



## Marjorie Jean Jenkins-Rogler

April 18, 1934 - December 1, 2020

Marjorie Jean Jenkins Rogler, 86, of Carthage, MO passed away Tuesday, December 1, 2020, peacefully in her home surrounded by her loving family due to a massive stroke caused by COVID-19. Marge was the wife of Thomas Rogler, whom she married in Carthage in September 2012. She was born April 18, 1934 in Morrisonville, IL, to the late Samuel and Lela Rathgeber Jenkins.

Marge graduated from Morrisonville School District No. 1 at Morrisonville in 1951 where she participated in FHA, band, drama and chorus. She held many elected class officer positions throughout high school including president, vice president, treasurer and parliamentarian preparing her for her future career. She was a member of staff for the school yearbook and library.

Marge's considered her first "real" job to be at the Taxpayer's Federation of Illinois which began her lifelong interest in politics. She held an insurance license and worked in the industry for eight years before finding the perfect job at Carthage Water and Electric Plant where she began as an Office Manager and retired early as the Business Manager in 1999 to take care of a terminally ill family member. After this special person passed away, she decided to seek a second career at Southwest Missouri Bank working with senior lifestyles in the Trust Department. She finally "retired" in 2010. She always loved to work. She learned to love work on her family farm where she participated in all of

the regular farm chores plus advancing in 4-H at the local and state levels.

If you knew Marge, you knew she loved to stay busy by volunteering. She volunteered for years in the Silver Haired Legislature promoting conscientious legislative advocacy for Missouri's older adults. She has served on boards of the Carthage Chamber of Commerce, the Salvation Army, the United Way of Carthage, St. Luke's Nursing Center and the Carthage Community Foundation.

She was honored and awarded the Lion's Club Citizen of the Year, Missouri Public Utility Alliance Achievement Award, Athena Award (1994) from the Carthage Chamber of Commerce, Woman of Distinction by the Joplin Business Journal (2008), Grand Marshall of the Maple Leaf Parade (2008), two United Way awards for Outstanding Community Service (2006 & 2011), recognized with a Resolution by the Missouri House of Representatives and the State of Missouri Senate as the Carthage Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year (2011). Marge was also an active life member of Soroptimist International of Carthage, and always the first to volunteer, manning the door at their big fundraisers.

Marge was a member of First United Methodist Church where she was a past treasurer. She was an avid art collector of all mediums including paintings, carvings, clocks, literature, cookie jars and Christmas ornaments.

Those left to cherish her memory include two sons, Steve Ebe (Tamara Respass-Ebe) of Nashville, Tennessee, and Daniel Ebe of Wichita, Kansas; one grandson, Samuel Ebe of Nashville, one sister, Helen Jenkins Beckmier of Taylorville, Illinois, a host of nieces and nephews. She was also treasured by her stepchildren Clint Housh (April) of Ridgecrest, California, Susan Housh Slade of Naperville, Illinois, Kathy Rogler Fritts (Drew) of Carthage, Greg Rogler of Carthage and Jeff Rogler (Shala) of Kansas City, Missouri.

In addition to her parents, Marge was preceded in death by her stepmother, Ruby Stillwagon Jenkins, the father of her two sons, Dwight Ebe and her second husband Henry "Bo" Housh II; siblings, Ray Jenkins and Lorraine Jenkins Martin and stepson Todd Housh.

The family will not have funeral services due to the pandemic, but hopes to have a celebration of her life in 2021. Cremation is under the direction of Ulmer Funeral Home. In keeping with the aforementioned clock collecting and Marge's pragmatic planning, her ashes will be divided amongst her two sons and placed in small clocks to adorn their homes forevermore.

In lieu of flowers, please give generously to First United Methodist Church, 617 S. Main St. Carthage, MO 64836 or Carthage Area United Way, Inc., 616 W. Centennial Ave, Carthage, MO 64836

# Tribute Wall

BI

“ Marge was one of my mother's oldest and dearest friends, I always knew her as “Carthage Marge”. She was always so genuine and sweet. I remember visiting with her and the boys (Steve and Dan) growing up. My condolences to all of her friends and family.

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**Brian Ingoldsby** - May 18, 2021 at 11:49 PM

DL

“ Marge has been a part of my life since I was a little girl. She and my mother were good friends. After the tornado 2011, she was one of the first of many people to help us out. She gave us a gift card, which I use to buy a new bedspread. When I told her what I had purchased, she was just so happy to help. She will be missed for her smile and caring. My prays are with Steve and the rest of the family.

*Danna Lucas*

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**danna lucas** - December 06, 2020 at 03:59 PM

JC

“ Marge was a true blessing to all who knew her. Her positive, caring attitude was shared in so many ways. Tom, Steve and Dan we wish you peace and joy in many wonderful memories. She will always be loved in our hearts.

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**Janet R Chambers** - December 05, 2020 at 07:48 AM

AS

“ Dan - thinking of you & your family. Your mom was always so nice at the bank. What a beautiful lady.

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**Anne Stocker** - December 03, 2020 at 06:27 PM

LG

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Marge was so very kind and friendly. She will be missed.*



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**LISA L GRIFFITH** - December 03, 2020 at 11:41 AM

PO

“ *I got to know Marge when I was just a kid. The Ebes lived on the other corner of our block on Robertson in Carthage, and Steve was one of my very first close friends. She was so friendly and hospitable--always smiling--that I liked going over to see her almost as much as Steve. My last memory of her from my youth was when Steve had a band rehearsal in their living room when we were in seventh grade (I did not survive that rehearsal as a band member): she was encouraging, and I do believe she put out some food for us!*

*The last few times I saw her--she and Tom were part of a movie group that my parents were also in until the pandemic closed it down--she hadn't really changed a bit: smiling, friendly, and always curious about what we'd been up to. After my dad died in June, she was an important part of helping my mom cope.*

*She is going to be deeply missed, but her kind ways and wisdom will continue on in the hearts of her friends and family.*

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**Phil Overeem** - December 02, 2020 at 01:11 PM

GB

“ Tom, Steve, and Dan,

*My sincere condolences for your loss of Marge. I've known her for many years and have seen her many times sitting around my mom's kitchen table with her coffee friends. She has been so caring and helpful with my mom in recent years, always willing to be there to help a friend. She was a very special person and will be missed by all of her coffee friends.*

*Greg Bell*

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**Greg Bell** - December 02, 2020 at 10:14 AM

CM

“ *I had worked with Marge for several years at CW&EP. She was a very caring person that conducted business in an impressive manner always. She was a rare individual to say the least. Heaven gained a true angel! Marge will be greatly missed and I will always smile when I think of her. Farewell Marge! Your friend Curt!*

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**Curtis Maxwell** - December 01, 2020 at 02:32 PM

LD

*Farewell dear friend. Marge was my bridge teacher, teaching a foursome. Thank you Marge, still playing bridge and enjoying it! A great lifelong gift that I have attempted to pass on! Linda Duvall*

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**linda duvall** - December 01, 2020 at 10:29 PM

DE

*She was always a friendly face at SMB I hope you keep all the great memories you have of her*

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**debbie** - December 04, 2020 at 01:30 PM

MR

“ *My thoughts are with you as you pass thru this difficult time. Even tho I didn't have the privilege of knowing Marge well, the few times we were together I could tell she was a very special person. She always made me feel special and that she cared about me and what I was about. I know she was loved by so many and will be missed deeply .I am so sorry.*

*Marty*

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**Marty Rogler** - December 01, 2020 at 11:49 AM