



Margaret Herlong

May 12, 1933 - June 30, 2014

Obituary of Margaret Herlong

Margaret Ann LaBorde Herlong, 81, of Leesburg, Florida, died peacefully surrounded by family on the morning of June 30, 2014.

She was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. Marg loved her family and was dedicated to St. James Episcopal Church in Leesburg and was very active with the Episcopal Church Women's organization.

Margaret was born in Leesburg on May 12, 1933, to Jack and Lucy LaBorde. After graduating from Leesburg High School in 1951, Margaret attended the University of Florida as a cheerleader and member of Delta Delta Delta sorority. She graduated from UF in 1955 with a degree in Education. She was married to William (Bill) F. Herlong, Jr., also of Leesburg, for 54 years.

Margaret was a lifetime resident of Leesburg, living in the family's primary residence on Shore Acres Drive in Leesburg, Florida for 57 years.

In the mid-1960s, she became co-owner of Landseair Travel Agency and spent almost 50 years in the travel industry. Over the course of her life, she traveled extensively, experiencing many of the world's wonders, and living life to the fullest. She also served as president of the Heart of Florida Girl Scout Council for several terms.

Margaret is survived by her brother John F.(Buddy)LaBorde of Jacksonville, FL, daughter Ann Louise Tuke and husband Richard Haydon of Ponce Inlet, Florida, daughter Mary Frances (Fran) McDonald and husband Mark of Kalaheo, Kauai, son William (Bill) F. Herlong, III and wife Katie of Orlando, and five grandchildren, Kelsey Lee McDonald, Kyle Marshall McDonald, Natalie Lorraine Tuke, Grace McConnell Herlong and Anna Frances Herlong.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, July 5, at St. James Episcopal Church followed by an interment of ashes in the St. James Memorial Garden.

Close friends and family are invited to a celebration of Marg's life following the service (approximately 12-2pm) at the family home.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the St. James Episcopal Church Memorial Fund, 204 Lee St., Leesburg, FL 34748-4915 are requested.

Tribute Wall



“ *Margaret Herlong*

October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Say not in grief that she is no more, but say in thankfulness that she was. A death is not the extinguishing of a light, but the putting out of a lamp because the dawn has come." May your hearts soon be filled with wonderful memories of joyful times together as you celebrate a life well lived by such a wonderful lady.*

Genice Dickerson - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Marg was and is truly an iconic lady. Her import to her family and to the community will long be realized. My heartfelt condolences to each family member and friend. Love Lives On Those we love are never really lost to us-- we feel them in so many special ways-- through friends they always cared about and dreams they left behind, in beauty that they added to our days . . . in words of wisdom we still carry with us and memories that never will be gone . . . Those we love are never really lost to us-- For everywhere their special love lives on.*

Bunky Standridge - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of the passing of Marg, such a sweet lady who was a true cornerstone of the community. She added a bit of luster and shine to Leesburg and she will be truly missed...*

barbra1012 - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *My sincere, heartfelt sympathy to Marg's family!! She was a wonderful lady, full of life & love. I am honored to have known her for so many years...blessings to her children!!*

Lori Feustel-Rheaume - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *Mrs. Herlong was an beautiful person inside and out and I feel honored to have known her. She was a great example of a true southern woman with grace and integrity. She will truly be missed. Our prayers are with your family.*

SMALLEY family - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *So sorry for your loss. I pray for comfort and peace from Jesus for your family.*

Maerilu Holloway Wooley - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ *So sorry to hear of the passing of your mother. I understand how sad and painful this is as I have now lost both of my parents. Please know that I will be lifting you and the family up in prayers. Sincerely, Teresa LHS classmate of 1975*

Teresa Flowers Archer - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *The Birthday Girls have lost another of our beloved mothers. Such wonderful memories remain of days gone by and those memories will sustain in times of sorrow. Blessings to the family and prayers for strength in this time of sorrow.*

Mary Kathryn Hastings Cooper - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Margaret and I were members of the LHS Class of 1951. She was and is a beautiful woman with a Christian love for everyone. I have no doubt that she is heavenly bound. She lived a life of dedication to others as commanded by Christ.

Robert G Mauney - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ One of the more interesting and genuine people I've met over the years, Marg was a modern day Renaissance woman not to mention...a fellow native 'cracker'. Many people 'pass through' in this life but this is one lady that 'lived it' and her family are, and have been, following in her footsteps. Godspeed Marg, you've left a living legacy that will continue to echo your presence. I'm glad I had the opportunity to share some laughs.

Greg Feustel - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SO

“ I know that you will miss your mother very much. But know that now she is with your dad and her parents and all those she loved that have been waiting patiently for her to come home. She is also with the Lord our Savior.

Sandra Oberholtzer - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Very sad to hear of her passing. She had an amazing life. Very sorry Ann Louise and all of your family. I am sure you are very proud of her. Love- to all Donna Webb

Donna Webb - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Margaret Herlong was one of my special clients. I will miss her.

Mary S LaMoreaux CPA - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Many memories of all the years from grade school, LHS Class of '51, and great Gator years...Marg & Bill will always be part of many meaningful and enjoyable times...may the Lord continue to bless the Herlong family and bring you Peace.

Bob Frierson - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ So sorry for your loss in my thoughts

Chuck Lowe - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ What a special lady. I'm mean a true Lady. She was from a time with garden club and tea parties and all the wonderful traditions u don't c much anymore. I miss those special people . Her family was so close so much love and fun & great memories .. She will be miss by all . God bless her soul and her family. We will always be here for you. Much love

Callie & Pat Coffey - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ My warm condolences to Anne Louise, Fran, and Bill, Jr., as you say good-bye to your mother. She is bright in my memories of years in Leesburg, welcoming me not only to the family, but to St. James and to the town itself and its activities. I wish her good journey, and I wish all of you well.

G'anne Harmon - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KI

“ From the Board of Director's & Staff of Kauai Habitat for Humanity, we offer our deepest sympathy to Fran & her family. Know that our thoughts & prayers are with you at this time.

Kauai Habitat for Humanity, Inc. - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you Fran, Mac, Kelsey and Kyle. Thankfully faith gives comfort!

Mark and LeDonna Fair - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

WT

“ Charles and I were remembering the wonderful trips we took with your Mom and Dad when she was doing the 'travel planning'. Many good memories. She will be truly missed. Love and Prayers to your family at this time.

Winnie and Charles Tucker - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

NC

“ Ann Louise and Family, I was deeply saddened to hear that your mom passed away. You will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers.

Nancy Camp - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ I love reading all about her, what an accomplished woman and role model. Aloha from all the Kauai ohana.

laola aea - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ *Ann Louise and Family, I was so sorry and sad to hear about your mom. We were all out of town when we heard. My mom always had such great memories of her and was so saddened by the news. Please know you are in my prayers and I have been thinking of all of you. Blessings to your family, Linda*

Linda Braswell Ross - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM