



Margaret Fitzpatrick

April 18, 1928 - February 19, 2021

Margaret "Margie" Sellers Fitzpatrick, age 92, passed away peacefully on February 19, 2021. She was born April 18, 1928 in Brookline, MA to John and Mary (MacDonald) Sellers. Margie graduated from Regis College in Weston, MA in 1949 with a B.A. in English and went on to complete graduate work at Boston University, Wayne State, and the University of Toledo. She married Edward F. Fitzpatrick in 1953.

Margie was an English teacher for many years, loving every minute of it. Her career began with Millis High School in Millis, MA in 1949-1952, then on to McKinley School in Birmingham, MI until 1957. She moved to Toledo in 1960 and taught at McAuley High School from 1966-1981 and then St John's Jesuit High School from 1981-1991. She was awarded the 1979 "Outstanding English Teacher of Northwest Ohio" while teaching at McAuley.

She was a 50-year member of the AAUW - the American Association of University Women and Read for Literacy, serving on the board of both organizations. She also belonged to the Alliance Francais of Toledo and St. Joan of Arc Parish.

Margie had many favorite pastimes, including reading, playing bridge, quilting, watching Jeopardy, and relishing the company of her many close friends. She was an avid traveler, having traveled all over Europe and the United States.

She also spent time in Africa where her daughter Amy lived. Margie devoted many hours to volunteering and was a dedicated ESL tutor to many beloved students.

She is survived by her children Peter (Becky) Fitzpatrick of Pemberville, OH, Amy (Michael) O'Neill of Farmington, NM, and Tim Fitzpatrick of Telluride, CO, grandchildren Sean, Bridget, Kyra, Bryan, Molly, Casey, and Kyle. Her sister Catherine (David) Wells of Danvers, MA, brother Thomas (Sheila) Sellers of Auburn, CA, and many cousins, nieces, and nephews also survive. Margie was preceded in death by her parents, sister Virginia, brother Frank, and daughter in law Melissa Fitzpatrick. She leaves behind many, many dear friends in Toledo and beloved students from her years of teaching.

Margie enjoyed her last few months in the home of her son Peter, where there was always a warm fire, a dog to pet, and loving family nearby. Her family would like to thank Ohio Living Hospice nurse Jennifer and caregivers Ann and Rhonda for their excellent care. You all provided Margie with much love and dignity in her final days.

There will be no services or visitation at this time. A Memorial Mass and celebration of life will take place on Monday, June 21 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joan of Arc Church, with an hour of visitation at 10:00. Donations in Margie's memory can be sent to Read for Literacy or the Helping Hands of St. Louis through the Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo. Coyle Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Please view Margie's video tribute and leave a condolence message at CoyleFuneralHome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St Joan Of Arc
5856 Heatherdowns Blvd
Toledo, OH

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

CV

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COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - June 15, 2021 at 09:18 PM

JR

“ *I taught with Margie at McAuley High School for nine years. I really admired and looked up to her as a model of teaching. She was very dignified and fun-loving at the same time. I always enjoyed an opportunity to speak with her. My condolences to the family.*

Sister Judy Gradel, RSM

Judith Gradel, RSM - June 07, 2021 at 11:15 AM

KO

“ *My mother and Margie became good friends as employees of St. John's High School. They would often attend Mass together at St. Joan of Arc and then have breakfast at Sourdough Charlie's. They did a lot together, and I have really positive, strong memories and deep appreciation for Margie. I also remember her from when Amy and I swam together at South Toledo YMCA. Blessings and peace to all who loved her and to those she loved.*

Kate Oatis - June 06, 2021 at 09:08 AM

KK

“ Such a terrific teacher and quality person!!!! Margaret did such a marvelous job with the boys at St. John's. All parents appreciated her zeal and i think the boys listened up a bit more because of her delightful accent. While she belonged to Joan of Arc, we always had friendly chats.

Karen E. Klein

karen Klein - March 04, 2021 at 05:53 PM

KJ

Margie always made me feel 'at home' when I visited with Amy. When she came to Africa we had some good laughs together and in the many times since, her warmth and caring for me as a friend of Amy's made me feel very welcomed and loved. I will miss her humor and laugh!

Kyla M Johnson - March 07, 2021 at 09:41 AM

TM

“ I worked with Margie for a number of years at SJJ. She would light up her classroom and her students adored her. She was always a penultimate professional! (She would have loved my use of the word "penultimate"!). She will be greatly missed by all who have a passion for education. I share in your loss and pray for you all.

Tim Malone - March 03, 2021 at 07:51 PM

L"

“ An outstanding English teacher, Mrs. Fitzpatrick was ahead of her time back in the "60's. She used the interrelationship of reading and writing to help students deeply understand the great works of literature. I can still remember our class studying *The Canterbury Tales*, memorizing the prologue in Middle English and then writing our own modern versions. She did a great job of challenging her students!

Linda Rerucha, McAuley "67 - March 03, 2021 at 11:38 AM

TS

“ *Fond memories of a wonderful woman. What a household she created! Always great times at the Fitzpatrick house. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*
Todd Salsberry.

