



Margo Goggin Bailey

October 29, 1943 - September 1, 2020

Margo Goggin Bailey of Chestertown, Maryland, passed away on September 1, 2020 at her daughter's home in Severna Park, Maryland.

Margo was born on October 29, 1943 in Douglas, Arizona to parents Robert William Goggin and Marjorie Russell Goggin. In 1961, she graduated from Coral Gables High School in Florida where she developed a lifelong passion for dance. She went on to graduate from the University of Maryland in 1965 with a Bachelor's degree in English.

Margo moved to Chestertown in 1974, where she met some of the best friends of her life. In 1982, Margo bought the Chestertown Newsstand where she could often be seen selling newspapers with a child on her hip.

Her passion for Chestertown and its people led Margo into public service, including being a member of the Town Council and serving 5 terms as Mayor from 1994 – 2013. She was also on the Board of Trustees for Maryland Historical Trust from 2015-2019, and the Board of Directors of Preservation Maryland from 2000-2002.

From her time as Mayor, Margo will be remembered for her 10-year fight to prevent Walmart from opening a store in Chestertown; being the first Mayor on the Eastern Shore to sign the U.S. Conference of Mayors Climate

Protection Agreement; helping to create Chestertown's "Green Team;" passing the Plastic Bag Ban in Chestertown; and the development of several new parks in town, the largest one near Heron Point is named Margo Bailey Park in her honor.

In addition to her career in government, Margo was a devoted reader, with mysteries a favorite genre. During her terms as mayor, she worked behind the counter of The Compleat Bookseller. You could often find her exploring the shops of Chestertown discovering collectables for her home. She looked forward to each Saturday where she caught up with friends at the Farmers Market, and continued to lend a hand to move forward a shared vision of Chestertown.

In 2015, Margo was honored as Grand Marshal of the Chestertown Tea Party Festival parade with her granddaughter, Greta, by her side.

Margo was preceded in death by her parents and husband William Michael Bailey (b.1937 – d.2006).

She is survived by her daughters, Nancy Nicholson Priest of Severna Park, MD, Carrie Nicholson Parameswaran of Hoboken, NJ, and Maren Nicholson of Hoboken, NJ; her son, Owen Bailey of Chestertown, MD; brother, Robert Goggin Jr. of Homestead, FL; sister, Susan Goggin of Tallahassee, FL; step sons, Joel, Eric, Keith, and Colin; and four grandchildren, Greta, Nick, Poppy, and Luna - whom she adored.

Due to restrictions associated with the COVID pandemic, a celebration of life memorial will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to The Friends of the Kent County Public Library.

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Margo Goggin Bailey*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - September 08, 2020 at 10:32 AM



“ *Margo Goggin Bailey*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Margo Goggin Bailey*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Margo Goggin Bailey*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

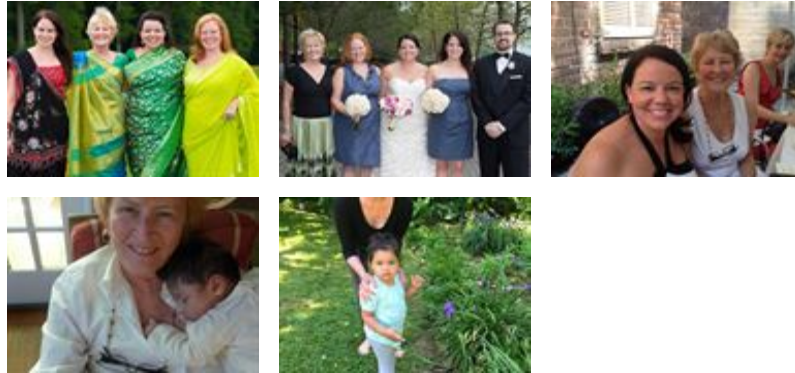


“ *Margo and I were roommates in Miami where we worked for Delta Airlines, in the 60s. She was funny, smart, and full of energy. I'm sad to hear that she's gone but it looks as if she contributed an awful lot to the community and was a stellar role model for her children and grandchildren.*

Glenna Auxier - April 09, 2022 at 09:41 PM



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Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - September 08, 2020 at 10:31 AM

BL

“ *Brenda Lyons lit a candle in memory of Margo Goggin Bailey*



Brenda Lyons - September 04, 2020 at 07:33 AM

SJ

“ *Suzanne Jackson lit a candle in memory of Margo Goggin Bailey*



Suzanne Jackson - September 03, 2020 at 06:33 PM

SJ

My brother worked for the town of Chestertown and he always said Margo was good to him. She loved the town. Fly high.

Suzanne Jackson - September 03, 2020 at 06:36 PM

DG

“ Donna Gibbons-Neff lit a candle in memory of Margo Goggin Bailey



Donna Gibbons-Neff - September 03, 2020 at 03:56 PM

DG

Sympathy and hugs from all the Gibbons-Neff family

Donna Gibbons-Neff - September 03, 2020 at 03:57 PM

JB

“ Joyce Benton lit a candle in memory of Margo Goggin Bailey



Joyce Benton - September 03, 2020 at 09:32 AM

CL

“ Cheryl Lee lit a candle in memory of Margo Goggin Bailey



Cheryl Lee - September 03, 2020 at 09:11 AM

WM

“ Margo was a wonderful woman with big love for her family and her community. I will miss her in yoga. She was so enthusiastic, and so friendly and warm hearted. Her energy lit up any room she was in. What a gift she was to us all.

*love to the family,
Wendy Morrison*

Wendy Morrison - September 02, 2020 at 09:15 PM



“ Carmen Pratt lit a candle in memory of Margo Goggin Bailey



Carmen Pratt - September 02, 2020 at 07:08 PM

TB

“ Thelma Bright lit a candle in memory of Margo Goggin Bailey



Thelma Bright - September 02, 2020 at 05:51 PM

MR

“ Maryann Ruehrmund lit a candle in memory of Margo Goggin Bailey



Maryann Ruehrmund - September 02, 2020 at 04:13 PM