



Margaret June (Darcy) Petersen

September 9, 2015

Petersen, Margaret June (Darcy) Nov. 8, 1924 - Sept. 9, 2015 long-time resident of north Minneapolis. Margaret was an Irish dreamer, artist, and seeker of knowledge, and took enjoyment in poetry. Her reality was being the mother of six, making-do on a modest budget, while living with the challenges of Multiple Sclerosis for 62 of her 90 years. She made sure there were educational books and encyclopedias in the house, the news or PBS on TV, and she always kept an atlas and heavy dictionary at hand. The M.S. took a toll on the family to be sure, and sometimes her efforts fell short, but Margaret always did the best she could, which was far beyond what would have been expected of "someone in her shape," as we used to hear. But, perhaps most significantly, Margaret always thought she'd get better, and she often did improve! Margaret was born to William Darcy, an Irish immigrant, and Cora Williams Darcy. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Don; infant daughter, Margaret; and sister, Mary Hanegan. She is survived by her brother Patrick Darcy (Marilyn); her six children: Randi Mason (James) of Fergus Falls; Patricia Kelly (William) of Minneapolis; Thomas Petersen, of Dallas, TX; Valerie Kaaria (Keith) of Brooklyn Park; Paula Petersen, of Minneapolis; and Meg Petersen, of Minneapolis. Her seven grandchildren are Erin Hoyt (Eric); Alison Gerst (Greg); Natalie Salden (Todd); Alex Miller (Jennifer); Vanessa Sarraute (Luc); Sonia Kaaria and Jon Kaaria. Her eight greats are Mason and Camden Hoyt, Savannah Gerst, Hailey and Max Salden, Benjamin Miller, and Naomi and Joachim Sarraute, plus number nine,

baby Miller, expected in February. She is also survived by nephews Pat and Jim Darcy; Scott Hanegan; and Gary, Bob, and David Petersen; and niece Darcy Clearwater, as well as cousins Janice Johnson and Barbara Williams. We thank the wonderful staff at Catholic Eldercare for their kindness and loving care these past three years, and we thank the Health Partners Hospice staff also. The combined expertise, attention, and support to the family was invaluable. Mass of Christian Burial Wednesday, September 16th, at 12 noon, with visitation one hour before, The Basilica of Saint Mary, 1600 Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis. Private interment Thursday at Fort Snelling. Memorials may be made to National M.S Society, Midwest Chapter, nationalmssociety.org, or to Catholic Eldercare. Washburn-McReavy.com
Hillside Chapel 612-781-1999

Tribute Wall

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“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with Margaret's family. We hope the fond memories of the times you shared with her will help ease the sorrows that you are feeling and bring you peace.*



Karen & Dave Anderson/Peters - September 13, 2015 at 10:23 PM

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“ *Karen Anderson & Dave Peters lit a candle in memory of Margaret June (Darcy) Petersen*



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