



Margaret LeSueur Steverson

January 20, 1920 - September 22, 2019

Margaret LeSueur Steverson, born January 10, 1920 on the “ranch” in Mesa, AZ, passed away peacefully at the age of 99 Sunday, Sept 22, 2019. She was shy though raised in an outgoing family environment. Margaret attended Mesa schools until her senior year in high school when she begged her parents, James W. LeSueur and Anna Maria Anderson, to let her graduate from St. Johns High School where she had many relatives. Her classmates from Mesa still included her in all of their reunions. After high school she attended Tempe Normal (ASU). Margaret and husband, Norris Steverson, raised 5 boys, John (Aida), Bill (Karen), Joe (Aurora), Chuck and James (Kathy), and 3 daughters Anne Cook (Harvey), Barbara, and Jenny Townsend (Steve). Besides cooking for a big family, one of Margaret’s favorite pastimes was to scour thrift stores whereby she helped clothe not only her grandchildren and great grandchildren but many more children of friends and needy acquaintances. Her closet is still stuffed with fashionable clothes she rarely paid for with more than a ten-dollar bill.

Though shy around outgoing relatives and friends, Margaret seldom went into a store without sharing their family history. If sainthood there be, Margaret will certainly be a shoo-in for the devoted care given to their daughter, Barbara Jan, for most of Barbara’s 47 years. What a great reunion the two of them are having on the other side along with her husband, siblings, and parents.

Margaret’s ancestors came from Sweden and the Channel Islands (Guernsey) and one knew it immediately entering into their home or checking out her front license plate. She visited Sweden twice with her sister and the Guernsey once. Later, she and Norris traveled to Europe with an ASU faculty tour. She loved learning about other countries and gave lectures about their culture complete with a sampling of edible delicacies.

Margaret was still driving into her 90’s when the family gave her car away. Her mind was her greatest asset. She was not a dancer, a singer or an actor but she knew all the old families of Mesa by first names, who they dated in high school and so on. She was also a walking family historian, going back generations with stories, dates and names. Her mind

was strong right to the last and loved to watch “Jeopardy” to test herself.

Margaret and Norris were famous for their family, neighborhood, and ASU gymnastics team barbecues. Besides burgers, ribs, rolls, potato salad, there was always homemade ice cream from their 15-quart hand crank freezer that churned out any imaginable flavor. This was possibly partly because the family milked one or more cows for roughly 10 years.

They ate well but Margaret was always concerned about her health and figure and that of family members as well. In later years with all the children gone, she was a favorite at the YMCA with the aerobic swimming classes. Until recently one could see her pedaling her 3-wheel bike around the neighborhood or on her hands and knees planting flowers and pulling weeds in her little plot along the front walk.

Cemetery

City of Mesa Cemetery

1212 N. Center St.
Mesa, AZ, 85201

Events

SEP 28 **Viewing** 11:45AM

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
2228 E Brown Road, Mesa, AZ, US, 85213

SEP 28 **Funeral Service** 01:00PM

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Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Meldrum Mortuary & Crematory - September 26, 2019 at 02:43 PM



“ I have Loved Margaret Steverson ever since I met her. She is a beautiful person. She was one year older than my own mother- so I sorta adopted her as my second mother here in Mesa. I saw her beauty and adored her neatness and cleanliness and asked her where her "Beauty Shop" was. She actually told me and we went to the Beauty Shop together. After she quit driving- I picked her up every Friday morning and off we would go.

I cherished that time to be with her, Along with Julie-our hairdresser, we had wonderful visits, laughing and sharing and I was always amazed that she remembered so many people and the memories and history throughout her lifetime. I am so blessed to have known her! Thank You My Dear Sweet Margaret!
Geraldine Hall

Geraldine Hall - October 03, 2019 at 11:47 PM



“ Meldrum Mortuary lit a candle in memory of Margaret LeSueur Steverson



Meldrum Mortuary - September 26, 2019 at 05:51 PM



“ 116 files added to the album LifeTributes



Meldrum Mortuary & Crematory - September 26, 2019 at 02:39 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Margaret LeSueur Steverson.



September 25, 2019 at 07:43 PM



“ Dear Anne,

So grateful we were able to share a beautiful evening with your mother last winter before leaving Gilbert for an assignment here at the Provo MTC. She was unbelievably bright and alert and able to answer so many of our questions about our common ancestors. As usual, even though she was obviously aware of all the shortcomings and weaknesses of nearly all of them, she had nothing but kind, love-filled memories of each of them and cast them all in the very "best light" possible. She is among our favorite "tiny angels". She told us one hilarious story about our grandparents I will never forget, and it gave my brother Mike and I great insight to our genetic mental challenges! We still chuckle about it.

Please know of our love and gratitude for her and her sweet influence, and of our prayers for you and your family. What a blessing she was to this earth.

Kindest Regards and Condolences,

Dave, & Nancy LeSueur and our entire extended family

David LeSueur - September 25, 2019 at 12:32 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Margaret LeSueur Steverson.



September 25, 2019 at 10:14 AM