



Margene V. Reeder

September 9, 1931 - July 9, 2020

Margene Reeder passed away on July 9, 2020 at Hospice of the Chesapeake in Harwood, Maryland.

Margene Ruth Vlieger was born on September 9, 1931 to Tom and Jennie (Ruisch) Vlieger in the family farm home near Sheldon, Iowa. Margene attended rural schools in Northwest Iowa, graduating from Newkirk Consolidated High School in 1949. In 1953, she received a Bachelor of Arts Degree (Cum Laude) from Central College, Pella, Iowa. In 1968, she received a Master's Degree in Education in School Counseling from the University of Maryland. In 1978, she received a Certificate of Advanced Study in Special Education from Loyola College, Baltimore, Maryland.

Margene was married to Ralph Charles Reeder on November 24, 1957 in Berkeley, California. They resided in the San Francisco Bay Area until 1960 when the couple moved to the Washington, D.C. area. They lived in the Maryland suburbs until 1990 when they moved to Annapolis in retirement.

Margene's working career was as an educator in the public schools in Iowa, California, and Maryland. She served as a teacher, counselor, and administrator. She retired in 1988 as Chief, Nonpublic Schools Branch Division of Special Education, Maryland State Department of Education. From 1988 – 1998, she worked as a consultant to the Maryland State Department of Education.

In her retirement years, Margene enjoyed playing bridge, belonging to several duplicate groups, as well as several book clubs. She also enjoyed Women's Groups and was past President of the Hillandale Women's Club in Silver Spring and after moving to Annapolis, served as President of the New Annapolitans. She was a member of the Caritas Society and Friends of Annapolis Symphony. She and her husband enjoyed both the Annapolis and the Baltimore Symphonies. They also enjoyed Community Theatre and were subscribers to the Olney Theatre for more than thirty years. In Annapolis, they enjoyed the Colonial Players.

Margene is survived by her two children, Charlie (Vanessa Curtis) and Jane (Chris Padgett) and four grandchildren, Kevin and Caroline Padgett and Jacob and Aaron Reeder, of whom she was very proud. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph, her parents and four siblings. She is also survived by 11 nieces and nephews.

Margene was a member of the Presbyterian Church, USA. She was currently a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Annapolis. Prior to moving to Annapolis, she was an active member of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, Washington, D.C., where she was ordained as a deacon and elder and served on various boards and committees. She also served on the Pastoral Care Committee of the National Capital Presbytery. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Annapolis, 171 Duke of Gloucester Street, Annapolis, MD 21401; New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, 1313 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20005; or Hospice of the Chesapeake, 90 Ritchie Highway, Pasadena, MD 21122 (please note Margene's name in the memo line).

A virtual memorial service is being held on Thursday, July 30 at 1:30 pm via live video link from the First Presbyterian Church of Annapolis. Please go to the church's home page <https://www.annapolis-presbyterian.com/> to access the link to connect to the service. The link should be available approximately two days prior to the event. Instructions on how to access the memorial will be updated. Interment will be private at the Maryland Veterans Cemetery in Crownsville, Maryland.

Events

JUL Memorial Service01:30PM

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Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Lasting Tributes - July 21 at 03:26 PM



“ This moved me to tears. Very clever use of music!

Markell - July 28 at 04:29 AM



“ This is stunning and so special. I always loved her big, open mouthed smile and her twinkly blue eyes!!!

Hillary Gibbons - July 29 at 04:46 PM



“ So thankful for many happy memories with both of your parents!
Picturing them laughing together in heaven!!

Kathy Osterholm - July 30 at 01:26 PM



“ Thank you for sharing this beautiful video honoring Margene's life. It captures her love for family, friends and the life she so fully embraced. We will always remember her generous spirit and hospitality. We will cherish the memory of her caring smile. Sending our love, your Thanksgiving "cousins",
Kristen and Jim Brown and family

Kristen Brown - July 26 at 12:43 PM



“ What a joy to share Margene's life and precious memories through the video. We were blessed to share many wonderful memories and many memorable Thanksgivings with Margene and family. She will be deeply missed. Bruce Trish and Michelle Esposito

Patricia Esposito - July 25 at 05:08 PM



“ Margene and Ralph were always in our lives as "friends of our parents". My mother having lived with Margene during their California adventure in Oakland, and then later adding my father and Ralph to the group. We heard many tales of fun and enjoyment including the famous maid and butler routine where they punked some friends before that was even a thing. But later when we moved to Maryland we became friends with Margene and Ralph on our own, as semi-grown ups. It was a privilege and joy to know both of them. I visited Ralph in the hospital after heart surgery in the 1980's - surprised that he was up and moving so quickly! Pictionary games at their house have become family legends (I'll tell you the story but not on a tribute page). They both had such great laughs. Our love to all of you.

