



Margaret Gertrude Kondrat

March 22, 1927 - December 13, 2014

Descended from Lithuanian aristocracy fallen on hard times, Margaret Kondrat was born a coal-miner's daughter. She survived her three sisters and one brother, and before moving to Bloomington, Indiana, she lived in Ohio, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey.

Her volunteer accomplishments ranged from the creation of a library for an orphanage to years of management at Opportunity House.

Her paying jobs included bookkeeping for mob bosses in her early years in New York's Garment District, and the quote about her in her high school year book was "The tree of knowledge in her garden grows." Despite having only a high school education, Margaret was an elegant and cultured woman, exceedingly well-traveled and deeply appreciative of the arts.

She married her high school sweetheart, Gene Kondrat (d. 1989), and had two children: David (d. 1986) and Diane. She is survived by her daughter, actress Diane Kondrat; son-in-law, writer Tony Ardizzone; and grandchildren Anna Ardizzone, all of Portland, Oregon; and Nick Ardizzone of Seattle, Washington.

A Memorial Service for Margaret will be held at Allen Funeral Home and Crematory 4155 S. Old State Road 37, in Bloomington, at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, December 17. In lieu of flowers, please send any memorial contributions to the Nature Conservancy.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Dianne,
So sorry to hear about your mother's death. I only met her a few times but saw her as an interesting and somewhat formidable person.
I hope that you and yours are well and flourishing. Of course the theatre scene here misses you.*

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“ *To Diane and Tony,

I am terribly sorry for your loss. Having lost both of my parents in the past two years, I have some sense of your profound loss. I have fond memories of meeting Margaret and know what a wonderful person she was.*

I wish you all the best.

Steve

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