



Margaret O'Neal Tomey

November 13, 1920 - October 26, 2012

Margaret O'Neal Tomey was born on November 13, 1920 and raised on farm in Martin County, Indiana. She idolized her parents, Thomas Bernard and Rose Isabell (Lannan) O'Neal and spoke often of her father. She spent time teaching in California and Hawaii where among other things; she was Bette Midler's Latin teacher. She was the Principal of a private school in New York and then moved back to California. In the late 1970's she moved to Bloomington to marry George Tomey. In only a couple of years, George died. Margaret worked as an abstracter for Jim Thompson until he retired and would be seen regularly at the Court House. Margaret became very active in Republican politics in the early 1980's. She was a Precinct Committeeman and the Republican member of the Board of Voter Registration. She spent tireless hours helping candidates with mailings, proof reading election materials, training poll workers and anything she could to make sure elections went smoothly.

Margaret's energy was reflected in her scowl when something concerned her or her beautiful smile when she was glad to see you. She could be seen almost every day driving through town in her 1965 Light green Volkswagen and you had better watch

out because she wasn't afraid of anything.

When Margaret wasn't working or volunteering, she was traveling. At least twice each year she would take a trip - Antarctica, camping in the Peruvian rain forests, a Russian freighter to the North Pole, Cuba, every continent, and every place imaginable - her favorite was Ireland. Many trips were with Doctors Without Borders.

Margaret died peacefully at her home on Friday, October 26, 2012, 91 years of age. She was extremely kind and generous person. She will be missed by those who loved her.

Graveside services will be 1:00 pm Tuesday, October 30, 2012 at Rose Hill Cemetery. A Memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to Sister's of Providence at St. Mary's of the Woods in Margaret's name.

Allen Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Friends may send condolences to www.allenfuneralhome.org

Tribute Wall

BA

“ Dearest Aunt Margaret, we carry all the wonderful memories of you in our hearts. Growing up with you and Uncle Joe, and the wonderful opportunity you gave me to travel to Europe with you. We missed you the past few years, but knew you were always loved. Barb, please contact me about the memorial service-217-622-4444.

Barbara Carter - October 26, 2015 at 04:14 PM

AP

“ I was very saddened to read about our losing Margaret Tomey. She was my Latin teacher, too, in Hawaii. Margaret and I kept in touch for awhile, but didn't maintain as we should have. I would like to know when the Memorial service will be.

Thank you,
April Easter
e-mail or call me
812-849-2974

April Easter - October 26, 2015 at 04:14 PM

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“ The Sisters of Providence have lost a wonderful and dedicated friend. God's arms were opened wide to receive this remarkable woman home to him. We share in your loss.

Connie Gualano - October 26, 2015 at 04:14 PM

EV

“ *To: Barbara Winders*

Barb, thank you so much for your loving care of Margaret over these past years.

You went over and above what any good friend would ever be expected to do.

We know how much you loved Margaret and, yes, you will miss her, as she will be missed by those she worked closely with in the local Republican Party in the 1980s, including me.

God speed, Margaret.

Evelyn Powers - October 26, 2015 at 04:14 PM

BW

“ *Margaret, I cannot even begin to tell you how much I am going to miss you. At least you are free to fly again. I love you.*

Barbara winders - October 26, 2015 at 04:14 PM