



Margaret Braden Merida

July 26, 1937 - August 5, 2026

Born in Louisville, Kentucky, Margaret was the daughter of Adrian and Evelyn (née Craven) Braden. She grew up in Louisville and graduated with honors from Manuel High School. She went on to earn both her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Art from the University of Louisville.

Margaret met her future husband, Fred, in the artist colony at Saugatuck, Michigan. Shortly afterward, they married and moved to New York City and immersed themselves in the vibrant art scene of the 1960s. Their artistic journey later took them to Ghent, Belgium, where Margaret continued to develop her work and where their son, Jamie, was born.

The family eventually returned to the United States and settled in Louisville. Margaret taught visual art in the public school system for more than 25 years, inspiring generations of young artists. Upon retirement, she and Fred moved to her beloved country home in Farmington, Kentucky, where they lived until relocating to Maryland in 2021.

Margaret was a gifted artist known for her expressive drawings, luminous watercolors, and inventive fabric sculptures—mediums she continued to explore throughout her life. She was an active member of the Unitarian Church communities in both Louisville and Easton, Maryland, and she served as president of the Greensboro Woman's Club.

Margaret was preceded in death by her husband, Frederick, with whom she shared 60 years of marriage before his passing in 2022. In 2021, Margaret and Frederick moved to Greensboro, Maryland, to be near their son, Jamie

Merida, and son in law, Vincent Bochin. She is also survived by her brother, Robert Braden, of Katy, Texas.

A celebration of Margaret's life will be held at a later date.

Tribute Wall

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“Margaret and Fred were both longstanding members of the board of directors of the Icehouse Gallery in Mayfield, Ky (now the Mayfield/Graves County Art Guild) where they provided their invaluable service as steward of this beloved institution. We greatly appreciated their love of art and service to the art community. My sincere condolences to Jamie and the rest of their family and friends.

Jan Jones - August 27 at 01:40 PM

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“Margaret and I shared a love of poetry, art, and had many interesting and meaningful discussions about life, religion, and different cultures. I appreciate her love of life and learning, and her firecracker spirit, and will carry it with me as an inspiration always. Please keep me posted about her celebration of life - elizac21@gmail.com

*Elizabeth Cohen
UUFE Easton
Easton, MD*

Elizabeth Cohen - August 17 at 11:44 AM

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“ She was so proud to have co-sponsored the (Louisville, Ky) Waggener High School Senior Class of 1986 as was I. We started with them as sophomores with fond memories of an exemplary group of young people about which we often commented while staying in touch over the years. She helped so many students during her instructional career. She and Fred were always a fun couple to be around. I will miss her humor, intellect and personality! Ron Hinson Louisville, Ky.

Ron Hinson - August 15 at 11:06 AM

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“ Margaret taught me at Governor's Scholars and had a profound impact on me in such a short period of time. I'd love to hear about a celebration of life at a future date. I know many of her students from Louisville would help to plan one if any help is needed. michaelaldridge37@gmail.com

Michael Aldridge - August 13 at 10:03 PM

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“ A very fun woman with good artistic style. Jaime must have i merited her excellent taste. God Bless. Carol. Luongo, Easton, MD.8-11-26

Carol. Luongo - August 11 at 08:23 AM