



Margaret Garrett Burns

July 10, 1939 - June 14, 2026

Margaret Garrett Burns (1939-2026)

Margaret Garrett Burns, loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, passed peacefully from this life at home surrounded by her family on June 14, 2026. Margaret was a longtime member of Chapelwood United Methodist Church and with her husband generously supported the work of the church. Over her life she volunteered her time and energy for the church, PTA, Cub Scouts, hospice, and Star of Hope Mission.

Margaret was born in 1939 to Daniel Edward and Alice (Jones) Garrett. She graduated from Lamar High School in 1957 and Rice University in 1961. She married the late John Dudley Burns (1933-2025) on May 19, 1962. They and their children lived in Houston; Westport, Connecticut; Media, Pennsylvania; Madrid, Spain; and Ramsey, New Jersey traveling with John's career before settling down permanently in Houston in 1975.

Margaret loved to travel with her family, not only living in Spain for several years but taking them to Africa, Europe, Hawaii, and the Virgin Islands. She and her husband also went to Africa on safari several times and twice visited the mountain gorillas in central Africa. She loved animals, supporting the Houston Zoo and holding season tickets to the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo. She was a devoted fan of Julie Andrews, loved music, and regularly

attended musicals at the Hobby Center.

Margaret is survived by her four sons, John Arthur Burns (Anita), Kevin Norman, Dan Burns (Catherine), and Bill Burns; her grandchildren Jackie McCleary (Paul), Daniel Burns (Grace), Allison Beaty (Jeremy), Abi Burns, Thomas Norman, Maggie Norman, and John David Burns; and her great granddaughters, Lucy Catherine McCleary and Evelyn Margaret Beaty.

Services will be held at Chapelwood United Methodist Church, 11140 Greenbay, Houston, TX, 77024 on Friday, June 19 at 1:00 pm. Gifts in her memory can be made to Chapelwood UMC or Star of Hope Mission.

Upcoming Events

Memorial Service

JUN **19**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Chapelwood United Methodist Church
11140 Greenbay Street
Houston, TX 77024