



## Ms. Mary "Sisie" Margaret Cornish

September 18, 1934 - June 25, 2017

Ms. Mary Margaret "Sisie" Cornish, 82, of Peoria, IL passed away at 10 pm on Sunday, June 25, 2017 at Heartland Healthcare Center surrounded by her family.

Mary was born on September 18, 1934 in Peoria to Clara Mae (Thompson) and William "Bill" Harper Cornish. She accepted Christ at an early age at Friendship M. B. Church. Mary was a 1953 graduate of Peoria Central High School. Her first job was at State Hospital. Mary was a cashier at A&P for years. She retired from Caterpillar, Inc., after many years of service in 1995.

Mary leaves to cherish her most precious memories her loving and devoted brother and his wife, Loren and Frances Cornish of Peoria; a host of loving and devoted nieces, nephews grand and great; and a host of other relatives and friends who all adored Sisie. She is preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Ruth Jackson; three brothers, Herman Cornish, Marvin Cornish and Alvin Cornish; one step brother, John Metzger.

Funeral services will be held at 11 am, Monday, July 3, 2017 at Peoria Friendship Missionary Baptist Church with a visitation one hour prior beginning at 10 am. Host Pastor Rev. Dr. Claude E. Russell, Jr., Associate Pastor Eddie Jackson will officiate. Mary will be laid to rest at Historic Springdale Cemetery.

A special thanks to the Heartland Healthcare Center Staff for the exceptional care and abundance of love you devoted to Mary and extended to her family. The family wants to give a special thank you to the Hospice & Palliative Care "Compassus."

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online Condolences may be made at [SimonsMortuary.com](http://SimonsMortuary.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Historic Springdale Cemetery

3014 N. Prospect Road  
Peoria, IL 61603

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Peoria Friendship M.B. Church  
3828 N New York Ave.  
Peoria, IL 61614

## Funeral Service

JUL 3. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Peoria Friendship M.B. Church  
3828 N New York Ave.  
Peoria, IL 61614

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Mary "Sisie" Margaret Cornish*



**Simons Mortuary** - July 05, 2017 at 11:35 AM

JS

*Love you always..Aunt Sisie.  
Joy Smith, Indpls, In.*

**Joyce marie smith** - May 26, 2020 at 09:29 PM



“ *Ms. Mary "Sisie" Margaret Cornish*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Ms. Mary "Sisie" Margaret Cornish*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM

TF

“ *The Kelley Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mary "Sisie" Margaret Cornish*



**The Kelley Family** - July 05, 2017 at 02:14 PM

TS

“ *2 files added to the album New Album Name*



**TSM** - July 04, 2017 at 01:44 PM

NB

“ Sisie babysat for me a few times. My name is Nickey (Filzen) Ballman. I was raised at 1906 N. Broadway. My parents' names were Nick & Mildred Filzen. We lived at the 2nd house from the corner which is where the Owen family lived (on Nebraska & Broadway). I remember Sisie walking with me & holding my hand on occasion when she babysat for me. I remember the Cornish family well. They are good people. My singing group sang at the assisted living home up by ICC about a yr (?) ago. There was a little lady in wheel chair sitting up front. I said hi to her after we finished singing. I asked her name of which she replied Mary Cornish, that people called her Sisie. I do believe that nothing is a coincidence. We chatted for quite a while. I told her my name which used to be Nickey Filzen & where my family lived. She said she remembered me.. I've never forgotten her since we visited that day. She asked me to come see her in her new assisted living place of which I can't remember the name.

*I've thought about her a lot since then but am so sorry to say I simply didn't take the time to go visit her. I wish to God I had. I'll never forget her. Please accept my deepest condolences.*

*Nickey (Filzen) Ballman*

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**Nickola Ballman** - July 03, 2017 at 04:26 PM

MC

“ I WILL NEVER EVER EVER STOP LOVING AND THINKING ABOUT YOU AUNTIE....#VANY

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**MARVAN G CORNISH** - July 02, 2017 at 04:47 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Ms. Mary "Sisie" Margaret Cornish.



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July 02, 2017 at 02:07 AM

CG

“ Me. Mary was such a sweetheart glad I was able to spend time with her & my mom they both are My Angels now..



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**Chere Blocker - Gordon** - July 01, 2017 at 08:13 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Ms. Mary "Sisie" Margaret Cornish.



July 01, 2017 at 04:41 PM

MS

“ Sisis was always as our sister in law we loved her dearly

Minnie Smith-Buckingham - June 29, 2017 at 07:57 PM

CD

“ To the Cornish family, our thoughts and love are with you. Mary Margaret was deffinitely special and one of a kind. She took a classmate's wife under her wing and made her feel wanted. Thank you for sharing this great LADY. Corny and Darlene Cornelius

Corny and Darlene - June 29, 2017 at 10:26 AM

JC

“ Aunt Sisie you was something else. I wish I could've seen you again before I deployed but at least we got to speak a few times since the last time I came home. You introduced me to ginger ale and daytime Soap Opera's. I can still hear you calling me Jermzeey. I love you Aunt Sisie.

Jeremiah Carey - June 29, 2017 at 10:04 AM

MA

“ I love Mary she always told me of her brother who name was Marvin as well. I will miss her she never let me pass her without saying hi. I wouldnt do it anyway. I will miss her deeply.

marvin alexander - June 28, 2017 at 10:48 PM

TW

“ Theresa And Richard Walker lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mary "Sisie" Margaret Cornish



Theresa and Richard Walker - June 28, 2017 at 10:28 PM

DB

“ Great lady who loved all her family like we all were her kids which we was. Love you auntie.

