



Margaret Lee Kuhn Edelblute

April 15, 1932 - February 9, 2024

Margaret Lee Kuhn Edelblute passed away peacefully on February 9, 2024, under the loving care of Tidewell Hospice. She was an inspirational and caring woman, a loving wife, and a wonderful mother. Born on April 15, 1932, to Charles and Pansie Kuhn in Charleston, West Virginia; she graduated from Charleston High School, graduated from Bradford College and received her bachelor's degree from Carnegie Mellon University. She was a sister of the Chi Omega Sorority. While she was at Carnegie Mellon University she met her husband of 59 years, Thomas Hastings Edelblute Jr.

Margaret was a caring person who wanted to help all that she knew. Having lived all over the world with Thomas, who worked for the United States State Department. She lived in Costa Rica, India, Moldova, Barbados and twice in Turkey before coming to live in Sarasota. Wherever she lived she actively volunteered to help others. If there was not an opportunity to volunteer, she would create one! She was always active with her church, and gave generously of her time, talent, and treasures. Whether it was leading a church circle, acting as an elder at the church or collecting bassinets for mothers in need, she would always give it her all.

During her travels with Tom, she adapted to every city in which they lived and was an avid shopper and collector of local wares. Whether it was hunting for oriental rugs at the Grand Bazaar of Istanbul or discovering a jewelry store in

a back alley of Calcutta, she always knew where to find the best deals. She often led shopping expeditions of dignitaries and their spouses who were visiting Tom's current post.

Margaret was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Founders Garden Club, the Baronial Order of Runnymede, the Order of the Garter, and the Church of Palms.

She loved her family and will be dearly missed which includes her son David Edelblute and wife, Laura of Granville, Ohio; sister Alice LaFollette of Sarasota; step grandchildren Justin ((Katie) Maxwell; William (Carly) Maxwell; and Andrew Maxwell as well as many nieces, nephews and their children that loved her very much. She was preceded in death by her husband Thomas H. Edelblute Jr., her son Thomas H. Edelblute III and her brother Charles Kuhn.

A memorial service will be held at 11:30 AM, Wednesday, February 14, 2024, at the Church of the Palms. The service will be live streamed on the Palms website and Facebook page.

Memorial Contributions can be made to the Church of the Palms or Tidewell Hospice.

Our family is very grateful to all of Margaret's loving caregivers who took such wonderful care of her.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 14. 11:30 AM (ET)

Church of the Palms
3224 Bee Ridge Road
Sarasota, FL 34239

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Margaret Lee Kuhn Edelblute.*



February 13, 2024 at 10:55 AM



“ *The Malotts and Kim Davis purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Margaret Lee Kuhn Edelblute.*



The Malotts and Kim Davis - February 12, 2024 at 06:35 PM

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“Margaret was a very special person. The Kuhn daughters were raised by Pansy to embody gracious manners, beauty, intelligence, kindness and tremendous style as their hallmark. And Margaret brought all of that to her long, loyal marriage to Tom and to her role, when he was appointed to Security Enhancement at the State Department. Representing the Diplomatic Corps, she rose as a diplomat's wife, always gracious and well liked in their postings in Turkey, Costa Rica and India. Margaret and Tom were utterly generous, with Margaret the consummate hostess. Their door was always open to friends eager to travel and see their world abroad. Like many others, I was very fortunate to visit them in Turkey and Costa Rica, which opened up a larger life experience for me. San Jose' launched my study of Spanish, which I continue to use so often today. So, I honor and remember Margaret as proudly representing the very best of America to others abroad and for her gracious and generous heart. She will be missed, but her fine example stays alive with all of us.....Marjorie Wright

Marjorie Wright - February 11, 2024 at 12:56 PM

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“I'll always remember a story Margaret shared with me about her time living in Moscow. Talk about sins of omission: I always thought I should ask Dede to tape the Russia stories before it was too late.

Deedy Vaughan - February 11, 2024 at 12:00 PM