



Marguerite Bayle

September 6, 1929 - May 23, 2019

Marguerite (Peggy) R. Bayle, aged 89, has been called home by the Lord on Thursday, May 23, 2019.

Peggy was preceded in death by Orville, her husband of 59 years and granddaughter Lisa. She was also preceded in death by her sister Laura Mae (McIntyre) Bayle, brother-in-laws Harold and Frank Bayle, and sister-in-law Leta Bayle.

Peggy is survived by her 5 children and spouses, Robert and Pat Bayle, Linda Sehler, Gary and Janet Bayle, Harold and Lucy Bayle, Laura and Joseph Kriscunas; 13 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Peggy served as a restaurant manager and bookkeeper at the Grand Rapids, Michigan Greyhound terminal for many years. She retired as part owner of the Grand Rapids greyhound terminal and moved to California in 1996.

Peggy enjoyed singing in her church choir in Michigan, reading, crocheting, knitting, theatre, and SPORTS.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Monday August 12, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at San Francisco Solano Catholic Church, 22082 Antonio Pkwy, Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688. Memorial Service and Internment will be held Tuesday August 13, 2019 at Riverside National Cemetery 22495 Van Buren Blvd. Riverside, CA.

The Marguerite Ruth McIntyre Story
By Melissa Kriscunas

My great-grandmother Irene Elizabeth Totten-McIntyre gave birth to a baby girl, Marguerite Ruth McIntyre on September 6, 1929 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Born at the beginning of the Great Depression, Marguerite, commonly referred to as Peggy, matured

in a household built on a foundation of faith in God, the Catholic Church and family.

At eight-years-old, Marguerite's mother and father, George McIntyre, divorced, and her mother, sister, Laura, and she moved into her grandmother's house. The brown, fake brick four-bedroom house busted at the seams with six family members under its roof. My great-great grandmother Laura owned the house, renting two rooms to borders leaving my grandmother, her mother and sister to share one room. Her grandmother and Uncle Robert were in the other. This left her Aunt Ruth later with her husband Vito to share a converted sitting room. Until 1946, the house contained no indoor plumbing; therefore family members bathed in the kitchen or bedroom, each limited to one bath per week. "It didn't seem to matter at the time, but now it seems like the dark ages." Although poverty-stricken, prideful great-grandma McIntyre never filed for welfare. During this time, everyone was poor and in need, making welfare difficult to obtain, and unpopular. My Grandmother's Uncle Robert working five days a week at Kelvinator, a large kitchen appliance factory, supported their family of three, Aunt Ruth also contributed by working at the factory for defense where she riveted. Her mother kept house for the two while they worked.

Like any childhood without a father, they did without. Without a car, they relied on public transportation to get to any activities they wished to be involved in. However, Grandma recalls a friend whose father had been killed at work, and she believes her life was more difficult because her father was gone forever, whereas she occasionally saw her father. Her mother and stepmother conflicted, leading to limited visitation with her father. However, not having a car didn't really bother her, because during World War II the government rationed gasoline making it scarce. Most of her clothes as a child were from the Salvation Army, which the family dearly nicknamed "Aunt Sally." Most of the children's clothes in the neighborhood were handed down from "Aunt Sally," so poverty didn't black mark her sister and her.

Marguerite attended Holy Name Elementary School, which was a local private Catholic school. She loved any sport, except hockey. Her friends and she enjoyed ice skating, roller skating, swimming, and going to the movies. She took a variety of lessons, including dancing, singing and piano. After school, her mother, aunt and uncle helped her with her homework, and without them she doubts she would have been successful in school. In high school, Marguerite belonged to a roller skating club, Daughters of Mary, and worked at the library repairing books. She attended Catholic Central, my father's alma mater, and spent one year at White Cloud High School, her only experience in public school. She loved to read any type of story and still does. Her favorites included the Nancy Drew Mysteries, Lloyd C. Douglas, Poe and Sir Walter Scott. Most activities she participated in

were church related. She sang in a trio in high school and with the church choir. During her year at White Cloud, she worked in an onion field, which she does not recommend to anyone.

On December 7, 1941, Japan attacked Pearl Harbor; a memorable Sunday morning for my grandmother and her family. After attending church, the extra newspaper boys were outside selling Extra Editions of the Grand Rapids Herald titled "Pearl Harbor Bombed." Everyone around cried, and many cursed in the same breath, "what a sneak job the Japanese did on the United States." Her father served in World War II, along with five of her uncles and her future husband.

