



Margie Kish

October 19, 1932 - January 22, 2009

Lexington, KY - Margie Jean Kish, 76, of Rt. 2 Bluefield died Thursday, Jan. 22 at Wesley Village Nursing Home in Wilmore, KY, after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease. She was born Margie Jean Hager on Oct. 19, 1932, to the late Albert and Flora Calfee Hager of Bluefield and was preceded in death by brothers Clyde, Cavell, Carl, Claude, Cletus, Clifton and Cleo and a sister Hazel. Survivors include her husband of 58 years, George, a resident of Glenwood Park Village, Princeton; two sons, Martin Kish and his wife Mary of Lexington, Ky., and Tim of Christiansburg, VA, and two step grandchildren, Mary Allison Belshoff of Lexington, KY, and Neal Belshoff of Boulder, CO. Margie lived an exciting and vibrant life filled with world travel, art, and service to her church, community and art students. After graduating from Beaver High School, in 1950, she married George Kish, a World War II veteran and former Beaver football lineman whose family owned and operated the City Newsstand and Presto Lunch on Princeton Ave. in Bluefield across from the train station. After sons Marty and Tim were both enrolled at Ceres Elementary School, Margie enrolled in Concord College to pursue a teaching degree. In 1967, she became the first member of her family to graduate from college and that same year she was hired as the art teacher at Bluefield High School under principal Lambert Arrington. Later, she earned a master's degree in art from Marshall University, Huntington, WV. The walls and halls of Bluefield High School weren't enough to contain Margie's and her students' enthusiasm for art. Soon, student art shows and exhibits became fixtures on

the city's "art scene." Margie loved her students so much that she wanted them to see the world beyond Bluefield. They began selling candy from Sarver Candy Company to raise money to take chaperoned trips to New York and Washington to the national art galleries and eventually Walt Disney World. During summer breaks, Margie and George (and sometimes Tim) began to travel?first to nearly every state?later to exotic locations around the world such as China, India, the Middle East and Europe. Margie loved her church, Maple View Christian, and often sang hymns in the choir and listened to sermons by pastor and fellow Bluefield High teacher Tony Reed. As her life progressed, Margie developed a deep love for Jesus Christ and a passion for reading His Word. A memorial service will be held at Mercer Funeral Home on Monday, January 26, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. with Minister Tony Reed officiating followed by burial at Monte Vista Park Cemetery in Green Valley. Visitation will be Sunday, January 25, 2009 from 5:00 -7:00 pm at Mercer Funeral Home, 1231 W. Cumberland Rd. in Bluefield. In lieu of flowers, contributions are suggested to Maple View Christian Church, Route 2 Box 77, Bluefield, WV 24701, phone (304) 325-8520; or Bluefield Union Mission, 2203 Bluefield Avenue (P.O. Box 4056) Bluefield, WV 24701, phone 304.327.8167 Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting www.MercerFuneralHome.com Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory of Bluefield is serving the family of Margie Jean Kish.

Tribute Wall



“ *Margie Kish*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *I remember Mrs. Kish when she was a teacher at Blfd High School. She was always smiling and very nice to all. I was very sad to hear of her passing. Condolences to all her family members. Sincerely, I Remain, Ronald L. Johnson Esq. Orlando Fl.*

ronnie johnson - March 07, 2014 at 04:21 PM



“ *Dearest ones...My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time! I have so many wonderful memories of Margie Jean...she is now painting the Heavens with her smile and love!!! God Bless you all....I wish I could be there, but just know you are close in my thoughts! Love and prayers to each one of you!!! Love always, Jill*

Jill Dove Teetor - March 07, 2014 at 04:21 PM



“ *I was an art student from 1979 to 1981 and traveled twice to New York with Mrs. Kish. She was a wonderful teacher. My thoughts are with you today.*

Bridget Shoe - March 07, 2014 at 04:21 PM

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“ George, Marty, & Tim, I'm so sad to hear of Margie's passing. She was a great lady, and my favorite Art teacher. She was a real inspiration and source of creativity, to me & many others, in high school. She will be missed. Please know that your family is in my thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Randy Gilpin (BHS Art Club President 1985-86)

Randy Gilpin - March 07, 2014 at 04:21 PM

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“ George, Marty and Tim, Some of my best childhood memories include your family. I remember all to well how you watched after Mom after Dad passed away. I have thought of Margie often and in turn each of you. You are all in my prayers. Rest assured that the memories of Margie will be with you and all of those that were blessed with knowing her as long as we live. There is a great joy in Heaven now and a large group of our neighbors and families gathering. I will be thinking and praying for each of you.-----Donna

Donna Hypes Phillips - March 07, 2014 at 04:21 PM

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“ Mrs. Kish, thank you for believing in me as an Artist, and helping me pursue my dreams. Be Blessed.

Douglas Rozzel III - March 07, 2014 at 04:21 PM