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Martha Jane (Bronger) Exely, 90, of Pleasure Ridge Park, passed away peacefully at her home Monday, January 9, 2023, while being attended by family members. Martha was born in Germantown (in Louisville), KY. She attended St. Vincent DePaul School and Mercy Academy. She met the love of her life, Joseph Edward Exely, at a friend's party and were married September 30, 1950, at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. They were blessed with four wonderful children, Karen Lynn, Joseph Wayne, Robin Leigh and Bruce Edward. She worked as a certified comptometer prior to starting a family.

Martha loved her family very much and had always said she would do it (her life) all over again if she could; without changing a thing. She was a regular at the old Gremlins' Corner, belonged to the same Bunco Club for over 40 years and was an active member of St. Paul's parish. She was a member of St. Paul's Young at Heart Club, a dedicated worker at St. Paul's picnic, and a member of its Bereavement Committee. She enjoyed traveling with family and friends, gardening, canning, sewing, crocheting, working puzzles, reading, partying, going to St. Paul's adoration, collecting and praying for people on holy cards, getting dragged on adventures with her sidekick Jess, and celebrating with her family. She loved Christmas and has always hosted a

Christmas party for her entire family and friends. To this day, after decades of Christmases, the entire Bronger family continues to gather each Christmas. At the party, Martha has always loved helping Santa hand out gifts to the children. Martha traveled to St. Louis, MO often to visit Bruce and Leanne's family for family milestones, their annual Fourth of July party, and their annual Halloween party. Her humor and charm were beloved by all her St. Louis friends, both young and old.

She was known by many aliases including, The General (5 star), Sexpot, Sara Lee (due to her cooking), Grandma, and Aunt Martha to extended family. The family would also like to thank her niece and husband, Carol and David Herbig, for the many annual Aunts' Lobster Feasts. As did her sisters, Martha greatly enjoyed and looked forward to them!

She was preceded in death by her husband Joseph, her parents, George and Helen Bronger, and her sisters, Rosella Young (Tom), Mary Boyd (Charlie), Dorothy Beyl (Chuck), and Anna Collins.

Survivors include her four children, Karen L. Ender (Tom), Joseph W. Exely (Susan), Robin L. Exely and Bruce E. Exely (Leanne); her ten grandchildren, Joseph Exely (Nicki), Jessica Ender, Kristie Mudd (Stephen), Keith Exely (Brandy), Laura Lamb (Michael), Sara Ender, Tricia Ender, Jacob Exely (Candice), Melissa Zeller (Sam), and Amy Exely (boyfriend Jake Donovan); her thirteen great-grandchildren, Whitney England (Scott), Madalyn Exely, Brandon Mudd, Cody Exely, Lucy Exely, Ethan Mudd, Kaitlyn Exely, Kole Exely, Layla Lamb, Thomas Lamb, Anderson Exely, Ari Zeller, and Oliver Exely as well as many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. both Sunday and Monday at Owen Funeral Home, 5317 Dixie Highway.

Her funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Paul Catholic Church, 6901 Dixie Hwy., with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Home of the Innocents, Crusade for Children, Veterans or the charity of your choice in her name.

Cemetery Details

St. Michael Cemetery

1155 Charles St
Louisville, KY 40204

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 15. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Owen Funeral Homes - Dixie Highway
5317 Dixie Highway
Louisville, KY 40216
(502) 447-2600
<https://owenfuneralhome.com>

Visitation

JAN 16. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Owen Funeral Homes - Dixie Highway
5317 Dixie Highway
Louisville, KY 40216
(502) 447-2600
<https://owenfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Mass

JAN 17. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul Catholic Church
6901 Dixie Highway
Louisville , KY 40216

Tribute Wall



“ *From Your DRS Land Systems Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Martha Jane (Bronger) Exely.*



From Your DRS Land Systems Family - January 15, 2023 at 04:21 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Martha Jane (Bronger) Exely.*



January 15, 2023 at 08:54 AM

SD

“ Hi Wayne and Susan. Sorry to hear of you mom's passing. As the years have gone by most of us have lost loved ones and parents slowly over time. My dad passed in 2001 and my older sister died a year ago as of Jan. 28, 2023.

It's very hard to let them go and I don't think you ever get used to not having them with us. Luckily for me my mom is now 92 and still with us. She struggles some days but we see her often and take care of all her needs. One day her day will come just as it will for all of us. All we can do is help them as best we can, just as I'm sure you did for your mom.

In any case please accept our condolences for the loss of your mom. May she rest in peace.

Steve and Barb Dunn

Steve Dunn - January 14, 2023 at 01:32 PM



Thank you so much! Glad to hear from you two. Glad to hear your mother is still with you. We send prayers that she is doing well.

Joseph Exely - January 14, 2023 at 11:25 PM

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*Steve & Barb Dunn
smdunn64@gmail.com*

Steve Dunn - January 14, 2023 at 01:15 PM

DM

“ *RIP Aunt Martha-Such a wonderful and uplifting woman you were, so many great memories of you and Uncle Joe! What a loss for us all. Your generation awaits you in heaven. So Party on!!! Dennise*

Dennise Misner - January 14, 2023 at 09:01 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Martha Jane (Bronger) Exely.*



January 13, 2023 at 04:26 PM

 Becky Denton

“ *A truly lovely lady who will be missed. Thanksgiving was not complete unless Mike and I snuck in a visit to her house. She was always so welcoming and an absolute joy to be around.*

Becky Denton - January 13, 2023 at 04:21 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Martha Jane (Bronger) Exely.*



January 13, 2023 at 04:00 PM

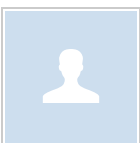


“ *With Deepest Sympathy*

May your memories and the support of all who know and love you and your family comfort you in this difficult time.

Sherylyn "Sherry" Stevens, DRS

SHERYLYN STEVENS - January 13, 2023 at 03:46 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Martha Jane (Bronger) Exely.*



January 11, 2023 at 03:27 PM