Rationing of sugar, meat, gasoline, make-up, and shoes lead to a mutual appreciation of the things they had. Careful to not throw anything away for saved items found different uses later. Her experiences here came in handy later when she had five children and little money. If there wasn't enough money for everyone to have something new for the holidays, her creativity from childhood shined through and made holidays special. Neighbors gained feelings for their fellow man, especially the soldiers for dedicating their lives to save others' freedom. The Depression also had a similar bonding effect. At that time, a lot of people were dealing with poverty, and had to do what they could to keep body and soul together. Everyone helped everyone, not just family members, but neighbors with extra shared any surplus. Out of these two experiences she hopes that she learned the value of family over money. The only disappointment my grandmother remembers is not being able to have a bicycle or her own Sonja Heinie ice skates.

During her teenage years, nylon became rationed just as she was getting old enough to wear them. They compensated by applying a pancake-type make-up on their legs making it look as if they were wearing silk or nylon. No one really minded, because this made the girls feel as if they were supporting the war effort. Each family also grew a "victory garden," in which they would grow fruits and vegetables for canning. Victory gardening reduced the amount of food they needed to buy and saved that food for government to give the soldiers overseas. A huge effort was put forth to conserve and spread surplus goods as far as possible. My grandfather was a soldier in WWII; however, my grandmother didn't know him then. The first time Marguerite McIntyre met Orville Rhodes Bayle was on a double blind date with her girlfriend. Originally set up with Orville's friend Grandma traded for the front seat next to Orville who was driving. During high school double dating to places such as amusement parks and the beach was common. After dating for only a month, Orville told my grandmother that he was going to marry her. "He never asked me, just told me." After arguing months about her being too young to marry, as she was still in high school, she fell in love with his persistence. On Valentine's Day 1947, he proposed with a ring. On June 28, 1947, Marguerite became Mrs. Orville Bayle;

she had finished high school only days prior. She was 17 and her new husband, 20. The wedding was held at Holy Name church, and became a family event. Relatives participated and paid for most everything: flowers, the dress and food. The reception hall was donated by the American Legion post in which Orville's' father was a charter member. The only disappointment came with the priest's choice homily. Not one remark of the journey the two children were about to embark on with one another and the sacrament of marriage, instead he spoke for forty minutes about the Japanese being sinners for using birth control methods, and the horror of them abandoning girl babies because only boy children were wanted.

Following their marriage, Peggy mothered many children and held many jobs. She gave birth to five children: Robert, Gary, Linda, Harold and Laura Lee; and worked at five different jobs: Carbonneau Electronics, Tad Infant Clothing Manufacturing, Union News Restaurant as a manager, and Greyhound as an accountant and ticket agent later promoted to commission agent. The daily routine of the family included work for the two adults and school for the children. Until all the children attended school full-time, Orville did not wish for Peggy to work, so he worked a full-time and part-time job to keep the family clothed and fed. After school, the children were involved in every activity from lessons on the guitar and dance, to groups such as Four H and various sports teams. The emphasis on church-related activities continued in this family. The boys serviced mass as altar boys, and the girls were involved in Catholic Daughters, somewhat like Girl Scouts. Peggy set an example by singing at weddings for the church, teaching religious education, belonging to the choir and Legion of Mary who visited the sick and housebound. Religion always has been and continues to be a big part of her family. She and her husband tried to emphasize that God was God to everybody not just to Catholics, and that all are children of God.

As her children grew, one by one they moved off. Bob went into the Navy as to avoid being drafted into the Army for Vietnam, Linda married an Air Force Cadet, Gary got married and was drafted into the Army, Harold married, and Laura lived at home until she married my father. Looking back at her family, she feels that she has succeeded in her goals and dreams. She can honestly say that though she would change a few things, the essentials of her life with her family she cherishes. Success in a family to her is paralleled with love of God, understanding, tolerance, and forgiveness. As a small girl she aspired to be a nurse, because her mother was a practical nurse, and as she grew she wanted to be a singer, and most importantly she wanted her pretend world of playing house to become reality as a mother. She believes she has attained all these goals: nursing through care of her children, singing through church and motherhood through her husband and family.

In 1996 Peggy moved with Orville to Sun City, California where she is close to her two daughters and her grandchildren. Through technology she has the opportunity to remain close to her family which has spread out all over the country.

Written by her Granddaughter - Melissa Lynn Kriscunas

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