Margaret Loebig, 75 Aug. 10, 1939 - May 2, 2015

SAN ANTONIO, TX - Margie Schmitz Loebig went to heaven on May 2, 11 p.m., 75 years young. Throughout her last days she encouraged her children and husband to, "Smile," remember that "it's all about love," and "all about the children." In her final moments she literally pointed to heaven and the angels and friends she saw waiting there.

Margie was born Margaret Ann Schmitz in Westphalia on August 10, 1939 to Alvin Schmitz. who played the violin and owned his own mechanic's garage, and Matilda Mumm, a post-mistress who also ran a 30-person secretarial corp. In 1957 Margie graduated valedictorian from a West-



phalia High School class of 5 students, two of whom were cousins, having left her mark as editor of the high school newspaper, top Latin scholar and star of many class plays. She graduated with a diploma in nursing from Mercy Hospital in Council Bluffs in conjunction with Creighton University.

Margie eventually met and fell in love with a dashing hospital administrator, Wilfred F. Loebig, Jr. (Bill), over a game of table tennis and the rest is history. They married on October 6, 1960 in Westphalia. For 51 of their 54 years of marriage Margie and Bill raised their 11 children: 2 "homemade" and 9 "store-bought" as Margie fondly described the adoptions. Bill's job involved over 6 cross-country moves--from Clovis, NM to Canton, OH -- which Margie gamely took in stride -- making each new journey an adventure and transforming each house into a beautiful and comfortable home for the family as well as for the many friends, family and clergy who visited. Vivacious and ever-welcoming, Margie filled the home with piano and accordion music, laughter, and the aromas of her delicious meals. She acted as neighborhood nurse, providing consultation to mothers and first-aid for minor injuries. Her compassion and love extended to the homeless, strangers who needed help, and many others.

Service was a natural extension of her deep faith and love for God. With Bill she taught CCD and confirmation classes, led marriage encounter groups, served Eucharist, edited the Right to Life newsletter, acted as piano accompanist for Mass and took local clergy under her wing. But her vocation and mission in life was loving her family well. Margie's lasting legacy is the long line of love made visible in her children and grandchil-

dren.

Margie is survived by her husband Bill, son Skip Loebig, his wife Heidi Loebig and their two children; son Brian Loebig, his wife Nicole Carter Loebig and their three children; daughter Mary Loebig Giles, her husband Tom Giles and their two children; daughter Margaret Boyd, her husband Damon Boyd and their five children, daughter Maria Haberle, her husband Brad and their child; son Blaise Loebig and his three children; daughter

Abigail Loebig and her three children; son Levi Loebig; daughter Annaliese Loebig; son Alex Loe-Micah Loebig.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Margie's favorite mission: St. Joseph's Indian School at stjo.org.

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