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DECATUR- Margaret Davis, 95, of Decatur passed away peacefully in the early morning hours of Sunday, January 22, 2017, in her home.

Margaret was born September 3, 1921 in Decatur, Illinois the daughter of Oscar Frank and Pearl Anna Holderness French. Her beloved grandmother Margaret Jane Morthland Holderness raised her. She was a lifelong member of First United Methodist Church. Margaret served over 30 years as the Macon County Republican Party Chairwoman, past Vice President of Illinois Republican Women's Federation and past President of the Republican Women's Study Club. She was past President of St. Mary's Hospital Auxiliary, a volunteer for Race for the Cure, a member of the American Association of University Women, Macon County Historical Society, American Legion Post 105 Auxiliary, a member of United Methodist Women, First United Methodist Church Circle Mary and Martha, Home Extension Ella Veech Chapter, and a member of many bridge groups. Margaret graduated from Decatur High School Class of 1939 where she was the class secretary. In 1939, on her 18th birthday, Margaret won the first "Miss Lake Decatur Beauty Contest".

Margaret married Robert W. Davis on March 17, 1942 in Decatur. He preceded her in death on February 20, 1988. For 18 years she and Bob extensively traveled the United States while he served as the Decatur Township Assessor. Margaret enjoyed cooking and trying new recipes, reading, working in her yard and decorating her home, that she lived in for over 65 years, for every season & holiday. She loved shopping and playing bridge, which she continued to do until this past December. Margaret devoted her life to caring for her family, her home and her pets. Margaret loved her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and attended countless musical, theatrical and sporting events of theirs over the years.

She is survived by her son Jack Davis and wife Ember of Champaign, Illinois; daughter, Barbara Davis Toney and husband Tom of Decatur, Illinois; grandchildren



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Jennifer Toney and husband Jake Delfs of Sioux City, Iowa; Nicholas Toney and fianc  Julie Richards of Colorado Springs, Colorado; Kathryn Davis Louis and husband Jared of Monticello, Illinois; great-grandchildren, Kayleigh, Kayden, Jillian and Jace Louis of Monticello, Illinois.

Margaret was preceded in death by her parents, husband and grandmother.

Margaret will be greatly missed by her family but will be with them forever in their hearts as a reminder of great strength and courage.

Funeral services will be 11:00am Monday, January 30, at First United Methodist Church with visitation one hour prior to services on Monday at the church.

Entombment will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday, January 30, 2017 at Star of Hope Mausoleum in Graceland Cemetery. Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church, 201 W. North St. Decatur, IL. 62522 or Decatur Macon County Animal Shelter Foundation, P.O. Box 633 Decatur, IL. 62525.

The family of Margaret Davis is being served by Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home, 2091 N. Oakland Avenue, Decatur, IL. View the online obituary and send condolences to the family at www.gracelandfairlawn.com.



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AD

Anne Daly posted:

Barb and Jack, Your mom was a huge influence in my life more than I realized until many years later. She was like a second mother to me in late grade school years, as I spent many days and over nites at your lovely home. She was so kind, gracious, and was of course a great cook, especially early morning baker. I have always remembered her often with such loving thoughts. She and you have remained so close over the years, another testimony to her wonderful self. I send you thoughts and prayers as you try to heal and move on without her. She will live in all of our hearts forever. Love, Anne Shiel Daly

January 29 at 7:00 AM

JS

Judy Smith posted:

Although TS and I are out of town, we share in your grief. I can still remember passing out "tallies" when we were SO much younger! Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May God Bless!! Jude & Tom Smith

January 26 at 11:18 AM

BG

Brad Goodrich posted:

Nearly thirty years ago, I worked with Margaret and Bob in my capacity as president of the Macon County Young Republicans. The two of them were delightful to me, and I long will remember their kindnesses. My sincere sympathy to the family of this wonderful woman.

January 26 at 7:38 AM

BD

Bob Derr posted:

Jack & Barbara, We are very sorry to hear of your mom's passing. Every time we come to Decatur we drive thru the old neighborhood, which brings back many fond memories of earlier times. We are so thankful our moms stayed close throughout the years. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Bob and Jackie Derr

January 22 at 12:45 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring A. by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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