Demarco Bynum - June 28, 2017 at 09:10 PM

DB

“ Demarco Bynum lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mary "Sisie" Margaret Cornish



Demarco Bynum - June 28, 2017 at 09:08 PM

TI

“ Ms Mary will truly be missed

Tina - June 28, 2017 at 08:38 PM

SM

“ Stephanie And Marvin Moredock lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mary "Sisie" Margaret Cornish



Stephanie and Marvin Moredock - June 28, 2017 at 08:21 PM

MJ

“ Roses to a 🌹! You will be missed so much by so many people because you loved everyone that allowed you too. Sending love and prayers to the Cornish Family....my extended family!



Michelle Jones-Douglas - June 28, 2017 at 07:55 PM

VK

“ Loren (Frances) & Family - You have my sincere sympathy for the loss of your loved one. She was very caring & fun loving. Our Father has seen fit to call her home from all her earthly struggles. May He provide you with the comfort & strength you need during this time of sorrow.



Vickie King - June 28, 2017 at 08:39 AM

BE

“ *Belinda(Lynn)Spencer-Little lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mary "Sisie" Margaret Cornish*



**Belinda(Lynn)Spencer-Little** - June 28, 2017 at 12:05 AM



“ *To the Cornish family. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this most difficult time. May your memories bring you peace.*  
*I first met Ms Mary (aka) Aunt Sisie around 1975 hanging with her niece Angie. I was grown with kids of my own when I saw her again. Most recent the last two years at Heartland where she and my mom resided. She always had a smile on her face and I would go and chat with her every time I saw her. Bringing her tacos, empanadas and butter pecan ice cream. I'm going to miss her bright smiley face and when greeting me she always said hi baby. So soft you could barely here her. Aunt Sisie may you RIP and I will see you again one day. Love you.*



**Sharon Rudd-Collins** - June 27, 2017 at 11:38 PM

AL

“ *Annette Lucy lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mary "Sisie" Margaret Cornish*



**Annette Lucy** - June 27, 2017 at 11:12 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Mary "Sisie" Margaret Cornish.*



June 27, 2017 at 10:20 PM

EC

“ Susie was always a fun person who never met a stranger.  
Condolences to the family



evelyn tate clayton - June 27, 2017 at 09:30 PM

MC

“ ♥♥♥♥♥



Marvan Cornish - June 27, 2017 at 07:06 PM

MC

“ ♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥



Marvan Cornish - June 27, 2017 at 07:00 PM

MC

“ U will be missed Love Bug and please tell my daddy how much I Love & miss him. ♥♥♥..Marvan & The Boys....

Marvan Cornish - June 27, 2017 at 06:59 PM

TC

“ As I was informed of this sad transition today I have to leap for joy for the fact that Mary Margaret was my friend. She was a rare and precious jewel in my life that will stay polished in my memory always. One of my favorite memories is from the days that she was an election judge. I always received a hug and kiss before and after voting. It was returned with delight. A true lady of class as the last time we chatted via telephone she inquired about my life and rejoiced with the utmost of respect for my life choices. I will not say that my life is darker about her passing as she will always shine bright for me.

Tommy Carrigan, Pompano Beach, Florida

Tommy Carrigan - June 27, 2017 at 05:58 PM

KC

“*"Mary Margaret" was Known, Respected, and Loved by all of us kids (who are now wearing Great Grandma & Great Grandpa faces & white hair too) who went to school so many years ago with her. Oh! ~ many of our kids knew her, respected her & loved her too.*

*Two of her classmates ~ Kenny & Joan Barrer Carrigan & their children*

Kenny & Joan Carrigan - June 27, 2017 at 04:29 PM

TC

*Very well stated Dad.*

Tommy Carrigan - June 27, 2017 at 06:40 PM

NM

*The kitchen staff at Heartland Manor Care sends our deepest condolences and Ms. Mary will be truly missed by my staff!!!!*

Nieasha Mitchell - June 27, 2017 at 09:12 PM

JH

*SENDING CONDOLENCES TO LOREN (FRAN) CORNISH AND THE ENTIRE FAMILY ASKING GOD FOR STRENGTH SISIE IS IN A BETTER PLACE NOW.SHE WAS A SWEET LADY MAY SHE REST IN PEACE. LOVE, JOYCE KENNEDY HOWARD*

Joyce kennedy howard - June 28, 2017 at 01:39 PM

MD

*To the Cornish Family*

*It was a blessing and joy to know Aunt Sissy. She was a beautiful woman in the Lord, and stood tall with honesty and integrity. I remember her when I was modeling in the style show sometime ago for Janets Just For You. Aunt Sissy was outspoken, and did not tolerate any foolishness. She extended her love to everyone that came into contact with her, and never met a stranger. I am going to miss her smile and love, but she is now resting in her eternal home. Rest in Peace Aunt Sissy for your labor was not done in vain. Our blessings are to Mr. and Mrs. Loren Cornish and the entire Cornish family that God will sustain and comfort you in this difficult time. Love Melvin and Marjorie Kay Douglas (Williams)*

Marjorie Kay Douglas - July 05, 2017 at 03:35 PM