



Margaret Cox Carnduff

April 26, 1945 - October 10, 2023

Margaret Cox Carnduff, 78, passed peacefully October 10, 2023 after a steady decline with dementia and various other ailments. Extended family and friends adored both her and her attitude of doing whatever she wanted without regard to what others may think about it. The family appreciates the compassionate care and expertise of the hospice team at the Adler Center of Capital Caring Hospice. A native Washingtonian, Margaret was born April 26, 1945 in Washington, DC, the youngest of 3 children of Arthur Rhodes Carnduff and Virginia Truxton Glazebrook and was raised in Bethesda, MD, less than 1 block from the DC line. From her classical education at the Madeira School she could still recite sonnets in full, a feat which amazed everyone. She could craft a custom limerick lickety-split to elicit a good hearty laugh from anyone lucky enough to be near her. A competitive horseback rider and graduate of Converse College, she could also speak fluent French from her studies at the Sorbonne. She enjoyed duplicate bridge and challenges with her doubles tennis partner, Wimbledon champion Pauline Betz Addie. Margaret had lived in her beloved Gainesville, VA, for 50 years where she was an integral part of the close-knit community on the Catharpin Strip. She was an independent, confident, gregarious woman and after winning the national sales award for over a decade while employed by Frieden-Alcatel, she retired in her 50's to play her guitar, sit on her screened porch and enjoy her pond, pool and pets. In retirement she golfed on every day with a name ending in "day", was always accompanied by her genuine Goose Dog on the golf

course, was an avid tennis player and had season tickets to her beloved Redskins. Margaret was a decent downhill skier until she floundered on an expert double-black-diamond vertical slope called Moment of Truth. A lover of bluegrass music, she was a regular on Saturday nights at the stupendous Old Lucketts Schoolhouse. Her 4th of July parties with bushels of crabs are treasured memories. Margaret is survived by her sister Ginger Frazer French of Jacksonville, FL, her brother William Carnduff (Peg) of Wellfleet, MA, her beloved nieces – The A's – Alison Carnduff (Vince Tompkins), Ashley Frazer Sperling (John Mezzanotte) and Amie Frazer Day (Greg); great nieces/nephews Julia, Daniel and Lucy Tompkins; Decker, Laurel and Cameron Day; Allie Grace Sperling; cousins Margie Johnson Orrick, Alan Martin Johnson III and multiple other cousins. Inurnment is Saturday, December 9 at 9:30 am in Oak Hill Cemetery, Washington DC followed by a noon celebration of her life at her home. Condolence messages can be left at Pierce Funeral Home <https://www.piercefh.com/obituaries/> . In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Prince William County Humane Society via <https://www.pwhumane.org/donate> then selecting Honor/Memorial in Margaret's name.

Previous Events

Inurnment

DEC 9. 9:30 AM (ET)

Oak Hill Cemetery
3001 R St., NW
Washington,, DC 20007

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Margaret Cox Carnduff.*



December 03, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *Thank you Margaret, for awesome memories with you on the farm with all of your great pets. Remembering you always makes me smile and chuckle. The horse running back to the barn was EPIC, just like you were. You will be missed but not forgotten.*

Clarice Martinez (Hinckley) - November 23, 2023 at 08:35 AM



“ *I remember Margaret enjoying playing tennis. We play in Manassas at racquet club and Sudley. We play at many clubs in Virginia with the Northern Virginia Tennis League. I know she liked to golf and her dogs helped to run the geese off the courses. My deepest condolences to the family and rest in peace Margaret.*

Randy Allison - November 19, 2023 at 10:52 PM

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“*Condolences on your loss; our prayers are with your family. We miss Margaret. Uploaded picture from a retirement/birthday party taken at McMahon's Irish Pub in Warrenton (circa 2012). Played tennis with Margaret at Sudley Club, very often Mixed Doubles at league play and even some computer repair. Remember traveling past her old school for a travel match she said it was some of the happiest times of her life. We were a pretty successful team and maybe sandbagged at the #5 position; I would run stuff down and she never missed. During one match we weren't doing so well (always a strategist) she insisted I start charging the net (I hate net play and prefer baseline) but as she insisted (and could sometimes... often be rather persuasive) I started coming to the net to shut her up and prove her wrong. Match turned on the dime and we won easily; darn it, she was right... as always. Miss you Margaret. Rest in Peace... until we hit again.*



Frank McMahon - November 12, 2023 at 02:30 AM