please know how much we are going to miss her smile when we come into church, even in the midst of life's storms, she continued to serve with a smile and so much faith. She was a mentor to us, and a true example. Our prayer is that you all realize how much you are loved, and thought about during this most difficult time. We will carry on, because Marianna would want that, but we will certainly miss her so much. We love you all.*

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**Barbara, James, James B., Julia Soper** - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ *I only just met Marianna when Chris and I got together but I am so happy I did. She was a warm, godly woman who God did wonderful things through. She will be missed but I know I will see her in our heavenly home.*

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**John Luis Jr** - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NL

“ Dear Dave and family, We've been thinking of Marianna and praying for you so much these last couple days. I can't say enough about how you've invested your lives into the people at CCC and beyond. I feel safe to say that you and Marianna are one of a kind in your devotion to making people feel at home in the church there! Marianna was a true believer in Jesus Christ, and I bet she's thrilled to be in His presence now! She might even be telling the angels how to spruce up the place and make it more welcoming, I don't know. When I told Christa about her passing, she said, "oh yea, I remember she told me 'no running in the house of God!'" Then she laughed at the memory. Marianna took God's house seriously, and I love that! I could go on and on about our family's love for you both but will stop here. Marianna truly "set an example (for me) in speech, in life, in love, in faith, in purity." With love, Nancy Lain

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**Nancy Lain** - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM