



Mrs. Margaret Mellon Curtin

October 27, 1926 - January 28, 2024

Margaret Ann Mellon Curtin, 97, passed away on January 28, 2024, at the Lourdes Center, St. Patrick's Manor, Framingham, Massachusetts.

Margaret was born in Chateaugay, New York on October 27, 1926, to Kathryn (Burke) and Casper Mellon. She lived in Potsdam, NY for 57 years, from 1962 to 2019 and wintered on Hutchinson Island, Florida from 1999 to 2019. In October 2019, she moved to Westwood, MA to be near family. Margaret was predeceased in May 1992 by her loving husband, C. John Curtin, after 45 years of marriage. She also was predeceased by her granddaughter, Shanna Putnam and husband Travis Clark; sister Kathryn and husband Edwin Knox; brother William; and brother Donald and wife Joan Mellon.

Margaret is survived by her six children: Kathryn (William) Putnam, Potsdam and Stuart, Florida; Maureen Curtin, Saratoga Springs, NY; Helen (Leonard) Gallagher, Hyannis, MA; Mary (William) Fitzgerald, Ashburn, Virginia; Eileen (Mark) Mamo, Stuart, FL; and William (Renee) Curtin, Wellesley, MA; 15 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; brother, John E. (Elizabeth) Mellon, Exeter, New Hampshire; and several nieces and nephews.

Margaret enlisted in the United States Cadet Nurse Corps at the State University in Plattsburgh, NY in 1943, an accelerated wartime program through which she received her Registered Nursing license in March 1946 and a Bachelor of Science degree in 1947. In 1974, she earned a Masters of Education degree from St. Lawrence University in Canton, NY. She was a School Nurse and Health Education Teacher at Potsdam Central School for

29 years and, prior to that, a nurse in multiple hospitals. Margaret was a member of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society from 1975 to 1991, serving as Secretary and Membership Chair. She was an active parishioner of St. Mary's Church in Potsdam.

Margaret was a devoted and loving mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend. She was a role model to her children and grandchildren, continuing her education throughout her life. She had a sharp mind, always seeking and amazing everyone with her knowledge of the world. She traveled extensively, visiting more than 25 countries after her retirement in 1991. She had an enthusiastic greeting for those she knew, and she sought to fully get to know new acquaintances. She was known for her kindness and empathy and she warmly welcomed others into her family fold. Throughout her life and with her husband John, they successfully juggled raising six children, whose ages are within a ten-year range, while working full time and often hosting both planned and spontaneous entertainments in their home. Their loving union was most visible when they danced beautifully across a ballroom floor.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 6 at St. Patrick's Church, Chateaugay. Burial will immediately follow in the parish cemetery.

A reception will follow the burial at the Chateaugay American Legion.

Donations in Margaret's memory may be made to Lourdes Center, St. Patrick's Manor, 863 Central St., Framingham, MA 01701; St. Mary's Church, 17 Lawrence Ave., Potsdam, NY 13676; or St. Patrick's Church, 132 West Main St., P.O. Box 908, Chateaugay, NY 12920.

Cemetery Details

St. Patrick's Cemetery

Chateaugay, NY

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Patrick's Church
132 West Main Street
Chateaugay, NY 12920

Reception

JUL 6. 12:30 PM.

Chateaugay American Legion
Chateaugay, NY

Tribute Wall

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“ Hello Curtin Family. This is Gigi (Ogugwa Uzorka), one of the daughters, Mama Margaret had since her days at Clarkson University Graduate School. I bet you all thought she was done having children even in the 2000s. Well, that is another testament of how strong and caring she was. I am very thankful to have met Mama Margaret. She was a blessing to me and other students at Clarkson University. I share your grief. I join you in celebrating her long remarkable life. She will be missed. I get some comfort in knowing she allowed me appreciate her in my little way for how she took care of me. I enjoyed watching hockey with her, sitting and talking with her and sitting with her friends (The Village Diner Potsdam NY Breakfast Club) for breakfast on Sunday mornings after Mass at St. Mary's, Potsdam NY. I think she'd approve of that club name I just coined. The club members are a riot. We miss you Mama Margaret. Rest with Almighty God. Amen.

Love,
Your 2004 Daughter, Gigi

OGUGWA UZORKA - February 09, 2024 at 06:24 AM

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Dear Gigi,
Thank you for your kind words. Mother “mama” loved her sixth daughter too, and enjoyed spending time with you in Potsdam, at Clarkson and also later in Florida. You were a good friend and companion to her for many years. Thank you so much.
Love, The Curtin Family

The Curtin Family - February 15, 2024 at 01:26 PM

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“ *Mary, Eileen and the entire Curtin family. My deepest belated condolences on the passing of your Mother. What a wonderful person she was. We were so lucky to have such a professional director and nurse in the Potsdam School system.*

Thinking of you all.

Steve Barney - February 07, 2024 at 07:07 PM

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Thank you Steve for your kind thoughts. Nice of you to remember all of us!

Mary Fitzgerald - February 14, 2024 at 07:34 PM



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Chateaugay Funeral Home - February 02, 2024 at 11:38 AM