



## MARGARET STRICKLEN

July 16, 1924 - October 19, 2010

### Obituary of MARGARET STRICKLEN

On October 19, after a short illness, Margaret B. Stricklen, 86, of Umatilla, went home to be with her beloved husband, Martin. She was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, and friend. Margaret loved her family, her church, and her community activities. She was always willing to serve. She was born in Fort Valley, Georgia on July 16, 1924 to Garland and Willie Butler, both of Fort Valley. She was an only child but enjoyed close relationships with aunts, uncles, cousins and family friends. After graduation from high school, she attended Young Harris College in the Georgia foothills. During World War II she served as a Western Union agent in her home town.

She met and married her husband, Martin and moved to Umatilla as a bride. She became an active member of the First United Methodist Church of Umatilla where she contributed much of her time and many of her talents. She taught Sunday school for many years. She was also instrumental in obtaining an historical building designation for the First United Methodist Church chapel.

She was a member of the Umatilla Woman's Club for over fifty years where she served as President twice and chairman of numerous committees. She

served as the State Project Chairman for two Presidents of the Florida Woman's Club organization. She also served as Director of District Seven for two years. After her husband's death, she managed the family business, M & J Groves. She represented the growers as a Director for the Umatilla Citrus Growers Association for over 30 years. She was the Umatilla Citrus Growers Association's representative to Citrus World in Lake Wales and served as a Director from 1984 to 1997. She was preceded in death by both her father and mother, Garland and Willie Butler, and by her husband, Martin. She is survived by her two daughters, Margo Odom (Russell) of Umatilla, Joy Blount (Michael) of Apopka, grandsons, Ryan and Christopher Blount, Apopka, step-grandson, Jerry Odom (Amanda) of Ocala, step-granddaughter, Tammy Staples (Neil) of Great Britain, and step-great grandchildren, Ryle Odom of Ocala and Teegan Staples of Great Britain.

#### Visitation

The family will receive friends from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., Saturday, October 23, 2010 at the Beyers Funeral Home, Umatilla.

#### Services

Funeral services will be held 2:00 p.m., Sunday, October 24, 2010 at the First United Methodist Church Chapel with Reverend Gordon Kunde officiating.

#### Interment

Interment will follow the services at the Glendale Cemetery, Umatilla.

In lieu of flowers

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Martin E. and Margaret B. Stricklen Nursing Scholarship at Lake Sumter Community College Foundation.

# Tribute Wall

SC

“ Joy, I would like to express my sincere sympathy to you and your family at this difficult time. Susan

Susan Croft - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

WT

“ Dear Margo & Family The Stricklen family and friends have lost a great leader and inspiration of many Central Florida citrus growers and citizens. My thoughts have been with you. I was recovering from knee surgery therefore could not attend the Sunday services. May God Bless the Stricklen Family. Glenn Tyre

W. Glenn Tyre - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ With deepest sympathy. You and your family have been in our thoughts and prayers. She was such a great lady and will be missed. God bless.

John and Christine Getchell and Family - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Margaret was a beautiful lady. Always helping others. We were in the Umatilla Woman's Club together. Everyone really looked up to her. We became good friends. I will miss her. I will keep her whole family in my prayers, I know she has gone home to be with God, and her Martin. God Bless you Margaret.

Barbara E. Maddy - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ We will always remember Meg for her welcoming smile and warm hugs when we visited your home. From the first time we met he we felt like "family" when we were with her. She will be greatly missed by many who loved her and we are proud to be among that group.  
Love, John & Sharon

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**John & Sharon Harrell** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Margo and Linda, I am so sorry about your mother's passing. It was an honor and pleasure to be a part of her care. Meg was lucky to have such wonderful and devoted daughter's--you were right by her side the entire journey. I wish the outcome had been different, but only God knows his plan for us.

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**Bonnie Di Giovanni** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GO

“ The world has lost a wonderful lady, we knew your mother through the GFWC Florida Federation of Women's Clubs. She was truly a lady with much love and compassion that she shared willingly. She will be missed. Gail and Bessie Oberly GFWC Suburban Woman's Club

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**Gail and Bessie Oberly** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ The world has lost and Heaven has gained a wonderful lady. She was a true example of a Leader with a servant heart. We will miss Margaret and loved her very much. Our prayers are with her family to receive the comfort and feel the Lord's arms around them at this time of loss.

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**Jim and Brenda Copenhaver** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



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