



Margaret Holbrook Davis

September 8, 1928 - August 21, 2016

Margaret Holbrook Davis, 87 of Fort Collins, Colorado died August 21, 2016. She was born in Davenport, Iowa September 8, 1928 to Celas G. Holbrook and Margaret Tinsley Holbrook. Margaret moved from Davenport to Long Beach, CA as a senior in high school, where she was the editor of her high school newspaper and graduated as class valedictorian in 1946. Margaret attended the University of California at Berkeley majoring in English literature and working on the Daily Cal.

Margaret met Donald C. Davis, a U.S. Coast Guard ensign stationed in Long Beach, while on Christmas vacation, and they were married August 9, 1947. Don promised her mother she would finish college and Margaret attended several colleges and raised three children, while they lived in 8 different states over the course of his thirty-year Coast Guard career. From Florida to Alaska, Massachusetts to California, North Carolina to Texas, she enjoyed furnishing and decorating many homes, and sang in many church choirs. Margaret finished college at the University of Corpus Christi in 1971 and then began a new career as a vocational counselor in Elizabeth City, North Carolina in 1972. After retirement, they built a beautiful home in Elizabeth City and spent what she called their "golden years" traveling and enjoying their home. After Don's death in 2005 Margaret moved to Fort Collins and lived for 11 years at the Winslow, where she made many friends.

She found her true passion at age 55 when she turned her lifelong love of fabric and talent for design and sewing to the art of quilting. She made wonderful friends in Elizabeth City and in Fort Collins through their mutual passion for art quilting. Traveling to quilt shows and classes with her friends was a focus for her life. She made beautiful quilts for all of her children and grandchildren, and donated many to Project Linus, and other charities.

Margaret was a voracious reader, lover of choral music, opera and University of North Carolina basketball-Go Heels! She was a member of the Rocky Mountain Creative Quilters and the Silvertones. Her friends and family have benefitted from her calm intellect, creative spirit, skill at listening, and her example of accepting with equal grace the joys and challenges of life. She is survived by her children Hank (Nanci Newstrom) of Charleston, Illinois, Laura (Tom Peterson) of Fort Collins, and Mark (Beth Scherfee) of Georgetown, Kentucky, eight grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren, and many friends. She will be deeply missed. Gifts in her honor, in lieu of flowers, may be made to Project Self Sufficiency, Cann Memorial Presbyterian Church (Elizabeth City, NC) or Plymouth UCC (Fort Collins).

There will be a memorial service at Plymouth Congregational Church, on Saturday, August 27th at 11:00 AM. Margaret's remains will be interred after a private ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery alongside her husband, Capt. Donald C. Davis, USCG Retired.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 27. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

Plymouth Congregational Church
916 West Prospect Rd.
Fort Collins, CO 80526

Tribute Wall



“ *Margaret Holbrook Davis*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *My condolences to the family. I attended Cann Memorial Presbyterian Church in Elizabeth City, NC with Margaret. We belonged to the same church circle. One of the years which we participated in the "Secret Pal", I was convinced that Margaret was my "secret pal" in that she seemed to be so helpful to me in so many different ways. What a surprise it was to find out that she wasn't my "secret pal", she was being her thoughtful self. I'll always remember her and her love for family and friends.*

Peggy West - August 28, 2016 at 07:11 PM



“ *There are many fond memories of your mom and dad from my days of helping them while working at Wachovia. The children were heading off to college during some of those years and we had lots of fun conversations. It was a pleasure knowing your mom and dad and I pray for your comfort and always treasure the memories. Faye Gray*

Faye Gray - August 27, 2016 at 07:59 PM

JK

“ I enjoyed Margaret as a quilting friend in the Artful Quilters group. She was an inspiration in many ways. My thoughts are of Margaret today.

*With Sincere Sympathy,
Joan Kniffen*



Joan Kniffen - August 26, 2016 at 11:39 PM

NT

“ Nannette C. Turner-Williams, Co-Worker
ESC Elizabeth City, NC

*My thoughts and prayers are with the Davis
Family*



Nannette C Turner-Williams - August 26, 2016 at 04:22 PM

LD

Thank you Nannette. Laura

Laura Davis - August 26, 2016 at 11:53 PM

CH

“ *“What we have once enjoyed we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes a part of us.” -Helen Keller*

I love seeing Margaret's quilted wall hanging over the kitchen sink at Laura and Tom's Silverthorne home. What a fabulous talent to have and share with others!

*With sincerely sympathy,
Cathy Hettleman*

Cathy Hettleman - August 24, 2016 at 10:20 PM

LD

Thanks, Cathy. Laura

Laura Davis - August 26, 2016 at 11:54 PM

SB

“ *Hank, Laura, and Mark,
Dad (Bo) and the rest of clan Bogucki send our most sincere
condolences on the death of your Mom. Dad was Don's USCGA
roommate, and our folks remained good friends throughout their
lives. We fondly remember combined family vacations when we
were all young. One of your Mom's quilts hangs in Dad's bedroom
here in Connecticut. Our thoughts are with you all through these
hard days.*

Sandy Bogucki

Sandy Bogucki - August 24, 2016 at 08:06 PM

LD

*Thanks, Sandy. I remember that beach vacation, and you staying with
us. Good times. Hugs to you and your Dad.*

Laura Davis - August 26, 2016 at 11:55 PM

GA

“ Margaret's presence was felt even after she left Elizabeth City by the quilted wall hangings she donated to the church, as well as the pulpit linens she embroidered. Her beautiful smile was welcomed by many. Don's humble spirit showed in the many he drove to doctor appointments and hospital visits. I remember a special time when he drove their van to New Bern for Ann Dowdy's memorial service taking several of us along with him.

Hank, Laura and Mark, Thank you for sharing your parents with those of us who remember their many kindnesses. They were special people who shared their faith in action by helping others. You are certainly blessed to have their genes!

May each of you and your children find peace and comfort through this difficult time. They were very proud of your accomplishments and the contributions each of you are making to serve our Lord and make this a better place to live.

Sincere Sympathy,
Dennis & Georgine Armstrong

Georgine Armstrong - August 24, 2016 at 08:36 AM

LD

Thank you, Georgine. Yes, we were truly blessed. Laura

Laura Davis - August 24, 2016 at 12:33 PM

CH

“ Chrissy lit a candle in memory of Margaret Holbrook Davis



Chrissy - August 23, 2016 at 11:21 AM