



Margo Payne Leithead

January 15, 1933 - June 22, 2014

Margo Payne Leithead, 81, of Parsippany, NJ, and formerly of Asbury, PA, passed away on June 22, 2014. She was born on January 15, 1933 in Indianapolis, Indiana, the daughter of the late Herbert Allyn and the late Winifred Rober son Payne. She was raised in New York City, attended Miss Hewitt's School, and made wonderful memories with her beloved governess, the late "Miss Maguire".

Margo attended Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, NY, where she earned her undergraduate degree. She went on to earn a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Nursing from Columbia University and her Master's of Science in Nursing from The University of Pennsylvania. She enjoyed a very successful career as an instructor for the Geisinger Medical Center School of Nursing, the Pennsylvania State University School of Nursing as well as the Jefferson University School of Nursing.

In addition to her nursing career, Margo was a very active volunteer for the United States Pony Clubs, a youth organization founded in Europe and devoted to young people under the age of 25 years and the care of their horses and ponies. She served as the President of the Pony Club from 2003-2007. The Pony Club has approximately 10,000 members in the United States. In addition, she was a very active parishioner at Christ Episcopal Church in Berwick. She was also a member of the Daughters of the American

Revolution.

In addition to many close and valued friends, especially Kay and John Carter of Stillwater, PA, Margo is survived by her husband Roger of Albany, NY, and their five children: Roger Jr., (Tad), his wife Sue, of Atlanta, GA, and their children: Barry and Michael; John, his wife Merry Kay, of Raleigh, NC, and their children: Matthew, Tyler, Braedan, Morgan and Brooke; Holly, of Lincoln Park, NJ, and her children Merrill, her husband Travis, Margo, Melinda and Morgan; Hannah, her husband Tim, of Lincoln Park, NJ, and their children Timmy, Brendan, Sean and Meghann; and Timothy, his wife Lauren, of Merion Station, PA, and their children Cailin and Duncan. She also has two great grandchildren, Anderson and Camille. In addition, she is survived by her beloved dog Sophie.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, June 28, at Christ Episcopal Church, 11:00 AM, 712 East 16th St., Berwick, PA, with an interment to follow at St. James Cemetery, Zaner's Bridge Road, Stillwater, Pa. A party in celebration of her life will be hosted by her family at her old home, 413 Harrison Road, Orangeville, PA, at approximately 2:00 PM that day. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the United States Pony Clubs, Inc., 4051 Iron Works Pike, Lexington, KY 40511, or Hospice of NJ, 400 Broadacres Drive, Bloomfield, NJ 07003. Arrangements are in care of McMichael Funeral Home, Inc.

Cemetery Details

St. James Cemetery

Fishing Creek Twp.
Stillwater, PA

Previous Events

Service

JUN **28**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Christ Episcopal Church
712 East 16th Street
Berwick, PA 18603
<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/parish/christ-church-berwick-pa>

Tribute Wall



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Margo Payne Leithead.*



June 27, 2014 at 11:08 AM



“ *The very thought of Margo makes me smile, she was the epitome of grace, courtesy, commitment and steely determination. What a delightful and inspiring person. I am honored to have worked with her over the years and she will be greatly missed.*

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Nancy Ambrosiano, Los Alamos, New Mexico

Nancy - June 26, 2014 at 09:31 PM



“ *She was a special lady to so many of us! She will be missed by the entire PC community.*

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Deb Willson

Deb - June 26, 2014 at 09:29 PM

MF

“ I pray that Margo was one of my dear friends and I miss her. To the family, my deepest sympathy. She taught me many things especially in relationship. She was a great friend to so many people and the students loved her. I hope she knew this while she could. Will try to relate to you later but I am not well myself right now. Appreciate Kays forwarding the information to me. That was so kind. Margaret Franklin

margaret Franklin - June 26, 2014 at 10:14 AM

LS

“ my daughter Fara Schlow was in Lion Country Pony Club in State College Pa Margo helped us to get a scholarship to nationals for a needy club member. Fara and Tim competed against each other at a regional event and Fara came in one second faster than Tim her name was put on a large silver trophy as I recall Margo was an inspiration to all Pony Clubbers and we all loved her a lot she will be sorely missed by all who knew her. So sorry for her families loss and so thankful to have known her, Fara Schlow lives in Phoenix Arizona now and if ashe were here I would certainly come to the celebration of her life, And what a wonderful life she had, With great affection and admiration Lynn Schlow Proud Pony Club Mother

Lynn Schlow - June 25, 2014 at 02:34 PM

ST

“ In addition to being sister members in the DAR, Fort McClure Chapter, we discovered we had mutual friends who were officers in USPC from when I lived in Chicago. I so enjoyed working with Margo on DAR projects and all the wonderful horse stories we shared. She will be sadly missed by many. My sincere sympathy to her entire family who she loved so much. Fondly, Sharon Tishler

Sharon Tishler - June 25, 2014 at 09:08 AM

CH

“ Mrs. Leithead was one of my nursing instructors at Geisinger School of Nursing 1992-94. I so enjoyed learning from her. She gave me confidence as a shy, insecure student nurse. I always remember her saying "there are 101 ways to wash dishes" she let us be individuals and really listened to us as we developed into nurses. I will never forget her, she made a significant impact on me and helped shape me into the nurse I am today.
My deepest sympathy to all of her family.
I am so fortunate to have had the opportunity to learn from h
Christine Hritzko
Geisinger School of Nursing class of 94'

chris - June 24, 2014 at 09:46 PM

KR

“ Margo was my mentor when I first started working as a nursing instructor. We shared wonderful times together at Geisinger, Penn State, and TJU. She will always be in my heart.

Kathy Rine - June 24, 2014 at 09:29 AM

DD

“ Margo was special to me in many ways. She brightened my day and led me to my career in nursing education. I will always remember the special days we had. She will continue to live in my heart! I would like to express my sincere condolences to all of the family.
Darlene Donnelly

Darlene Donnelly - June 24, 2014 at 08:56 AM

RC

“ *Margo is and will remain a cherished memory from my childhood. She was the first adult who didn't speak down to me even though I was a very confused teenager. I'm sorry that so many years past without my telling her how much she meant to me back in those days. To Tad and the rest of the family, my sincerest condolences.*

Rick Cambere - June 24, 2014 at 08:21 AM