



MARGARET STARLING

February 9, 2013

Obituary of MARGARET STARLING

Mrs. Margaret Ellen Starling, 65 of Umatilla passed away Saturday, February 9, 2013. She moved to Umatilla from Ft. Myers, FL in 2007. She was a retired school teacher having taught at Cypress Lake High and North Ft. Myers High School. Survivors include son: Andrew J. (Jamie) Reingardt, Thorndale, PA; daughter: Melanie L. Reingardt, Washington, D.C.; and granddaughter: Emma Paige Reingardt, Thorndale, PA.

Services

Memorial services will be held 3:00 p.m., Friday, February 15, 2013 at the Beyers Funeral Home Chapel, Umatilla.

Tribute Wall

LH

“ Dear Melanie and Andrew and Families, Please know how deeply saddened I am and the North Fort Myers community to learn of the tragic death of your dear mother. She was a wonderful friend and will be greatly missed. I am so sorry to learn that she died from a gallbladder surgery that should have been routine. I am grateful that her close friend Ellen Murphy was there to be at her side in her final hours. I know that she loved both of you dearly and felt your love in return. There were missed opportunities to make extra efforts to be with her and I know that over the years as your own families mature that you will reflect on those omissions. It's too bad that we don't learn until it's too late. Be assured that she loved you enormously and had a mother's forgiving love. There was never a moment when she doubted her love for you. I know she grew closer to you, Melanie, in recent years. I always admired her devotion to her parents and know that she is with them now and is happy. She used to be my lunch companion and was Anne Ragland's and my frequent Saturday evening dinner and movie partner. We had lots of laughs together and shared great conversation. She met me regularly at World's Gym to exercise and talked me into a membership., We struggled to control our weight and shared a love for animals. She would meet me at my house and we would walk together downtown. She had lots of inside information about old Fort Myers and it was fun to hear her tell of her going to high school there. I heard stories of her college experiences and of her heartbreaks in her marriage. Her efforts to find love in a second marriage were quickly squelched when she realized that her new husband did not get along with both of you. She divorced him in order to be protective of you both. She never could offer you the luxury that your natural father did and felt disadvantaged and in competition for your affection because he could matterially offer you more. She sacrificed her own wishes to accomodate your desires to spend holidays with him and his family. There was always a sadness, but never despair. She was so happy that you, Andy, found your love and that you have a darling daughter. She drove those miles with Fannie in tow in order to see you in your new home in PA and visit your granddaughter. Please, tell your wife and

daughter how wonderful their mother-in-law and grandmother was and that would she make a great role model for them. I am forwarding a check to the Cat Protection Society in Maggie's remembrance. Hopefully some need cat will get one more gift from her. She always loved her cats and her animals and plants. My sincerest sympathies, Linda Hissam.

Linda Hussam - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ *Maggi was an intelligent, fun-loving teacher and friend. I have great memories of Maggi at North High and also of our trip to Ireland. She will be missed! Too young to leave this side of heaven! May you rest in peace, Maggi! My sincere condolences to the family.*

Suzanne Jager - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ *Dear Melanie, Andy, Jamie and Emma, Words really can't capture how sorry I am for your loss. Try to find comfort in knowing your mom's love and pride in her children was truly the highlight of her life. Melanie and Andy, please know that you both and your family are in my heart. My friend Maggi gave me love and encouragement when I most needed it but more importantly she always gave joy to all who were lucky enough to have made her acquaintance. I am trying to grasp the joyful times to my heart because those are my best memories. With Heartfelt Condolences Barb*

Barbara Kiphart - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Andrew, Melanie, Jamie & Emma, There are no words to express the loss we all feel. I am just so very thankful Maggi was a part of my life for the past forty-two years. We will miss her every day but will also remember the very fine lady and mother to you all that she was...forever in our hearts. Our deepest sympathy, Al & Vickie

Al & Vickie Starling - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM