



Margery Kathryn Otto

September 17, 2016

Otto, Margery Kathryn born in Kansas City, Missouri, passed away peacefully in her sleep on September 17 at age 64 after her prolonged and fearless fight against cancer. Margery graduated from Byram Hills High School in Armonk, NY where she met and later married Bruce Parker, her husband for 32 years until their amicable divorce in 2005. Margery received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Harvard College in 1974 cum Laude and a Juris Doctor Degree from Columbia Law School in 1977 graduating in the top 5% of her class. She was an associate at the Minneapolis law firm of Dorsey & Whitney from 1977 to 1982 and later a partner of Kaplan, Strangis and Kaplan, P.A. until 1998 when she left the practice of law to pursue her passion for social and racial justice. She co-founded and co-directed the Anti-Racism Study Dialogue Circles (ASDIC) and in 2010 shared receipt of the Facing Race Ambassador Award. Margery spent time nearly every summer on the dune shores of Lake Michigan. Margery is survived by her four sons, Davis (Kristin), James and Richard Parker and Rodney Sheppard; two grandchildren, Ezra and Cora, whom she saw most weeks as she shared her joy of nature and storytelling; her father, Edward J. Otto; her two sisters, Martha Ard and Margaret Otto and their eight children. Visitation Tuesday, September 20 from 4 7 pm and Wednesday, September 21, from 9 10 am at Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel and a ceremony celebrating Margery's life at 10 am on September 21 in the Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel. Private interment at Lakewood Cemetery immediately following the celebration ceremony. Flowers for the

visitation and celebration ceremony at Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel or donations to All Nations Indian Church, 1515 E. 23rd St, Minneapolis, MN 55404, at donor's discretion, preferred. Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996 West 50th St. & Hwy 100

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **20**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Edina Chapel
5000 West 50th & Highway 100
Edina, MN 55436
(952) 920-3996
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Service

SEP **21**. 9:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ My deepest goes out to all the family of Margarie. From the day I met her I was amazed at the sincere solitude that filled her in all that she did. She was the epitome of kindness, patience, sincerity, and giving. She will surely be missed. We can all learn a lot from the examples she left behind of what type of true ambassadors the Lord chooses to represent him on earth. Goodbye Margarie!

Sincerely, David Bovender

David Bovender - September 22, 2016 at 07:11 PM

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“ I have known Margery since before Davis was born. Davis was taking his time, and Margery was eager to get on with it. I advised her to have a pepperoni pizza, and that did the trick. Less than 24 hours later, she was in labor, and Davis joined the family. Although I always wished Margery had been better about keeping in touch, I knew she was always my friend, and when we did connect, we picked up as though we had seen each other the day before. Her brilliance was matched only by the expansiveness of her heart. I have lost a lifelong friend and I am grieving. I share your loss. Judith Perlman. Cleveland, Wisconsin

Judith Perlman - September 21, 2016 at 08:56 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Margery Kathryn Otto.



September 19, 2016 at 02:37 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Margery Kathryn Otto.*



September 19, 2016 at 10:09 AM



“ *Bunko group of Smithville purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Margery Kathryn Otto.*



Bunko group of Smithville - September 18, 2016 at 10:36 PM