Todd Salsberry - March 02, 2021 at 06:32 PM

EH

“ *I taught with Margie for a number of years at St. John's; she was a wonderful colleague. We had many conversations about our work and families. Her care for her students and the class she showed were constants. You have my deepest condolences on her passing, and I wish the best as you grieve your loss.* *Ed Heintschel*

Ed Heintschel - March 01, 2021 at 10:28 AM

C1

“ *I always looked forward to Mrs. Fitzpatrick's English class and consider myself fortunate that I had her for two years. To this day I always have a book with me and when you finish one, I immediately start another. She had the ability to instill her enthusiasm for literature into her students.*

Cheryl (Gurecky) O'Connor—McAuley 1971 - March 01, 2021 at 09:25 AM

MF

“ *Thank you Mrs. Fitzpatrick for instilling a love of literature in me at McAuley High. I have always considered her my favorite teacher and thank her for her generous love of literature.* *Mary Erford Ford.*

mary Ford - February 28, 2021 at 07:55 PM

MP

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you Tim, and your whole family. Your mom was part of Matt’s life for so many years, and was one of my favorite teachers at McAuley. She taught me the love of reading, and the love of great fiction. What a wonderful woman. Love and Peace

Matt and Carolyn Petrie

Matt and Carolyn Petrie - February 28, 2021 at 10:43 AM

BB

“ Sorry to hear of the passing of your Mother Tim, Amy, Peter, and Families. Margie was a wonderful person while on this earth. She raised three Good people to carry out the Legacy that she started. Margie was kind and thoughtful of everyone she would meet. I have always enjoyed every second to be around her. My heart is with all of you in this time.

Bryan Brandon - February 28, 2021 at 07:51 AM

JR

“ Fitzpatrick family,
Your mom was a friend and colleague at SJ. She mentored, supported, and prayed for and with me. My sincere sympathy is extended to you during this difficult time.

Joyce Ricks

Joyce Ricks - February 24, 2021 at 09:29 PM

JK

“ To the Fitzpatrick family,

Margaret was one of my favorite teachers at SJ- I have fond memories of AP English and Quiz Bowl with her. She had a very positive impact on my HS education and my formative years as a young man. My condolences,

Jason Kaminski, SJ class of 1988

Jason Kaminski - February 24, 2021 at 08:57 PM

BR

“ Pete,

*I met you several times at Swan Creek when you were visiting your mom, and Joe and I were visiting my mother in law, Fran Rideout. The move to Swan Creek was an adjustment for Fran, and I will always be grateful to your mother for being such a good friend to Fran at that time. Margie was there to visit with her, and to listen with an understanding ear. She often accompanied Fran to lunch and dinner, and played cards and other games with her. I enjoyed reading your mother's beautiful obituary, and wish that I had had the opportunity to know her in her younger years. What a special lady!
Bev Rideout*

Bev Rideout - February 24, 2021 at 08:40 PM

SS

*Dear Amy, Peter, and Tim,
I was fortunate enough to have your Mother as my English literature teacher in my Junior year at McAuley. She inspired, cajoled and demanded the best out of each of her students. She took a personal interest in me and my classmates. As a retired teacher myself, I hope I have inspired other generations of readers to love literature of all genres. I stayed connected with your Mother thanks to the wonderful enduring friendship that my sister, Mary Rose and her husband had with you, Amy and your husband and children.
Your Mother will be missed. Our love and thoughts are with your family.
Susan Stechschulte and Bill Plesec*

Susan Stechschulte - February 26, 2021 at 12:26 PM

MR

“*Dear Fitzpatrick Family,
I was so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. I really enjoyed her classes at McAuley High School. (class of 1978) She really knew her students. A true lady. I was in Tim's classes at OLPH 1-7 grade then move to the St. Patricks area for my 8th grade year.
Wishing you all peace.*

Maggie (Bosch) Reed

Maggie (Bosch) Reed - February 24, 2021 at 08:21 PM

MC

“*So very sorry to hear this news. Mrs. Fitzpatrick taught me Freshman and Sophomore English at St. John's and I wouldn't be writing for a living today without her. She made me a better reader, a better writer and a better person. Much love to her family, friends and all the students bettered by their time with her.*

Mark Cappelletty - February 24, 2021 at 06:35 PM

MS

“ Amy, Pete and Tim, So sorry for your loss. Your mother was as sharp as they come and I always enjoyed talking to her. She'll be missed.

Marty Sweeney - February 24, 2021 at 06:31 PM

JF

“ My condolences to the Fitzpatrick Family - Amy, Pete and Tim. I loved your Mom. So sharp. Great memories. One of my Mom's best (and longest) friends. Just a wonderful lady!!!

Jim Florian

Jim Florian - February 24, 2021 at 02:52 PM

JM

“ Dear Pete and Becky and family,
How I loved my classes with Mrs. Fitzpatrick! She was such a joy and light, whether the subject was prepositions, Much Ado About Nothing, King Lear, or gerunds. Thank you for your care of her. May she rest in laughter with superb tea.

*Love and memories,
Jill Trudeau Marquard*

Jill Trudeau Marquard - February 24, 2021 at 08:57 AM

LS

“ The Adamshick family wants you all to know you are in our thought and prayers. I remember Mrs. Fitz Patrick from McAuley high school. And I remember Tim at our house many times when Fritz and Tim were at OLPH together.

Lisa Adamshick Sugg - February 24, 2021 at 08:10 AM