



## Margaret Hillert

January 22, 1920 - October 11, 2014

Margaret Hillert, age 94, passed away peacefully in her home on October 11, 2014. She was born in Saginaw to Ilva and Edward Hillert. She is survived by her brother Richard Del Hillert of Florida and predeceased by her brother Edward Prudy Hillert. Also surviving are a nephew, John Gay Hillert and two nieces Mary Kraniak and Kris Lundy, and a cousin, Joyce Hillert. Margaret received a Nursing Degree from U of M and a teaching degree from Wayne State University. She taught 1st Grade for Royal Oak Public Schools for 34 years. A noted writer of children's literature, she authored more than 80 Beginning Reader Books including a series titled "Dear Dragon" as well as poetry. Margaret will be remembered for her commitment to literacy and poetry as well as her love of cats. She will be missed by many, especially friends Glenna Washburn, Carol Coury, Cindy Stevens, Judy Crawford, Perry Edgel, Danalee Henkart, Maggie and John Zysk, step-daughter Tal Roth, and caregivers Mya and Marquita. Visitation Friday, October 17, 2014 from 1 p.m. until time of funeral service at 4 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. Eleven Mile Road 4 blocks E. of Woodward, Royal Oak, Michigan. Memorials in Margaret's honor to the Michigan Humane Society or an animal charity of your choice. Please share a thought or memory with the family at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ I just made a donation to The Donkey Sanctuary in Devon, UK for Margaret and one other lost to our hearts but not our souls...

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“ I have had the privilege of knowing Margaret Hillert all my life and of being one of three of her "kids" that kept in touch. I will forever miss her voice. Here is the dedication page of my second book, "The Bridge That Donkeys Cross." :It is a rare occasion when one finds one's Self with the guidance of another who can be counted among first memories and lifelong inspiration. To Margaret Hillert Author, poet, my first grade teacher, my friend.

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