



Margot Graney Mudd

November 14, 1921 - April 3, 2020

Margot Graney Mudd, age 98, of Plantation, Florida, and formerly of Bowling Green, passed away Friday, April 3, 2020 at the home of her daughter.

Margot was born November 14, 1921, in Cleveland, Ohio, to John G. and Pauline (Perry) Graney, both natives of St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada. Margot's father, Jack Graney, was a major league baseball player and Voice of the Cleveland Indians for 22 years. Margot threw out the first ball in a major league game when her father was posthumously inducted into the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame in 1984.

Margot graduated from Miami University of Ohio in 1943 with a degree in Romance Languages. During WWII, she was recruited by the Signal Corps in Washington, D.C., as a cryptographer/code girl working to break the Japanese shipping code. She was sworn to secrecy for life and was only recently allowed to discuss her experiences. In 2018, she was given a VIP tour of the National Cryptologic Museum near Washington, where she was thanked for her service to her country.

In 1944, Margot married J.O. Mudd, of Silex. When Captain Mudd returned from overseas, they opened the Mudd Funeral Home in August 1946, a firm they operated for more than 40 years. J.O. preceded her in death in 1999. Margot was a licensed Funeral Director.

Due to a shortage of language teachers, Margot was tapped by Principal George Nienheuser to return to college where she obtained a teaching certificate from the University of Missouri. She subsequently taught French, Spanish, and English at BGHS for ten years.

Margot was an ordained Elder in the Presbyterian Church, a member of the Bowling Green Library Board, a member of the Champ Clark Honey Shuck Board, a member of Delta Zeta Sorority, and a member since 1957 of Chapter DA of P.E.O.

Margot Mudd is survived by her daughter, Perry Smith (Ernie Smith) of Plantation, Florida; grandchildren Matthew Smith (Jessica Richman Smith), children Zachary, Alexander, twins Eleanor and Vivienne Margot Smith of Westport, Connecticut; Jessica Smith (Erik Olson), children Jack and Genevieve Olson of Washington D.C.; and Daniel Smith (Nikka Graff Lanzarone) of Brooklyn, New York.

Reverend James Ayres of Bowling Green First Presbyterian Church will conduct graveside services at Bowling Green Memorial Gardens Cemetery, and a memorial service will be held at Bibb-Veach Funeral Home in Bowling Green, formerly the Mudd Funeral Home, at a later date when her extended family will be able to attend.

Tribute Wall

LS

“*Margot was an inspiration to me from the first time we met. It was an honor to be her financial advisor and friend and learn the family history. We loved discussing current events, and what stocks might benefit. Her sharp wit and insight will be missed by all of us.*

Linda Straube



Linda Straube - April 17, 2020 at 07:51 PM

PS

Thank you Linda.

Perry Smith - May 15, 2020 at 03:47 PM

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“*PERRY, SORRY ABOUT YOUR MOM. SOUNDS LIKE A RICH AND FULL LIFE. READING ABOUT HER IN THE OBIT, I FOUND OUT MORE ABOUT HER THEN I EVER KNEW. THIS IS KIND OF A FLASH FROM THE PAST, BUT THIS IS FROM LINDA KORTE RHOADES. I SPENT TIME AT YOUR HOME AS A KID AND THEN MOVED TO IOWA. EVERY TIME I CAME BACK IT WAS USUALLY A FUNERAL AND WOULD SEE YOUR MOM AND DAD AND ALWAYS HAD TO CHAT. WHAT A VIBRANT COUPLE. SHE WILL BE MISSED.*

Linda Rhoades - April 15, 2020 at 10:03 AM

PS

Thank you Linda. So nice to hear from you. We had some fun times together.

Perry Smith - May 15, 2020 at 03:46 PM

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“ I remember the Mudd couple from many years ago. I want to extend my sympathy to the family and friends. The Mudd couple contributed to the community in a good way and I remember them at events at the Bowling Green Presbyterian Church when I had responsibility as moderator of the church when there was no pastor present.

D. Randall Cone, Louisiana, MO

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PS

Thank you.

Perry Smith - May 15, 2020 at 03:46 PM

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“ *Tom-jean Dempsey sent a virtual gift in memory of Margot Graney Mudd*



tom-jean dempsey - April 07, 2020 at 09:38 PM

LS

Mrs. Mudd as she was known to me & all her many students was my French teacher at BGHS. Such a wonderful teacher! I have very fond memories of being in her class.

Lois Schumacher - April 09, 2020 at 10:14 AM

KC

Perry. I have fond memories of your mother. She taught me French for 2 years. I didn't realize then how much I would come to use the language through my travels through the past 50 years. She was such an inspiring and gracious teacher.

She was blessed with an accomplished and full life. Our sympathies. My brother David was in your class.

Karen Straube Corbus

Karen Corbus - April 25, 2020 at 04:33 PM

PS

Thank you. We all miss David.

Perry Smith - May 15, 2020 at 03:46 PM