



Margaret Falls Wells

September 19, 2023

Margaret F. Wells of Chestertown died at home on September 19, 2023. That's the end, but the tale begins on November 17, 1950, when a little girl was born to Don T. Falls, Jr. and Clara Lausterer Falls of Chestertown, Maryland. Margaret attended Chestertown Elementary and High schools, graduated from the Charles E. Ellis School for Girls in Newtown Square, Pennsylvania and received a degree in Secondary Education, Geography and Social Science from Salisbury State College. While serving in the U.S. Army, she met a Floridian named Rick and they eventually married in West Berlin, Germany where they were stationed. When they returned to the U.S., Margaret received her Master of Library Science from Florida State University and they settled in Orlando, Florida.

Margaret was kind. She thought about others and was always willing to help. She was a reader and gatherer of information that she would then share with others. You could see this early on when she spent summers as a lifeguard ensuring the safety of others and as a Water Safety Instructor, teaching swimming to kids and adults. Margaret worked for 30 years as a public librarian most of it at Orlando Public Library. Much of that time was spent in the children's department. Margaret believed that reading is essential to everyone, young and old. She believed in the importance of children's literature and shared it through story programs for children and workshops for parents and adults working with children. With a keen interest in sharing reading to all, she tutored many students through the Adult Literacy League.

She trained tutors, was a founding member of the Tutor Support Committee and always had tutor tips to share.

In 2007, she returned to Chestertown with her husband. She worked at USA Fulfillment, was a book club member, a volunteer at Kent County Library and a tutor at Kennard Elementary and Garnet Elementary schools.

She is survived by her husband Richard Wells, her brother William Falls (Lisa), her sister Patricia Carter, her nieces Kaitlin Falls and Carolyn Carter and her step-nephews Kyle Lindstrom (Kelly) and Corey Lindstrom.

Please join us on Sunday, October 8 from 1 -3 p.m. at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home, 130 Speer Road, Chestertown, Maryland 21620 for sharing food, drink and stories of Margaret's life.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to the Adult Literacy League, 2221 Lee Rd. Ste. 18, Winter Park, FL 32789 (adultliteracyleague.org). The tale is done. That's all there is. There isn't... any... more.

Previous Events

celebration of life

OCT 8. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home
130 Speer Road
Chestertown, MD 21620
<http://www.fhnfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Margaret Falls Wells*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Lynn McLain lit a candle in memory of Margaret Falls Wells*



Lynn McLain - October 11, 2023 at 09:37 AM



“ *1 file added to the album LifeTributes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - October 06, 2023 at 01:49 PM

KP

“ When I first met Margaret, she was the Children's librarian at the Orlando Public Library. She taught me so much about helping new and hesitant readers. She was kind and caring and always ready to share her knowledge and help others. There are a few photos of Margaret on this post on OrlandoMemory.info from the grand opening of the new Children's Library in 1999. <https://orlandomemory.info/places/the-childrens-library/>



Kim Peters - October 04, 2023 at 11:23 AM

JB

“ Jackie Brown lit a candle in memory of Margaret Falls Wells



jackie brown - October 04, 2023 at 09:11 AM

CR

“ Margaret was one of the most amazing children's librarians I ever knew. She truly commanded the youth collection, could whip up story hour in moments, was truly invested in getting children to live books and reading. Margaret understood the unique nature of librarianship for children and youth. I could describe the plot of a book I'd read once, and she'd always seem to know the author and title and could conjure it from the shelves. She was the kind of librarian I strove to be.

Carolyn Metz Rosenblum - October 01, 2023 at 05:40 PM

LD

“ *Linda Davis lit a candle in memory of Margaret Falls Wells*



Linda Davis - September 29, 2023 at 06:18 PM

BM

“ *Barb Macbeth lit a candle in memory of Margaret Falls Wells*



Barb Macbeth - September 29, 2023 at 05:36 PM

BM

Margaret was the neighbor nanny to many of the younger children growing up on Waterview Lane. Bright, creative, and certainly kind she was one of the ringleaders of outdoor fun.

Barb Macbeth - September 29, 2023 at 05:43 PM



“ *Inez Thompson lit a candle in memory of Margaret Falls Wells*



Inez Thompson - September 26, 2023 at 02:38 PM

SM

“ *Susan Martinez lit a candle in memory of Margaret Falls Wells*



Susan Martinez - September 26, 2023 at 10:33 AM

DN

“ *Debbie Nickerson lit a candle in memory of Margaret Falls Wells*



Debbie Nickerson - September 25, 2023 at 01:59 PM

LC

“ *LAURA CRUZ lit a candle in memory of Margaret Falls Wells*



LAURA CRUZ - September 25, 2023 at 09:29 AM

RW

“ *Roger And Shirley Williams lit a candle in memory of Margaret Falls Wells*



Roger and Shirley Williams - September 23, 2023 at 08:32 PM

PB

“ Margaret was always smiling. Her courage is inspiring.
God speed, Margaret.
Phyllis Brown

Phyllis Hudson Brown - September 23, 2023 at 03:35 PM

PB

“ Phyllis Hudson Brown lit a candle in memory
of Margaret Falls Wells



Phyllis Hudson Brown - September 23, 2023 at 03:33 PM

RB

“ Ruth Brown lit a candle in memory of
Margaret Falls Wells



Ruth Brown - September 23, 2023 at 03:21 PM

DR

“ Margaret was a remarkable woman,
intelligent and witty. Everyone in our book
group would wait for Margaret's comments,
which were always fresh, insightful, and
uncanny.
Margaret will be greatly missed by all of us.

Deb Reilly



Deborah Mathiot Reilly - September 23, 2023 at 02:44 PM

SB

“ Susie Baldwin lit a candle in memory of Margaret Falls Wells



Susie Baldwin - September 23, 2023 at 02:04 PM

DS

“ Donell And Dave Smith lit a candle in memory of Margaret Falls Wells



Donell and Dave Smith - September 23, 2023 at 09:22 AM

KC

“ Karin Cowperthwait lit a candle in memory of Margaret Falls Wells



Karin Cowperthwait - September 22, 2023 at 03:28 PM

LH

“ Linda O Hanley lit a candle in memory of Margaret Falls Wells



Linda O Hanley - September 22, 2023 at 11:25 AM

BE

“ *Beth lit a candle in memory of Margaret Falls Wells*



Beth - September 20, 2023 at 09:02 PM

JS

“ *Jeanette Stubbs lit a candle in memory of Margaret Falls Wells*



Jeanette Stubbs - September 20, 2023 at 04:12 PM