



Jane Frances Keegan was born July 21, 1934, in Hull, Iowa, the daughter of Clarence and Elvira (Schemmer) Keegan. She graduated from Rock Valley Public High School in 1952 and attended Briar Cliff College for Elementary Education.

Jane married Robert Richter on December 27, 1956, at St. Mary's in Rock Valley. They had six children who survive her.

They were married 49 years until Robert's death in September of 2006.

Mrs. Richter, as she was known professionally, taught for 33 years, spending 26 of them in the same first-grade classroom. Mrs. Richter was proud to teach a second generation of students, often welcoming the children of her former pupils into her classroom.

After retiring in 1994, Jane embraced her passions for travel, quilting, and time with her grandchildren. Alongside her sister, Mary Ellen, she explored destinations like Australia, Rome, Switzerland, Germany, and numerous U.S. landmarks. An award-winning quilter, Jane relished attending quilting shows nationwide. Jane passed away Monday, November 18, 2024, at Whispering Heights in Rock Valley at the age of 90.

Jane is survived by her six children: Mark (Tina) Richter of Davenport, Iowa; Steve Richter of Rock Valley; Margaret (Antonio) Chavez of Fort Worth, Texas; Mary (John) Reap of Flower Mound, Texas; Greg (Teri) Richter of Rock Valley; and Tim (Diane) Richter of Bentonville, Arkansas. She also leaves behind 16 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren, who were her greatest pride and joy. Additionally, Jane is survived by her siblings, Doris Kersbergen, James Keegan, and Michael Keegan.

Jane was preceded in death by her husband, Robert; daughter-in-law, Joyce Richter; grandchild, Kris Richter; brother, Robert Keegan; and two sisters, Mary Ellen Keegan and Helen Huffington.

The family would like to thank the staff members of Whispering Heights for the care they gave our mother in her final years.

In Loving Memory
Jane Frances Richter

July 21, 1934 ~ November 18, 2024

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL
10:30 AM, Friday, November 22, 2024
St. Mary's Catholic Church
Rock Valley, Iowa

CELEBRANTS

Father Mauro Sanchez
Father Douglas Klein

PASTORAL MINISTER

Sister Jodie Zimmerman

ACCOMPANIST

Shelli Rens

CANTOR

St. Mary's Choir

MUSICAL SELECTIONS

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

"Seek Ye First"

"Let There Be Peace"

"How Great Thou Art"

PALLBEARERS

Justin Richter ~ Drew Richter ~ Alex Richter
Pat Richter ~ Jamie Richter ~ Mark Chavez
Carlito Chavez ~ RJ Chavez ~ Keegan Reap

INURNMENT

St. Mary's Cemetery
Rock Valley, Iowa
(At a later date)

Jane's family invites everyone for a time of food and fellowship in the church basement immediately following the funeral mass.

*Prayer of
St. Francis of Assisi*

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and

it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

*The picture of the rose on the front cover is
Jane's signature rose used to label her quilts.*

