



Margery Palmer Christiansen

March 8, 1936 - May 29, 2025

Margery Palmer Christiansen of Asheville, NC, passed away on Thursday, May 29, 2025, at the age of 89. She died peacefully at Care Partners Hospice Center, with her family at her bedside. Miss Margie was born March 8, 1936, in Elyria, Ohio. She was the daughter of Ollie Fenn and Ruth (Durmen) Palmer. Her brother, Rob (Ginny) preceded her in death.

Margie met the love of her life, Paul, in 1954, while playing in the Symphony Orchestra at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. With her flute and his violin, they played in the Middletown Symphony Orchestra for 26 years. From the beginning, she and Paul spent all their time together. They enjoyed hiking, Volksmarching, clogging, square dancing, and spending time with family. She especially cherished the family beach house vacations in Oak Island, NC, for twenty years.

Margie graduated with a Master's Degree in Education. She was a second-grade teacher, an Intervention Specialist, and a tutor. Margie always enjoyed helping others. She taught flute lessons, was a Girl Scout leader, and a hospital volunteer. She was also a member of the First Presbyterian Church, where she served as a deaconess, taught Sunday School, and played in the handbell choir.

In 1992, after she and Paul retired, they moved to Asheville, North Carolina.

They were very active in the square dance community. They served as presidents of the Asheville Alamander's Club and were honored with election to the Western Carolina Round and Square Dance Hall of Fame. She also enjoyed traveling, mountain hiking, rubber stamping, and needlework. In addition, she was a long-time volunteer at the Lewis Rathbun Center, assisting families with patients receiving medical care.

Margie is survived by her husband, Paul, married for 67 years; her children, Dan (Rochelle), Susan (Justin), and David (deceased in 2018); and her three grandchildren, Jared, Logan, and Caleb.

She will be dearly missed by all who knew her. She was full of life and loved deeply. Her memory and smile will live on in all the lives of those she touched over the years.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Care Partners Hospice Solace Center, 21 Belvedere Road, Asheville, NC 28803

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 5. 11:45 AM (ET)

Chapel of Morris Funeral Home
304 Merrimon Ave.
Asheville, NC 28801
(828) 252-1821
info@morrisfamilycare.com
<http://morrisfamilycare.com>

Celebration of Life

JUN 5. 12:30 PM (ET)

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Rev. Patrick W.T. Johnson officiating

Tribute Wall

SM

“ We were sad to hear of Marge’s passing. We hope you can find comfort in the many wonderful memories you shared and also in knowing that her legacy will live on through each of you. Her smiles were contagious and I so enjoyed my flute lessons from our dear, Ohio neighbor! You all are in our thoughts and prayers.

Fondly,

~The Dietz's
(Lisa and Sally)

Sally (Dietz) McGlone - October 22, 2025 at 01:03 PM

HT

“ My memories of Margie are many and full of a lifetime of shared laughter and love. We had a twin like bond since we were young. I will miss her calls and cards! I ordered trees in her memory because she loved to hike in the woods! My thoughts are with Paul and family.

Harriet Thompson - June 04, 2025 at 04:59 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Margery Palmer Christiansen.



June 04, 2025 at 01:57 PM

TG

“ The Gramanns purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Margery Palmer Christiansen.



The Gramanns - June 03, 2025 at 08:59 AM

TG

“ The Gramanns planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Margery Palmer Christiansen.

The Gramanns - June 03, 2025 at 08:59 AM

SA

“ Susan A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Margery Palmer Christiansen.

Susan A. - June 02, 2025 at 09:25 PM

RM

“ Robert and Tawnya Matthiesen purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Margery Palmer Christiansen.



Robert and Tawnya Matthiesen - June 02, 2025 at 05:43 PM

GP

“ *Ginny Palmer purchased the A Full Life for the family of Margery Palmer Christiansen.*



Ginny Palmer - May 31, 2025 at 08:33 PM