



Margaret Fritz

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Alice Margaret Fritz, age 94, passed away peacefully on June 15, 2019 at Inova Loudoun Hospital surrounded by her family. She was born on May 11, 1925 to William George and Alice May (Williams) Pritchard in Pontllanfraith, Wales, the eldest of the "Pritchard girls". Margaret was raised on Mynyddislwyn mountain in Wales, overlooking the Ebbw and Sirhowy Valleys, and attended school nearby to earn her secretarial qualifications.

During WW2, she "worked with the Americans" and met an American GI, named Walter "Walt" Fritz, whom she married on July 16, 1945. As a war bride, "Margie" embarked on an adventure in America in 1946. She built a life in Bloomfield, NJ, for 42 years, where she worked with Walt running the family businesses, at Westinghouse and Peerless Tube Company and was a foster mother to many infants.

After retirement in 1986, she moved to Leesburg, VA, to be closer to her family and started a new career with the Loudoun County Public Schools, where worked at Hamilton Elementary and Cool Spring Elementary in food services. She also volunteered at Harmony United Methodist Church, with the Loudoun County Animal Shelter, and her granddaughter's Girl Scouts troops.

She enjoyed attending programs at the Leesburg Senior Center. She will be greatly missed by her daughter, Jennifer Stuart, and son-in-law Larry of Leesburg, VA. Her grandchildren (Ryan Blackburn of Ashburn, VA; Aly and Kirk Kirkpatrick of Rogers, AR; and Kasey and Jacob Alexander of Hamilton, VA) and her great-grandchildren (Ian and Jane Kirkpatrick and Finn Alexander) will all miss their Mimi.

She is preceded in death by her husband of 32 years, Walt Fritz, great-granddaughter, Hope Kirkpatrick, and sisters, Rosemary Scull and Holly John. The family will receive visitors on Friday, June 28, 2019, from 6pm to 8pm at the Loudoun Funeral Chapel, 158 Catocin Circle SE, Leesburg, VA.



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Services will be held on Saturday, June 29, 2019, at 11:00am at Harmony United Methodist Church, 320 E. Colonial Highway, Hamilton, VA. Interment will be on July 1, 2019 at Restland Memorial Park in East Hanover, NJ, where she will be reunited with her beloved "Wally Baby." In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Operation Smile, 3641 Faculty Boulevard Virginia Beach, VA 23453.

Please share online condolences with the family at www.loudounfuneralchapel.com.






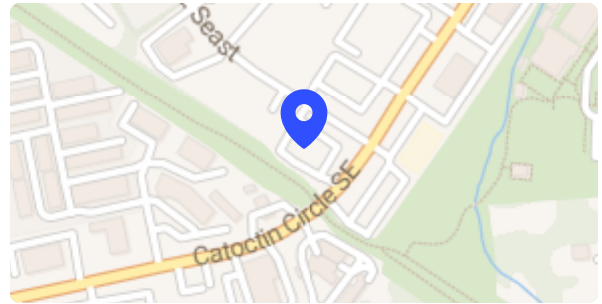
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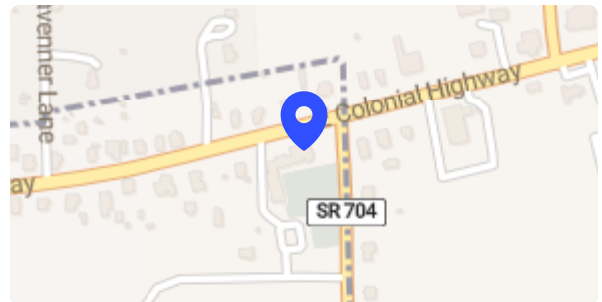
Visitation

-  **Friday**, June 28, 2019
-  6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET
-  **Loudoun Funeral Chapel**
158 Catoctin Circle, S.E., Leesburg VA



Church service

-  **Saturday**, June 29, 2019
-  11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET
-  **Harmony United Methodist Church**
380 E. Colonial Hwy., Hamilton Va





Tribute Wall

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BI

Bill posted:

I delivered meals to Margaret through the Meals on Wheels program for several years. When Margaret was advised to use a cane, she was reticent. Every Thursday, when delivering, I would always raise "cain", because she didn't use her cane. Bill Babics

June 30 at 7:45 AM

DI

Dianne posted:

Margaret - a plethora of words come to mind when I say her name. Family first, Wales, the Pritchard girls, principled, "collector", tea, Jersey girl. Eeyore! I came to know Margaret in the later years of her life as I delivered meals to her on Tuesdays. We regularly had a chat about this or that, exchanged our latest sightings of deer or our resident fox and made plans for a clean-up (which never occurred). Cosmo would frequently interrupt our conversations. After her move to Morningside, we continued our meetings. It was a struggle to get her to use her cane or walker or to ask for help when needed. She was inherently independent and so am I. We understood one another. I introduced her to the Monopoly Safeway game. We decided from the beginning we would split the winnings. Every Tuesday, we would check our tickets and add any new matching items. The first year was easy. Zero divided by two equals zero. The second year, winners we were, a grand sum of \$10. Margaret and I went on a field trip to the Leesburg Safeway where she completed the forms. They announced her name over the PA system and rang the bell. Margaret was delighted. This past year, we doubled our winnings. Margaret was not quite up to snuff, so on May 27, the day before the end of the contest, she was waiting for me in the lobby saying she was ready to go. Off we went, oxygen tank and all. Again Margaret completed the forms. They announced, " We have a 94 year old double winner, Margaret Fritz." I took \$ 5.00 and bought scratch off tickets. Margaret said she had never seen them before. So we laughed, as I showed her this game of chance. Tickled pink, off we went so Margaret could show her winnings to everyone. Larry tagged me with making a gambler of Margaret. Guilty with no regrets. Even at the hospital, we played scratch off tickets. I loved to make her laugh. She once told me I was her friend. My Friend, thank you for the honor and for all of the joy you brought to my life. Dianne

June 30 at 7:39 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Margaret by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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