



Harriett E. Masters

September 17, 1925 - January 28, 2016

Harriett Elizabeth Merritt Masters - Born September 17, 1925, died January 28, 2016 at the age of 90. Survived by daughters Kathryn E. (Robert) Nyquist, Virginia A. (Peter) Pattullo, sister Virginia Merritt. Granddaughters Rebeccah and Rachael Nyquist, Sarah (Ben) Menge and Erin Pattullo, and grandson Matthew Nyquist. Also, many beloved nieces, nephews, grand nieces, and grand nephews.

Harriett was predeceased by her husband Robert Masters (July 2001) and brother Jack Merritt.

Harriett graduated from Royal Oak High School in 1943 and Michigan State in 1948. She pursued further work at Wayne State University and Eastern University. She taught Kindergarten in Birmingham and Royal Oak Schools for 31 years, retiring in 1986, followed by 20 years in the antique business. She was an active member of the First Congregational Church of Royal Oak since 1965. Her activities included trustee work, choir membership, Pastoral Care Ministry and other committees. She was a member of Ezra Parker Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Her knowledge and love of music was ever present in her life.

Memorial visitation Friday, February 5, 2016 from 10 a.m. until the time of service 11 a.m. at the First Congregational Church of Royal Oak. In lieu of

flowers, memorials to the First Congregational Church, 1314 Northwood Boulevard, Royal Oak, MI 48073 or ROOTS - Royal Oak Animal Shelter, 211 S. Williams Street, PO Box 64, Royal Oak, MI 48068-0064. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

FEB 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Congregational Church of Royal Oak
1314 Northwood Boulevard
Royal Oak, MI 48073

Memorial Service

FEB 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JS

“ *Our Hat
Was always there,
To show her love.
And share the gift
of giving you a special lift*

*Our love,
John and Barbara (Masters) Snyder*

John and Barb Snyder - February 02, 2016 at 06:43 PM

RW

“ *Katie and Ginny,
Your mother was always a lot of fun. You all were great neighbors.
I have two memories, first is with you guys. It was always fun to get
you to open up your bedroom window so that Bill and I could throw
snowballs in.
But your mom was always the voice of reason and conscience.
Once after I had shoveled every walk I could get paid for. Your
mother said, 'Richard, do you see what I see?' I told her that I saw
all the good work I had accomplished. She said, 'Yes you've done a
good job but your not done.' I was about to protest and she added,
'We don't want to see your mother shoveling when she has such an
expert in the house, do we?' I couldn't disappoint two mothers at
one time, so I shoveled my walk too.
I wish I could be with you all.
Blessings from your long lost neighbors,
Rich for Bill, John and Charlie*

Rich Woodward - January 29, 2016 at 07:21 PM

EK

“Ginny, Katie, and Ginnie,
I'm so sorry you've lost your bestest sister and dear mom. What a wonderful lady and neighbor Harriet was. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. If you need anything (boxes?), you know where I live.
Ellen

Ellen Kehoe - January 29, 2016 at 11:15 AM

LR

The last time I visited Harriet she was joyously playing in the Bell Choir and knew her part by heart. She was a wonderful gal and I enjoyed the many talks we shared over the years.

Lois Reithel - January 29, 2016 at 12:52 PM

PB

Harriet was one of the best, most innovative kindergarten teachers ever. On the first day of school, many years back, I was in her room helping greet the new students. She was at her piano with the kids on the floor around her. She asked if any of them had a song they would like her to play. Several kids shouted out "Jesus loves me". Harriet quickly said that she knew that song with different words and she started singing and playing "Spring is coming, yes I know, for a birdie told me so...."

Pat Blosser - January 31, 2016 at 07:20 PM

GR

I have such fond memories of Harriett from Lincoln school. She LOVED playing the piano and having all of those adorable kindergartners around her singing their favorite songs. She was sooo much fun to be around. Had a contagious laugh; always loving a good joke. Always made you feel special ;always took an interest in what you were doing. She had a positive attitude and seldom saw her without a smile on her face. She loved jewelry...my biggest customer. She had my respect as a teacher and friend. She touched many people lives and will be missed. Gail Ryder

gail ryder - February 01, 2016 at 12:32 PM

JG

She was a wonderful addition to my life. I will miss her.

Joanne Galvin - February 03, 2016 at 04:29 PM

PH

Harriet was a much loved lady on Ferncliff and in our family. We have so many wonderful memories...parties in her home, with friends and family; crazy stories of her exploits and can never forget the beautiful grand opening of her Antque Shop on Washington! Her life was well lived and she leaves us with cherished memoties. Our sympathy to all of her family.

Pat and Mary Hughes

Pat and Mary Hughes - February 04, 2016 at 05:38 PM