



Margie Gehlhausen

December 18, 1931 - August 25, 2017

Dateline Jasper, IN

Margie Gehlhausen, age 85, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away peacefully at the Meadowood Apartments on Friday morning, August 25, 2017 in Jasper, Indiana.

Margie was born in Tell City, Indiana, on December 18, 1931, to William and Josephine (Gratzer) Briggeman. She married Carl Gehlhausen Sr. on May 5, 1948, at St. Paul's Church in Tell City, Indiana. He preceded her in death on October 24, 1994.

Margie was a pioneer for women's rights in Indy Car Racing. Starting in early 1970s, she was one of the very first women to be allowed in Indy Car pits throughout the country for practice, qualifying, and for the race itself. In 1976, she became the first woman car owner in the modern day era in Indy Car racing to own, score the race, and have her car compete in the Indianapolis 500. Her son, Spike, drove her car in his rookie year at Indianapolis. She was an intricate part of her husband, Carl Gehlhausen Sr.'s, race car ownership career that spanned over a quarter of a century. Starting in 1954, they owned and raced midgets, sprint cars, dirt and Indy cars. In all, 50 drivers drove for the Gehlhausen team; among these great drivers were AJ Foyt, Tom Sneva, Lloyd Ruby, Tom Begelow, and of course, her son Spike, who drove in over 80

Indy Car races throughout his career. Margie and Carl had over 21 feature wins in all forms of racing, with more than 150 Indy Car starts.

In her later years, she enjoyed playing bingo and was an avid reader.

Surviving are her children, Carl "Junie" Gehlhausen (Carrie), Cicero, IN, Jeannie Knies (Joe), Jasper, IN and Daniel "Spike" Gehlhausen (Carolyn), Speedway, IN, six grandchildren, and 12 great grandchildren.

Preceding her in death are, two sisters, Marie Hagen and Betty Ransome, and three brothers, Eddie, Bill and Jim Briggeman.

A Celebration of Life Memorial Mass will be held at a later date.

Online condolences may be made at www.becherkluesner.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Margie Gehlhausen*

January 01, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ *Spike, Junie and Jeannie;
So sorry for the loss of your wonderful
Mother. She always made all of us feel so
welcome but always kept us in line. She was
a wonderful Lady and we celebrate her life!
Kathy (Faul) Hoovler*



Kathy Hoovler - August 30, 2017 at 08:22 AM



“ *I am so sorry for the loss of your
sweet Mother. Aunt Margie was always so
kind to
everyone! I have thought about all of you this
week. Love, Dianna Ransome Wetzel*



Dianna Wetzel - August 29, 2017 at 06:16 PM



“ *So sorry to read of your mom's death....I remember talking to her
over the fence in Speedway.....she was a very nice lady. You have
my sympathy and prayers.
Norma Baxter*

Norma Baxter - August 28, 2017 at 01:26 PM

RS

“ Junie, Jeanie, Spike, my deepest sympathy for the loss of your Mother. Marge was a great lady and a wonderful person. Many fond memories of our childhood.

Richard "Dicky" Singer - August 28, 2017 at 08:01 AM

CN

“ Jeannie

So sorry to hear of the loss of you mother. We are sending thoughts and prayers to you and your family.

Love

Keith & Cindy

Cindy Nicholson - August 28, 2017 at 04:54 AM

MB

Junie, Spike, and Jeannie I am so sorry for your loss. We had some wonderful times travelling across the country racing. I have a lot of fond memories of those days.

Mark

Mark and Stacie Baue - August 28, 2017 at 05:45 PM

MG

“ Spike, so sorry to hear of your loss. Moms are very special and the core of our lives. May you heal with great memories. Mary Beth (Flacker)

Mary Beth Gibson - August 27, 2017 at 08:31 PM

JF

“ Sorry for your loss Jeannie! I knew you when you worked in tabulating at Indianapolis Life. I went to a party that you had at your apartment at The Watergate. I also went to grade school with your cousin Gale.

John W. Felter - August 27, 2017 at 12:41 PM



“ Marge will be missed by all of us from "The Old Days." She always had a way of reprimanding us for our questionable behavior but somehow made it seem like a compliment. Our sympathy to Junie, Jeannie, and Spike over the passing of a remarkable lady.
Mike & Cheryl Hoffman

Mike N Cheryl Hoffman - August 27, 2017 at 10:48 AM

JB

“ Will always remember Marge's kind words after a race reminding us that we are adults, act like one. One of many great memories from McCray Street. My condolences Junie, Jeannie, and Spike; will keep Marge in my prayers.

Jeff Birk - August 27, 2017 at 07:14 AM

RH

“ Rosie Henriott lit a candle in memory of Margie Gehlhausen



Rosie Henriott - August 26, 2017 at 07:27 AM

RH

Jeanne, the JHS Class of 1969 are remembering your beautiful Mother and Families with our prayers at this time.

Rosie Henriott - August 26, 2017 at 07:28 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Margie's passing. I always thought she was the coolest mom ever. Junie, Spike and Jeanne and families, you are in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Kathy*

Kathy Armstrong-Anderson - August 25, 2017 at 08:38 PM

TM

“ *What an incredible lady, Spike! My love and prayers come to you and all of your family. Tammy Murray*

Tammy Murray - August 25, 2017 at 07:28 PM

DH

Very sorry to hear of your mom's passing. My last time visiting with her @ Jim & Ann's took me back a lot of years & she appeared just as she was all those years ago. As you all know she was a strong lady & loved & respected by many. My best to you & RIP, Marge. Dave Harder

Dave Harder - August 27, 2017 at 01:48 PM

SH

We are saddened to hear of Aunt Margie's passing. Steve heard it on the radio today. I know Marie loved her so much. She always said "I wish she lived a little closer to me". She so much enjoyed their phone conversations over the years. It is hard to believe that she has been gone 22 years. Please accept our deepest condolences Junie, Spike and Jeanne. It just sad there is no one left.

Steve, Peggy, Andrew and Taryn Hagan

Steve and Peggy Hagan - November 20, 2017 at 01:09 PM