



Margaret Sue Boswell

January 23, 1935 - June 29, 2017

Margaret Boswell

Margaret S. Boswell, 82, born January 23, 1935 in Centralia passed away on June 29, 2017 at Odin Healthcare Odin, IL. Preceding her in death were her parents, Orval and Catherine (Wilson) Boswell, as well as her brother, Jon Boswell.

She was a graduate of Centralia High School and the University of Illinois School of Journalism (1957). She joined the State Journal Registrar in 1962, and retired on December 31, 1996. She worked as a reporter, assistant Sunday editor, assistant city editor, and copy editor.

Margaret was active in Springfield Muni Opera as an actress, director, and board member serving four terms as treasurer. She also was a performer and assistant director at Springfield Theatre Center. She a former boarder member and vice president of Opera Theatre of Springfield. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Centralia.

Margaret is survived by her nieces and nephews: Deborah Zelasko and her husband Neal, David Boswell and his wife Diane, Dante Boswell, and Dana Potter and her husband Doug. She is also survived by her great nieces and nephews: Jessica Freels, Katie Boswell, Josh Boswell, and Matt Zelasko.

Following cremation, graveside services for Margaret S. Boswell will be held at Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery on July 12, 2017 at 11:00am. Memorial Donations may be made to the Diabetes Association and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia, which is assisting the

family with arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

JB

“ I have known Maggie my whole life because she was my mom's (Pam Gillespie Fuson) best childhood friend and lifelong friend. I heard all the stories of Pam and Maggie in their Centralia High School days (I have the yearbooks!). They went to University of Illinois together and lived in Stratford House at 4th and Daniel. That's where they met Al Fuson, my dad. They had stories about him, too! No matter where we moved over the years with my dad's job, Mom always stayed in touch with Maggie. Maggie was very special to our family. Now, she has joined Pam and Al who died in 2003. Rest in peace, dear friend.

Jennie (Fuson) Bear - August 01, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Maggie was my introduction to staffing a show, as she asked me to assistant direct her production of Guys and Dolls. I knew I could call her for advise, and what she gave me would be honest and forthright... alright, sometimes blunt. But it was good advise, and people were wise if they took it. She was also hilarious, with cutting wit that will not be replaceable.

July 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Maggie. Was the director for the first Spfld. Muni Opera musical that was in, "Irene", 1976. What a joy! She was so professional, so organized.....she knew exactly what she wanted. I'll always remember her with love and appreciation. Deepest sympathies to the Boswell family.

Toni Miller - July 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ To the Boswell family, My deepest condolences to you and yours at this time of loss and sadness. I knew Maggie from the Sj-r and worked with her for years. She scared the bejeesus out of me when I would call her about a problem with her page (she didn't like problems). A very dedicated woman and took pride in her work. She was a credit to everything Sj-r back then. Will miss you and may God Bless.

Rick Easley - July 11, 2017 at 12:00 AM

FM

“ God bless Maggie. I was a reporter for the Journal Register in a break from college, and Maggie was an Editor of the Sunday combined paper. She gave me great artistic freedom to write special features for the Sunday publication. A wonderful lady.

Frank Messersmith - July 11, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Maggie directed the first Muni show I auditioned for. I was 5 at the time! She was kind, loving, creative, hard working and honest. Prayers and love to the family! She was a dedicated to the Springfield theater community. Amazing legacy. + Sherry Frachey

Sherry Frachey - July 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ I always enjoyed any time spent with Maggie. Prayers for the family.

Greta Schnapp - July 08, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Will miss Maggie's sense of humor and her dedication to the Springfield theater scene. The last few years I would see her at the Fit Club here in Springfield where she always had time for a hello and chat.

David Morse - July 08, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Thank you for many years of joy, Maggie! Your words and friendship will be dearly missed!

Tim Ward - July 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ I have many fond memories of Maggie at Muni. A dedicated director and supporter of the theater community. A fine write. A trusted friend. God's Love and Peace be with her and the family. Mary B.

Mary Bonner - July 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Maggie and I go way back, when there was The Illinois State Journal and Illinois State Register. She got there a few years before me but from the start we were friends. Always admired her dedication to show business, and, of course, her work ethic.

Toby McDaniel - July 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TY

“ Maggie was a literary poet. Because of her I had the confidence to continue acting. Her guidance and advise meant the world to me. She knew I never read my reviews so she would tell me what she wrote. She will be truly missed and my heart goes out to the family. Another angel is watching over us.

Tony Young - July 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Maggie gave me my first role at Muni. It was the beginning of my association with the Springfield theatre family. I hope you know how important she was in that family. My thoughts and prayers go to her family and friends.

Shirley McConnaughay - July 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ Heartfelt sympathy, caring thoughts, prayers. Maggie was a wonderful writer, outstanding with musical productions, caring, spunky, personality plus!!!! Wishing the family and friends: a song in your hearts; a rainbow after the rain; sunshine after the clouds; peace; cherished memories.

Mary von Liski - July 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Sorry for your loss. I have many fond memories of Maggie. She will be missed by so many of us.

Joan Sestak - July 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ I am so sorry to hear about Maggie. I worked with her for many years in theater in Springfield both on and off stage. I was honored to assistant director with her on the Sound of Music in 1986. I will miss her.

Mary Beth Maloney - July 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ *I will always remember Maggie because of her big smile and friendliness. So sorry for your loss but it is Heaven's gain. Keeping the family in my thoughts and prayers.*

Karen Bevel - June 30, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *So very sorry for your loss. You all are in our thoughts & prayers. God Bless.*

Janet Finley-Huffman - June 29, 2017 at 12:00 AM