



Margot Rusch Allison

January 16, 2019

Margot Rusch Allison, 85, of Bloomfield, formerly of West Hartford, passed away peacefully on January 16, 2019. She lived a life full of laughter, learning, and performing surrounded by a wide circle of family and friends. She was predeceased by her parents, Clifford H. Rusch Sr. and Margaret Rusch, her loving husband of 52 years, Latham “Lee” Allison who died in 2008, brother Clifford H. Rusch Jr., sister in-law Celia Allison Hahn, and grandson Ned Gabriel Allison.

She leaves behind two sisters, Janet Coberly and Ellen Brecher, and their husbands Neal and Howard; her sister-in law Jeepie (Harriet) Rusch, sister-in law Elizabeth Owen and her husband Dave, cousin Bob Hagelin and his wife Barbara; four children, Mike and his wife Jennifer Chapman, Jennifer Lambert and her husband Doug, Peter, and Nancy; six grandchildren; two grandchildren in-law; one great-grandson; twelve nieces and nephews; and extended family. She will be dearly missed.

Margot was an artist, musician, and talented puppeteer for over fifty years starting at age thirteen. She made her own puppets and performed for school groups, kids birthday parties and roasts of various Connecticut luminaries. Her company “Strings ‘n Things” performed hundreds of shows, primarily in elementary schools, where the kids always made and performed with their own puppets. She was a skilled song, skit and poem writer employing her wit and wisdom to celebrate occasions grand and small.

Born on June 6, 1933, Margot grew up in Mount Vernon, NY where she attended A.B. Davis High School. She graduated from Mount Holyoke College in 1955 in Art History, performing synchronized swimming and diving. Many MHC classmates remained close friends throughout her life. She attended Camp Wyoda in summers, helping to earn her way by playing the bugle - a skill she occasionally recalled for important family events and parties.

Margot and Lee moved to West Hartford in 1960 and lived there for 47 years until 2007. They had a second home in Quechee, Vermont which served as a hub of skiing, tennis

and gatherings of family and friends. They traveled extensively, were avid bridge players, active members of the Asylum Hill Congregational Church, and supporters of many area non-profit organizations.

In 2007, they moved to Duncaster Retirement Community in Bloomfield. Margot moved into the assisted living section in 2012 where she was able to enjoy her best possible life because of the outstanding, caring staff there. She continued to play bridge, and her art and puppets were displayed on a number of occasions. Her wit, humor, and crossword puzzle skills never diminished!

There will be a Celebration of Margot's Life held on Saturday, April 6, 2019 beginning at 1:00pm, at Asylum Hill Congregational Church in Hartford. Wear bright colors! Donations may be made in memory of Margot Rusch Allison in support of the Ballard Institute and Museum of Puppetry at UConn, payable to: The UConn Foundation, Inc. at: 2390 Alumni Drive Unit 3206, Storrs, CT 06269. Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home, West Hartford has care of the arrangements. For online condolences please visit www.taylorandmodeen.com

Events

APR **Celebration of Life** 01:00PM

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Asylum Hill Congregational Church
814 Asylum Avenue, Hartford, CT, US, 06105

Comments



“ Delores Montgomery lit a candle in memory of Margot Rusch Allison



Delores Montgomery - February 09, 2019 at 02:31 PM



“ Dear Pete and family,
Our condolences over the loss of your mom. On the occasions we visited with you at the Quechee house , we always got a sense of the warmth of your mom and family all over the house and felt very welcome. May God grant you comfort during this time.
Michele and Kevin Oconnor

Michele Oconnor - January 28, 2019 at 08:21 PM



“ Margot was a warm, kind, outgoing person. She loved anybody and everybody within sight. She truly cared for family, her children, her puppets, her bridge companions, and her caregivers as well. Memories of her puppetry during Asylum Hill Church's Boar's Head Festival will always, for me, be a lasting memory.

Tew DuBois - January 27, 2019 at 09:47 AM



“ Nancy and Family,
I'm so sorry for your loss. I have fond memories of your Mom and hanging out at your house when we were little kids.

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Jen Ginn Dougherty

Jen Dougherty - January 27, 2019 at 09:42 AM