



Margaret Martin Orf

June 27, 1928 - January 6, 2019

Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford

Mrs. Margaret Kathryn Martin Orf, 90, passed away Sunday, January 6, 2019, at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Oxford, MS. Visitation will be Tuesday, January 8, 2019, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at Coleman Funeral Home. A funeral service will be held Wednesday, January 9, 2019, at 1:00 p.m., also at Coleman Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Oxford Memorial Cemetery. Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Orf was born on June 27, 1928, in Stewart, MS. Mrs. Orf grew up in Water Valley, MS, but lived most of her life in Oxford. She was a member of the Oxford Church of Christ for more than 50 years. Mrs. Orf worked at The University of Mississippi Library for 23 years, a career which fueled her love of books. She loved people and pursued volunteer efforts to help others. Mrs. Orf volunteered at the local food pantry, which distributes food to needy members of the community. She supported the Catch-A-Dream Foundation, which grants once-in-a-lifetime experiences to children who have life-threatening illnesses. Mrs. Orf wrote birthday cards to each of the ,approximately, 300 children in the organization annually. Mrs. Orf was also a study helper for The World Bible School, guiding international students with their study of God's Word. She was was an avid bird watcher, having the home she shared with her husband in Lafayette County designated as an Audubon Society Backyard Habitat.

Mrs. Orf is survived by her daughter Carrie Walker Creedon and her husband Jerry of Hampton, VA; two sisters, Polly M. Reed of Water Valley, and Dee M. Cox and her husband Bobby of New Albany, MS; a stepdaughter, Crista Grashoff and her husband Bill of Marion, IL; a daughter-in-law, Barbara Reese of St. Louis, MO; and many nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Orf was preceded in death by her parents Harry C. Martin and Kate M. Martin; her devoted husband Alolis "Al" Orf; her beloved daughter Connie K. Walker; two sisters, Flora M. Cole and Edith "Budgie" Tutor; a brother, Harry F. Martin; a stepson, Gary Reese; one

niece; and one nephew.

Mrs. Orf's family wishes to express its gratitude to Ms. Katherine Smith-Sisk, her caregiver and companion for the past two years, and to the staff of Elmcroft of Oxford (formerly Brookdale Oxford) for enriching her final years.

Donations in memory of Mrs. Orf may be made to either The Oxford Church of Christ (PO Box 1500, Oxford, MS 38655) or The World Bible School (www.worldbibleschool.net/gifts/new).

Online condolences may be left on her Tribute Wall at www.colemanfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery

Events

Oxford Memorial Cemetery

Oxford, MS,

JAN

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Visitation

05:00PM - 07:00PM

Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford

601 Commerce Parkway, Oxford, MS, US, 38655

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Funeral Service

01:00PM

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Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Coleman Funeral Home - January 07, 2019 at 02:00 PM



“ Rest in Peace sweet Mrs. Margaret!
Love, Karen Lemmons Lochemes, Andrew and Adam Lochemes

Karen Lochemes - January 12, 2019 at 09:03 PM



“ Class of 72 this is Connie walkers mother. We lost timing and September 1967 the bone cancer. Connie was a great friend that I had grew up with on South 17th Street. Prayers for the family



TERRIE THOMAS JOHNSON - January 11, 2019 at 09:14 PM



“ lost Connie in September 1967 due to bone cancer.

TERRIE THOMAS JOHNSON - January 11, 2019 at 09:16 PM



“ Margaret Orf was one of the most wonderful women I have ever known. She welcomed me into her life and home when I married her step son Gary and we formed a wonderful friendship over the last 30 years. She was a mother as well as a friend to me and I loved her so very much. I admired her for who she was and for all of the people whose lives were touched and made better from knowing her. I will miss her in my life so very much, but will never forget her.

Barbara Reese - January 10, 2019 at 04:31 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Margaret. I worked with her for several years at the J.D. Williams Library at the University back in the early 1980s. Margaret was kind, smart, and funny, and i always enjoyed talking with her--one of my favorite co-workers. My heart goes out to her family and friends. Lisa Howorth (Mrs. Richard).

Lisa Howorth - January 10, 2019 at 11:55 AM



“ It has been many years since I have seen Mrs. Orf or her daughter Carrie. Carrie and I spent many days together hanging out in the library after school. I learned to love books and Mrs Orf taught me all about how to utilize the university library. The lessons she taught were extremely helpful throughout my high school and college years. My deepest condolences to all of her family and friends. May God give them all peace and comfort in this time of loss. She was a wonderful and inspiring woman who will be dearly missed by many.

Sincerely,
Georgann Jenkins Boatright
Oxford, MS

Georgann Boatright - January 09, 2019 at 02:07 PM



“ She was also survived by her three granddaughters: Samantha Poole and husband Barclay Poole of O'fallon, MO; Jeanne-Marie Gregory and husband Juanito Gregory of St. Peters, MO; Nikki Werner and husband Scott Werner of West Frankfort, IL, and her four great grandchildren: Cyerra, Ruiz, Drew, and Cameron.

Thoughts and prayers to you, Carrie.

RIP Grand-Margaret

Jeanne-Marie Gregory - January 08, 2019 at 04:40 PM



“ Mother was blessed with many “grandchildren.” Though technically not related to them, they knew when her birthday was, sent her Mother’s Day cards, and let her know how important she was to them. What a lucky lady!

Carrie Creedon - January 10, 2019 at 01:15 AM



“ Carrie, so much love was shared between you and your Mom. Please know I thought of Margaret often and prayed for her. Though we haven't been able to keep in touch, Scott, Kasey and I spoke of her often. Keeping you in our prayers and would love to hear from you.

Mary Reese Crook - January 11, 2019 at 06:58 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Margaret Martin Orf.



January 08, 2019 at 04:17 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Margaret Martin Orf.



January 08, 2019 at 03:11 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Margaret Martin Orf.



January 08, 2019 at 02:35 PM



“ This precious woman was not only the mother to my best friend Carrie, but a mother to all of Carrie's friends and everyone else that she drew under her wing. We all affectionately called her Meg. And she eventually got to be ok with that. She had more love in her heart than anyone, and she shared that love freely with everyone she met. Meg, you will be so desparately missed by the young girl who lost her own mother at 19. I will forever remember spending night after night after night at your house with you and Carrie. And I will treasure sharing pizza and memories with you and Carrie during your final hours.

Lisa Odom - January 07, 2019 at 10:09 PM



“ Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Margaret Martin Orf.



January 07, 2019 at 02:54 PM



“ 52 files added to the album LifeTributes



Coleman Funeral Home - January 07, 2019 at 12:50 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Margaret Martin Orf.



January 07, 2019 at 12:33 PM



“ Laura Shields lit a candle in memory of Margaret Martin Orf



Laura Shields - January 07, 2019 at 12:06 PM



“ I am so sorry to lose another jewel in the crown of Oxford church of Christ. She was a beautiful person with a beautiful soul. I will miss sending cards to her and getting her calls. She truly was a rare jewel.

Laura Shields - January 07, 2019 at 12:06 PM



“ Mrs. Orf is the beloved mother of one of my dearest friends. She will always be fondly remembered as a central figure in my growing up years in Oxford. May she be joyfully reunited in eternity with her husband and the loved ones who have gone before her.

Cindy White - January 06, 2019 at 08:56 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Margaret Martin Orf.



January 06, 2019 at 08:50 PM