



Ingeborg "Margaret" Wickstrom Keysor

October 16, 1924 - May 30, 2026

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Ingeborg Margareta Wickstrom (later known as Margaret or Marge) was born in 1924 in Borgo, Finland. Her parents, Rev. Werner and Hjordis Wickstrom, were Swede-Finns (Swedish speaking) and Margaret was the second of four children. The family moved to the U.S. in 1929. Rev. Wickstrom served Swedish speaking churches in Brooklyn, Bridgeport, and then Chicago. Margaret earned a nursing degree from Northwestern University and became a registered nurse.

In 1947 she married Charles W. Keysor, a journalist who later became a Methodist minister. They raised a family of five children in Elgin, Illinois. Margaret was a devoted mother and pastor's wife; she was also instrumental in helping Charles ("Chuck") Keysor to launch Good News, a magazine for Methodist renewal.

In 1972, the Keysors moved with the two youngest children, Chuck Jr. and Steve, to Wilmore, Kentucky; there Chuck continued his magazine work and started a journalism program at Asbury College. Margaret worked in the Good News office and was active in the Methodist church in Wilmore. They moved to Clearwater, Florida where Chuck briefly served a Covenant Church, but died of cancer in 1985 at the age of 60. Margaret then moved to Greenville,

Texas, to be near her son Steve (Rhonda) and their children. As she approached 90 years of age, she began to experience memory loss. She moved to the Lyngblomsten Apartments, just two miles from the home of her daughter Nancy (Craig) and their children. She lived in the Apartments for several years before moving to the Care Center.

Margaret Keysor was a person of strong Christian faith. She loved reading, singing and listening to classical music. A talented knitter, she made beautiful sweaters for everyone in the family. She had moved so many times in her life that she often said, "I have learned in whatsoever state I am to be content" (Philippians 4:11). Wherever she lived, she was known for reaching out to others, especially those who had lost a loved one or who were new in town. Margaret was preceded in death by her parents Werner and Hjordis Wickstrom, her husband Chuck, her brother Ted, and sisters-in-law Mabel (Ted), Betty (Bo) and Nancy (Gordon); her son Daniel, her grandson Matthew Koester, and her daughter-in-law Sally (Dan).

She is survived by brothers Gordon and Bo, her children Joe, Nancy (Craig) Koester, Chuck, Steve (Rhonda), daughter-in-law Sally, grandchildren Emily, Jennifer, Alyssa (Blade), Thomas (Lauren), and great-grandchildren Auden, Hazel Barringer and Philip Keysor.

Memorials may be made to Lyngblomsten Care Center
1415 Almond Ave, St Paul, MN 55108

Cemetery Details

Clearwater Municipal Cemetery

1300 South Myrtle
Clearwater, FL 33755

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 8. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Lyngblomsten Care Center Newman-Benson Chapel
1415 Almond Avenue
Saint Paul, MN 55108

Funeral Service

JUN 8. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Marge was one of those special ladies that you can never forget. She was gracious, she was kind, she was loving, she was encouraging, and a lady of so much godly wisdom. She shared her knitting with so many here and everyone who received one of her little knitted stockings felt so privileged. There are just no words to really express how much she was loved and appreciated here at the church of Aldersgate, now Christ community Church, in Greenville Texas. It is so good to know that she is now with her Lord and so many friends who have gone before her they're just having one big party up there celebrating her homecoming.

Connie Hollis - June 09 at 10:39 AM

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Thank you, Connie, from Margaret's daughter Nancy m

Nancy Koester - June 11 at 05:03 PM

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“ -Thales Visionix planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ingeborg "Margaret" Wickstrom Keysor.

-Thales Visionix - June 08 at 12:57 PM

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“ -Thales Visionix purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Ingeborg "Margaret" Wickstrom Keysor.



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Chuck Keysor - June 07 at 01:22 PM



August, 1979 at Nancy and Craig's wedding....

Chuck Keysor - June 07 at 01:23 PM



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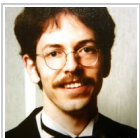


Chuck Keysor - June 07 at 01:18 PM



February, 1981

Chuck Keysor - June 07 at 01:17 PM



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February, 1981. Margaret with brothers Gordon, Bo and Ted Wickstrom.

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Chuck Keysor - June 07 at 01:16 PM



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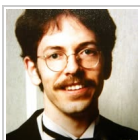


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Christmas, 1971, Elgin, Illinois

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Confirmation, Chicago

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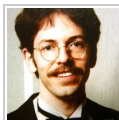
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Margaret ca 1935 with Wags the Dog, DesPlaines Methodist Campground.

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ca 1935, Gordon, Margaret and Bo Wickstrom

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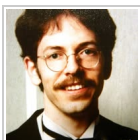


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September, 1932

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Loved seeing all the memory photos of Marge! Such a precious woman and encouraged!

Connie Hollis - June 09 at 09:28 AM



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Margaret about 1930.

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Margaret and her older brother, Ted Wickstrom, 1925

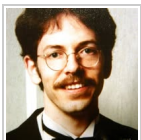
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Mom's wedding day, December 27, 1947

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“ My Mom, Margaret Keysor, was a kind, generous and thoughtful person. The mother of five children and happily married, she was also a pastor's wife and very devoted to supporting her husband Chuck's work. They made a wonderful team, and were the best of friends. Sadly, my father died at the age of 60, leaving my Mom to many years of widowhood. Even so, she continued reaching out to others and helping people. She once told me that the best way to make a friend is to find someone who needs a friend. Mom had a beautiful soprano voice, and loved music. She was a registered nurse (before she became a mother) and a very accomplished knitter. Above all, she was a devout Christian, and her faith carried her through many changes and losses. Her independent spirit was her "sisu," a Finnish word meaning endurance, persistence, courage and faithfulness. This fit her very well: after all, she was born in Finland.



Nancy Koester - June 02 at 09:48 AM