



Margaret Isabel Caird

May 18, 1917 - May 28, 2020

Margaret Isabel MacDonell Caird passed away peacefully at the age of 103 on May 28, 2020.

Born May 18, 1917 to Allen and Elizabeth Burns MacDonell in Buffalo, New York, she grew up in Phoenix, Arizona along with her brother Allen and sisters Helen, Frances, and Katherine. Her parents and siblings predeceased her.

While working as a stenographer at the army base in Phoenix during World War II, she met the love of her life, Donald Caird, at a social function for servicemen at St Mary's parish, where she had attended school. They were married on December 7, 1943 in Chico, California, and celebrated 65 years together. He predeceased her in 2009. After the war, they lived in Royal Oak the rest of their lives.

She was the loving mother of: Donald (Judy) Caird, Timothy Caird (Cathy Bonilla), Mary (Michael) Hughes, Kevin (Eileen) Caird, Stephen (Gail) Caird, Christopher (Anita) Caird, and Elizabeth Szuber, who all survive her. She was predeceased by daughter-in-law Nancy Caird.

She delighted in being the grandmother of 23: Andrew, Christopher, Margaret Raupp, Colleen Remeika, Karen Morgan, Kathleen Smith, Michael Hughes, Matthew Hughes, John Hughes, Julia Hughes, Elizabeth Hughes, Patrick,

Colin, Kyle, Laurie Bramlage, Stephen, Kelly, Sean, Amanda Weted, Kevin Rosner, Elizabeth, Bradley Szuber, Bryan Szuber, and the great-grandmother of 21: Julia, Molly, Megan, Baxter, Reggie, Calvin, Haylee, Violet, Isabella, Ryan, Michael, Jack, Kellen, Harper, Kaiden, Lily, Quinn, Tyler, Gavin, Henri, and Nora.

Her life spanned two pandemics. Two world wars, the Great Depression, and the loss of her mother when she was three strengthened her, and influenced how she lived her life. She was a role model for her children, as well as her many friends and acquaintances throughout her life. She was an election poll worker for many years, and a weekly volunteer at William Beaumont Hospital for decades until the age of 90, assisting "the elderly" before and after outpatient surgery. She golfed, bowled, knit afghans, and played bridge well into her 90s.

Meg always wore freshly-applied lipstick when she went out. She was famous for her pies, especially lemon meringue and prune, and always had cookies in the cookie jar for visitors. She was always ready to listen to anyone who was troubled, and always there to solve any problem. She was greatly loved, and will be sorely missed. She died with a fierce devotion to her faith and a wish that all her family would one day reunite under Christ's care. The world has lost an ordinary person who lived an extraordinary life. May Jesus wrap His loving arms around her.

"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love."...Mother Teresa

Funeral mass at National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica on June 2 at 10 am, preceded by viewing at 9:30 am. A memorial celebration will be held in May 2021, or when travel restrictions are lifted. There will be live webcast of the funeral service.

Please share a memory at www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com.

Cemetery Details

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

25800 W. 10 Mile Road
10 Mile Road @ Beech Road
Southfield, MI 48033

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

JUN 2. 10:00 AM (ET)

National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica
2100 W. 12 Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48073

Tribute Wall

MG

“ I had the privilege of knowing Meg when she was in her nineties. And I got to meet her children and grandchildren too. You are all such a nice family.

Meg was warm and caring and such a good listener. She had a big open heart for everyone. She was funny and full of life. Meg had wonderful stories to tell about her long life and family. She cared about everyone. I was always very impressed by how well her family took care of her. I am very fortunate to have been her friend.

Mary Griffin - June 16, 2020 at 07:41 PM

PE

I lived around the corner from Meg and Don. I knew her thru my mother-in-law and Shrine Church. Meg was such a kind welcoming lady. God bless her with a long life to share her gentle spirit.

Paula O'Halloran Edson - June 21, 2020 at 10:55 AM

DF

“ Steve and Gail, and the entire Caird family, my heart goes out to you. She will live on in your memories and hearts. __ Deborah and Gerry

Deborah Fisher - June 02, 2020 at 11:43 AM

LV

“ Luise V. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Margaret Isabel Caird.



Luise V. - June 01, 2020 at 02:10 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Margaret Isabel Caird.



June 01, 2020 at 11:07 AM



“ I grew up across from the Caird's on Smith in Royal Oak. I always admired how she took such good care of her large family. She was a beautiful woman inside and out. She always was neatly dressed and always looked like she just stepped out of a beauty salon, not out of a house taking care of so many children. I was glad I had to the opportunity to grow up with such a nice person and role model. My sympathies to her whole family. She will be missed. From Judie Baron

Judie Baron - May 31, 2020 at 04:09 PM



“ Tim and Family-So sorry to read of your Mom's passing, Tim. You are in thoughts and prayers. - Maureen Kennedy

Maureen Kennedy - May 31, 2020 at 12:05 PM

TH

“ Mrs. Caird was such a lovely, gracious person. Tom remembers being at the Caird house when he was just a kid. She was always impeccably dressed and sincerely engaged, asking after the Hill family. Trice remembers as a teenager running into Meg volunteering at Beaumont. We were so honored to celebrate birthdays with her both in her backyard on Smith and at Waltonwood when she turned 100. We know how happy she must be to be at peace with her love, Don, for whom she kept a "shrine" of photos and memories in her home, always faithful that they would be together again one day. Our hearts go out to the Caird family!
Tom and Trice Hill

Tom and Trice Hill - May 31, 2020 at 10:02 AM