



## Margaret M. Signer

May 3, 1927 - October 18, 2020

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Margaret M. Signer. She was born on May 3, 1927 in Pittsfield, Massachusetts to Anna (Driscoll) and John Marshall. Margaret grew up in Dalton and graduated from Dalton High School in 1945. She furthered her education at UMASS (Amherst) and received a BS degree and a MS degree. She had a long career as a teacher in Willsboro, NY and Menands, NY. Margaret was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma. She met her husband, Otis Signer, later in life and they were happily married for 47 years. Otis died in 2013. She was loved and cherished by many people, including her late husband, her brother, James Marshall of Oak Park, IL, her sister Mary Shultis of Pittsfield, MA and several nieces and nephews. Peggy had a very special friend, Angela Anderson, that brought so much joy and comfort to her in later years. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Vincent de Paul Church, 900 Madison Avenue Albany, NY at 10:30 On Monday, November 2, 2020. Family will meet friends before Mass. If you wish to honor her memory, please consider a gift to blessed Sacrament Church or School 607 Central Avenue Albany, NY12206.

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“ I only learned of Peg's passing when my Christmas card to her came back in the mail yesterday and I searched the Albany obituaries, leading me here. I remember Peg from my childhood; she was a college classmate of one of my aunts. My family would often join Peg and her sister Mary for a summertime picnic at Look Park in Massachusetts. I still have photographs from some of those outings. Peg was one of the kindest, sweetest, gentlest people I've ever had the pleasure of knowing and I am truly grateful for that. She was exemplary as a role model for the very best in human values.

*James Main & family*

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**James Main** - January 21, 2021 at 06:07 AM

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“ My condolences to the family and friends of Peg Signer.

*Miss Marshall, who would later become Mrs. Signer to me, was my Menands Grade School Home Economics Teacher in the latter 1960s. I vividly remember when she married Otis Signer. Peg's contentment and happiness rose to great elation, and was so beautiful to witness, even as a young student.*

*Peg was not merely another of my early teachers, but one of a select few in Menands School who impacted my life more than she ever realized. She was tough, the bar was high, and shortcuts were few and far between. But she was also kind, encouraging and dedicated. To this day, over 50 years later, I appreciate her value system, work ethic, dedication to high standards and valued results. When I plan meals, make a recipe, sew a garment, or take on some other household project, she is still looking over my shoulder and whispering in my ear. I am reminded to strive for lasting excellence and quality results over speed and mere completion. Her work ethic certainly impacted my home life, but even more importantly impacted my professional life as judge, and I was reminded each day as I adjudicated disputes that legal excellence demanded quality analysis and results, and had to be outweighed by mere expedience. I no longer have the opportunity to tell Peg how she impacted my life, but I can share this with those who knew, loved and respected her and those who may not have been as fortunate as I was to be so positively influenced by her.*

*Cathy Marchese Bennett*

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**Catherine M. Bennett** - November 15, 2020 at 11:07 PM

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“ We were saddened to hear of Peg's passing. She and Otis were wonderful neighbors, who were very solicitous to our children growing up, always genuinely interested in hearing about their latest milestones. We will remember her kindness, sincerity and generosity.

*Tim & Carol Carman and Family*

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**Carol Carman** - October 31, 2020 at 03:19 PM