Tamah Kushner, Redondo Beach, California

Tamah Kushner - July 23 at 10:46 AM



“ my condolences for your loss to the whole family; love to Charlie and Jane and your families - long time. May your mom rest in peace. Mary Foulke

Mary Foulke - July 22 at 03:26 PM



“ Thanks, Mary. So nice to see your name and comments pop up. Hope Renee and family are all well. Please feel free to drop me a note at rb2f@live.com - the same holds true for anyone reading this post.

Charlie Reeder - July 23 at 06:27 AM



“ Hi Charlie and Jane: we expressed our condolences. Now we need an address for one or both of. you.

Bruce and Dolores Beran:

Sunshinesc1589@comcast.net.

Take care of yourselves and stay safe.

Dolores H Beran - August 06 at 02:36 PM



“ Margene was one of my longtime friends. She was a gracious, caring woman. We enjoyed many dinners together including Mardi Gras parties, and the lovely Thanksgivings. My husband Bob and I were among the guests at the famous Butler & Maid evening! I have many delightful memories of Margene’s quick wit and happy remarks. All of us will miss her tremendously.

Betty Carnahan - July 19 at 03:49 PM



“ Margene was my roommate at Central College for two years. She was such a fun dear friend. And she was smart and enthusiastic and shared her opinions freely which I appreciated

Janice Van Zomeren Beran - July 18 at 12:53 PM



“ Sixty years ago, I met Margene at my first assignment as an English teacher. We have been friends ever since. We have taught, dined, attended theater, opera, concerts, cooked, given parties, boated, traveled, shared holidays, talked, laughed, and cried together all through these many years. I have had the privilege of watching her children and her grandchildren grow up. I shall greatly miss my friend.

My sympathy and love to you, Charlie and Jane, and to your beautiful families.

Carole Calhoun

Carole Calhoun - July 18 at 06:23 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Charles Reeder - July 17 at 06:19 PM



“ From Bill Kushner:

"Margene and my wife, Helen, were roommates in Oakland , California in 1957. Helen's friend introduced Ralph to Margene. They married and a year later Helen and I married. As couples we remained close, meeting spending time together almost every year. The meetings were always memorable. At one I suggested that it would be fun the play the part of a maid and butler at a party with unsuspecting guests. Margene and Ralph chuckled. You can picture their unique laughter. Sometime later Margene called and asked if we would play the charade of maid and butler for their anniversary as it was conceivable they would hire a maid and butler. Margene and Ralph promised to be very selective with the party guests. We agreed. I borrowed costumes ,we drove down from New Jersey, and played our roles. We did everything hired help should not do. I helped myself to the hor d'oeuvres while Helen placed her hands on the men's shoulders when she served the meal. I whispered into the women's ears (I won't reveal what I whispered!) and I dropped some salad on the floor while mixing. Helen picked the salad up and dropped it back in the bowl. It went on and on. Margene and Ralph laughed the whole evening. The guests were aghast yet said nothing. After four hours Ralph, called us in from the kitchen and introduced us. Margene asked the guests why they didn't say anything. The response. "We were too embarrassed for you and thought you had paid a lot of money for two jerks!" One woman whose ear I whispered in said she was going to tell her husband on the way home. Everyone talked about the charade until 3:00 in the morning and Helen led us in singing of HAPPY ANNIVERSARY. The charade came up for an annual review. We loved Margene and Ralph dearly."

Charlie Reeder - July 20 at 05:55 AM



“ FaceTiming with you all at the beach!!! she was such a cutie!!!

Emily Verhoeven - July 17 at 11:53 AM