



Margaret Campbell Williams Ketner

December 21, 1935 - August 20, 2023

Margaret Campbell Williams Ketner, 87, passed away peacefully August 20, 2023 surrounded by the love of her family.

Margaret was born in Marion, Virginia on December 21, 1935 to Dr. Robert F. Williams and Charlotte Erma Atkins Williams. She graduated from Marion High School in 1954 where she was Homecoming Queen, art editor of the school yearbook, played on the girls basketball team and was known for her “million dollar smile”. In 1958 Margaret graduated from Westhampton College of the University of Richmond with a Bachelors degree in Education and minors in Art and Drama. She taught third grade until her children were born. On December 23, 1959 Margaret married Dr. Bruce Alden Ketner, Sr. whom she met in Richmond, VA while he was attending Dental School at the Medical College of Virginia (VCU).

They were married for 59 years.

As an artist Margaret enjoyed painting portraits, still life and drawing. She also delighted in jewelry making and ceramics. Margaret was an encyclopedia of knowledge of family genealogy and appreciated sharing her family history. She had a heart for cats and animals which brought her much comfort and joy. Margaret was a member for many years of St John’s Lutheran Church in Salisbury, NC where she participated in many worship activities including church choir, ladies circle groups, senior activities and church trips-domestic and international. She enjoyed her membership in the Elizabeth Maxwell Steele Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). Margaret

treasured membership and socializing activities at the Salisbury YMCA, the Country Club of Salisbury, the Winnebago RV Club and the Salisbury Dental Spouses group. She volunteered for Meals-on-Wheels, the Rowan Public Library, St John's activities, and her children's schools. She and Bruce loved to travel and visited many countries abroad and all 50 states in the USA. They had fun traveling on their winter RV trips to Florida visiting friends and family. Besides her parents, Margaret is predeceased by her husband Dr. Bruce Alden Ketner, Sr., son Bruce Alden Ketner, Jr., her Aunt Margaret Atkins, and her stepmother Rhoda Williams.

Margaret is survived by her daughter, Laura Ketner Lee (Greg) of Palmetto Bay, Florida. She is survived by grandchildren Dr. John Alden Lee (Sarah) of Ft Myers, FL, Meghan Hope Lee of Orlando, FL and Luke Gregory Lee of Vail, Colorado and two great-grandchildren survive her, Gregory James Lee and Alden Henry Lee of Ft Myers, FL. She is survived by her sister Charlotte Williams of Richmond, VA and sister-in-law Lilly Gray Ketner of Burlington, NC, along with many nieces and nephews.

Much appreciation for their compassion and support is extended to TerraBella Salisbury, Novant Health Rowan Medical Center, Trinity Oaks, and Trellis Hospice Care.

Services will be held at St John's Lutheran Church, 200 West Innes Street, Salisbury, NC 28144 on Saturday, September 16, 2023. Visitation will begin at 10:00 am in Ritchie Hall, with the Service starting at 11:00 am in the church sanctuary. Burial will follow at Rowan Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St John's Lutheran Church, 200 West Innes Street, Salisbury, NC 28144.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Ketner family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Rowan Memorial Park

4125 Franklin Comm Center Rd
Salisbury, NC 28144
(704) 636-8751

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **16**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John's Lutheran Church
200 W. Innes St.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Feeling blessed to have been part of Aunt Margaret's life. She created a wonderful legacy for family and friends with her joy of life and her appreciation of life's simple pleasures. Whether in her RV with Bruce or at home with her cats she was always full of smiles and showing how to live a life full of devotion and lovingkindness.*



Rob Martin - September 16, 2023 at 09:03 PM

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“ *I will always have such fond memories of my time with Margaret and Bruce. Margaret used to call us cousins from across the Mountain since I am from Tazewell VA, which is a 30 mile drive from her home of Marion VA. She was always so knowledgeable of her family and extended family. I don't know if we were ever really kin but she sure made us feel like family. They are both sorely missed.*

Stephen and Joy Kidd - September 12, 2023 at 02:30 PM

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“ *Laura - from all of your friends and classmates from SHS, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family. Bruce Greenland - Woodbridge, VA.*

Bruce Greenland - September 01, 2023 at 10:31 AM

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“ Sending love and prayers to the Ketner family from your Martin cousins in Richmond. Aunt Margaret and I proudly shared “Campbell” as a middle name, and I appreciated knowing more about our ancestry through her thorough research. I was born on December 18, three days before Margaret’s birthday, and each year she’d send me a birthday card even into my adulthood. It meant so much to me that she always remembered.

Susan Campbell Martin Mitchell - August 25, 2023 at 05:03 PM