



## Margaret Barker Suttles

September 13, 1930 - September 16, 2021

Margaret Barker Suttles passed away peacefully in Asheville, NC surrounded by her family and loved ones on September 16, 2021, three days after celebrating her 91st birthday. Born Margaret Alma Barker September 13, 1930, in Liverpool England, she spent her formative years in war-torn London with her mother, Elsie Barker and brother, James “Jimmy” Barker. As happened with many children living in London at the start of the war, she and Jimmy were separated from their mother and evacuated to the coast during “Operation Pied Piper”. Eventually, they returned to London to be together as a family during the final years of the war. She told stories about hiding in the underground subway during the bombing of London while singing songs like “We’ll meet again” to pass the time.

In 1957, she emigrated to Canada and eventually made it to Atlanta, Georgia in 1961 where she met her husband of 51 years, William Joseph (Joe) Suttles. After a whirlwind courtship of 3 months, they married in June of 1961, honeymooned in Italy and settled in Brookhaven, GA to raise a family. In addition to caring for her family, Margaret devoted her life to serving the Catholic Church for over 40 years as a choir member, soloist, and later, lector at Christ The King Catholic Church in Atlanta. She was also a lifelong supporter of the arts, serving on the Save the Fox Campaign, as a member of The Atlanta Civic Opera, The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, and the Alliance Theatre. A

member of the Daughters of the British Empire, she became an American citizen late in life, but her heart would always belong to England.

She is preceded in death by her late husband William 'Joe' Suttles, her mother, Elsie Abercrombie Barker, and her brother, James Barker; and survived by her children, Joseph Lhind Suttles, April James Suttles, and Sean David Suttles, Deana Suttles, Denise James, and six grandchildren, Emmaline Barker Suttles, Abigail Lucy Suttles, Samuel Joseph Suttles, Bennett Conway Suttles, Jane Katherine Suttles and Ella Frances Suttles.

A memorial service will be held at 10:00am, Thursday, October 21st at The Cathedral Of Christ the King. In lieu of flowers, we ask that you support The Society of St. Vincent de Paul with your donations.

Morris Funeral & Cremation Care assisted the family and condolences may be sent to them through our website at [www.morrisfamilycare.com](http://www.morrisfamilycare.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Margaret Barker Suttles*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *I just heard about your mother and send you, Joel and Sean my love and condolences. All the times Sam and I spent in your parents company bring smiles to my heart ! So many fun times and what lives well spent. Listening to your mother sing was truly a delight, and your father's stories were a source of wonder, jokes aside - he had so many interesting stories to tell about Atlanta, gardens, China. They were a Couple For All Seasons.  
Love,  
Auntie Liz*

**Elizabeth Engelhardt** - December 02, 2021 at 04:26 PM



“ *Margaret was like a sister to me after I left school. We shared a love of music, and it was often my privilege to accompany her beautiful voice on the piano. We went to many concerts together during my year at home in Kingsbury. On her trips home to England we always met up, and loved a trip to Marks and Spencer to buy a new navy cardigan. May she rest in peace. Tony.*



**Tony Bland** - October 18, 2021 at 06:10 AM

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“ It was only on her 91st birthday that I discovered her name was Alma. I thought it was a nickname. She was always known as Alma as a child. In fact it was pronounced Elma. She was very talented as a singer and an actress. I saw her in a number of plays at a local dramatic Society. I visited her twice in Atlanta on my trips home from New Zealand. I even preached in the Atlanta Cathedral the Sunday after Princess Diana and Mother Theresa died.

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**Rev John Bland** - October 17, 2021 at 02:45 PM

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*I remember that service! Fr Lopez who was the co celebrant with you that day also celebrated moms service today. So glad to hear from you!*

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**sean** - October 21, 2021 at 02:38 PM