

Margaret Cromarty Harrington

Margaret Cromarty Harrington passed away peacefully surrounded by loving family on February 26, 2014. Marge was born on April 21, 1924, in Amityville, NY, the youngest of eleven children of Alexander and Ellen Cromarty. Growing up on Long Island, Marge enjoyed everything outdoors and cherished life in a large, loving family. She had a deep love for her faith and spoke of her gratitude for the Catholic education she received from the nuns at Queen of the Rosary Academy. Luckily for her three children, she did not follow her thoughts of becoming a nun and instead became engaged to Dan Harrington, someone finally able to match her prowess on the dance floor. During WWII, Marge joined the ranks of Rosie Riveters, working for Grumman Aircraft. After their marriage in 1946, she became an Army officer's wife and a loving, dedicated mother. As they moved from base to base, Marge became fierce at playing bridge and also found her talents showcased in musicals sponsored by the Officers Club. Dan later became Chair of the Foreign Language Department at what is now Texas A & M at Commerce, and the family settled in nearby Greenville. She lived there for over forty years where she began working in retail and then ended her working years as a security receptionist for E Systems (now L-3). She attended St. Williams Catholic Church in Greenville. Marge moved to Dallas in 2005, becoming the energizing spirit of her retirement community and a member of the parish at St. Monica. She spent her last few years sharing a home with her youngest child, Patty, and becoming addicted to murder mysteries and Downton Abbey.

Margaret Harrington was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, nine brothers and sisters, and son-in-law, Ed Delaney. She is survived by one brother, Arthur Cromarty of Lindenhurst, NY; a son, Dan Harrington and wife Darcy of Plant City, FL; two daughters, Elaine Carpenter and husband Ronnie of Fate, and Patricia Delaney of Dallas. She is also survived by grandchildren, Tracy Haller and husband John of Liberty Hill; Nick Melser and wife Raena of Bloomington, MN; Kimberly Barnes and husband Philip of Bethany, OK; and Stephen Carpenter and wife Angelia of Greenville; great-grandchildren, Shane Stifflemire, Ransom Barnes, Tait Barnes, Kambry Barnes, and Reagan Carpenter; and numerous nieces and nephews.

*Everyone is welcome to the graveside service at Calvary Hill Cemetery
3235 Lombardy Ln., Dallas, TX 75220*

*The family of Margaret Harrington wish to thank you for your kind
expressions of sympathy and many acts of kindness during this difficult time.*

*In lieu of flowers, Marge requested that donations be made to the
Ed Delaney Scholarship Fund at St. Monica Catholic School
9933 Midway Rd., Dallas, TX 75220*

*Programs provided by
St. Monica Parish community.*

Funeral Mass for Margaret Harrington



April 21, 1924 - February 26, 2014

*March 1, 2014
St. Monica Catholic Church*

INTRODUCTORY RITES

May the Father of mercies, the God of all consolation, be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

In the waters of Baptism, Margaret died with Christ and rose with him to new life. May she now share with him eternal glory.

ENTRANCE HYMN

On Eagle's Wings

Song # 690

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who have set limit to this present life, so as to open up an entry into eternity, we humbly beseech you, that by the grace of your mercy you may command the name of your servant Margaret to be inscribed in the book of life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes

There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens.

A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant.

A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to tear down, and a time to build.

A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance.

A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them; a time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces.

A time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away.

A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to be silent, and time to speak.

A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 23

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,
my spirit shall sing the music of your name.

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side, your rod and your staff,
my comfort and my hope.

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,
crowning me with love beyond my power to hold.

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God for evermore.

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

SECOND READING

II Timothy 4:6-8

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy

For I am already being poured out like a libation, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his appearance.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL

John 14:1-6

HOMILY

Fr. Jonathan Austin

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

OFFERTORY HYMN

Here I Am, Lord

Song # 783

COMMUNION HYMN

Ave Maria / Schubert

Virginia Dupuy

EULOGY

PRAYERS OF FINAL COMMENDATION

Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our sister. May our farewell express our affection for her; may it ease our sadness and strengthen our hope. One day we shall joyfully greet her again when the love of Christ, which conquers all things, destroys even death itself.

Saints of God, come to her aid! Hasten to meet her, angels of the Lord.

Receive her soul and present her to God the Most High.

May Christ, who called you, take you to himself;

May angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham.

Receive her soul and present her to God the Most High.

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.

Receive her soul and present her to God the Most High.

Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our sister Margaret, in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, she will rise with him on the last day.

We give you thanks for the blessings which you bestowed upon Margaret in this life; they are a sign to us of your goodness and of our fellowship with the saints in Christ.

Merciful Lord, turn toward us and listen to our prayers: open the gates of paradise to your servant and help us who remain to comfort one another with assurances of faith, until we all meet in Christ and are with you and with our sister forever. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Amazing Grace

Song # 650

