



Maxine Badger Allison

October 24, 1923 - June 11, 2022

Beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend, Maxine Badger Allison passed away on June 11, 2022. She was a longtime resident of Kankakee and her impact on those she knew will last far beyond her lifetime.

Maxine was born in Chillicothe, Ohio, on October 24, 1923. She was preceded in death by her parents, James Bastible, and Owen and Nellie Meredith, as well as her husbands, Dr. Max Badger (1966) and Dr. Charles Allison (1983). She was raised by her grandmother after her father died and had many stories to tell about growing up during the Depression.

A graduate of Good Samaritan Nursing School in Cincinnati, OH, Maxine worked as a nurse at the Veterans Hospital prior to her marriage to Dr. Max G. Badger on April 23, 1946. They moved from Ohio to Kankakee in 1946 where Dr. Badger established a veterinary practice. They had four daughters: Pamela Badger, Edina, MN; Marcia Buell, Western Springs, IL; Brenda (Mike) Bonser, New Braunfels, TX, and Diana (Paul) Murphy, Naperville, IL. She is survived by her daughters, 6 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Maxine is also survived by her stepdaughter, Jane Allison Harper of Denver, CO, as well as Jane's children and their families.

Maxine was widowed at the age of 43 and raised her four daughters as a single mother. She returned to nursing at Riverside Hospital, working in the operating room and recovery room, where she made lifelong friends. In 1979, she married Dr. Charles Allison and was blessed with a second family and step-daughter.

Maxine was an enthusiastic volunteer for Asbury United Methodist Church, the American Red Cross, the Kankakee Historical Museum, Riverside Medical Wives, Crusaders and P.E.O. She was a founding member of the WESU dinner group (Whoever Shows Up). She was an incredible mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend to so many. Maxine was usually the first person her friends called when they needed help, and she always

responded. She was the unofficial nurse on duty, changing dressings, giving her advice and lending a caring ear. She was a strong, nurturing woman who was a role model for her daughters, co-workers, and friends.

Maxine was a talented bridge player and loved card games of all kinds. She taught her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren how to play cards and Dominoes. Well into her 90's, she was unbeatable at Dominoes! Maxine was also an avid reader, challenging her daughters and friends to always have a new book for her to read and discuss. She was blessed to be able to read until her mid 90's. And then there was her pie making, a skill she imparted on her daughters that is always appreciated by friends and family. Maxine made a mean cherry pie!

Maxine's legacy stands as her great devotion to her family, friends, and community. She will be missed for her kindness, her patience, her incredible strength of character, and her loving ways.

Thank you to the caregivers at Riverside Senior Life, Uplifted Care Hospice, and her dedicated angels who spent many hours by her side during these past months.

A memorial service will be held at Asbury United Methodist Church on Wednesday, June 29, 2022. Visitation will be held at 9:30 a.m. at the church until the time of the service at 11:00 a.m. Interment will be at Memorial Gardens.

The family requests memorials to:

Riverside Hospital Foundation
350 N. Wall St. Kankakee, IL 60901

Asbury United Methodist Church
196 S. Harrison Ave. Kankakee, IL 60901

Uplifted Care Hospice of Kankakee Valley
482 Main Street NW. Bourbonnais, IL 60914

Cemetery Details

Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 South 3000 E. Rd.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JUN **29**. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Asbury United Methodist Church
196 S. Harrison
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 933-4408

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Tribute Wall



“ *Maxine Badger Allison*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *My mom and Maxine were childhood friends in Chillicothe. They grew up together in Chillicothe and both went to Good Samaritan Nursing School in Cincinnati. Maxine moved to Kankakee and mom stayed in Chillicothe. For as long as I can remember they would write letters to each other every week catching up on their lives. Whenever Maxine was in Chillicothe, they always made sure they saw each other. They had a wonderful friendship. My mom passed away in 2018 and Maxine would call me to see how we were doing. I will cherish those conversations. To Pam, Marcia, Brenda and Diana, thank you for sharing your mom with me. She will be greatly missed but I bet they are having a wonderful reunion now.*

Joyce Bigler - June 29, 2022 at 10:46 AM



“ *Jeff Korstick lit a candle in memory of Maxine Badger Allison*



Jeff Korstick - June 28, 2022 at 04:46 PM



“ *Where do I begin? I was blessed to have grown up with the best of the best backyard neighbor! The conversations, stories, advise, tricks & pranks (milk duds to act as poop for the geese porch statue). The cookies, pies, playing with her grandkids, her iconic voice, she was always welcoming... I was fortunate to have visited with her 5 years ago! I'm forever blessed! May she forever R.I.P.*



Kristin Sinopoli - June 26, 2022 at 06:55 PM

MW

“ I was a fairly new mother when I began working in the Recovery Room with Maxine in the 70's. She taught me many things, not just about nursing but about life. But best of all she shared her recipe "For the Crowd Casserole" with me. I make it often for my family and friends and think of her each time I do. She is a person that has left a footprint on my heart. I have such great memories of my time with her and her kindness. My condolences to the entire family

Marianne Wilson
Wentzville, MO

Marianne Wilson - June 25, 2022 at 07:51 AM

JG

“ Joseph Giacchino lit a candle in memory of Maxine Badger Allison



Joseph Giacchino - June 18, 2022 at 05:55 PM

AS

“ What does one say about Maxine..... she was always apart of our lives growing up. She had the most distinct voice, one that I can hear to this day. Maxine and her girls, who babysat for my brother and I(sorry. we were a handful-haunted houses and all of our shinanagins) were just the best. One of the memories I have of her home were the beautiful glass globes she had decorating her formal living room- all colors, I had never seen anything so gorgeous- each one, as I remember, had a story.
May you rest in peace Maxine- know you are loved and always remembered!
Love,
Amy Schreffler-Fenton

Amy Schreffler-Fenton - June 18, 2022 at 11:04 AM

EH

“ 28 years ago when Maxine and I were at a bridge table I don't think we ever imaged playing at a table in an Assisted Living Facility at 90+ years old!! But we did! And we played with and against each other all the years in between. My most sincere condolences to all. Elaine Holtzman

Elaine Holtzman - June 17, 2022 at 11:57 AM



“ *Bob Schneider lit a candle in memory of Maxine Badger Allison*



Bob Schneider - June 17, 2022 at 11:21 AM

JM

Maxine was a wonderful person a great nurse I worked with and my good friend. I will miss her
Joel N Slutsky MD

joel Slutsky MD - June 19, 2022 at 10:14 AM

CO

I loved making you smile, sweet Maxine! A remarkable woman that lived a remarkable life! ❤️❤️

Chris Orenbas - June 21, 2022 at 05:07 PM

LJ

Maxine worked w/ my parents at the hospital, and was also our neighbor when we were in K3. She was the always welcoming, hospitable and definitely one of a kind. What a legacy she leaves with her beloved family.

Letty Kampschroer Jocius - June 28, 2022 at 10:11 AM