



Mary Margaret Watson

February 7, 1948 - June 15, 2024

Mary Margaret Watson, 76, of Houston passed away June 15, 2024. Born February 7, 1948, in Minneapolis, Minnesota to John Hartwell and Edna Dunn, she went by the name of Margaret all of her life. She is preceded in death by her parents and brother, Johnie. She is survived by her husband Michael Overbey of 18 years of marriage.

Margaret grew up in Oklahoma City and graduated from Harding High School in 1966. Following High School she attended Trinity University in San Antonio for one year when she transferred Oklahoma State University and graduated in 1970 with a degree in Psychology. At Oklahoma State she was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority, serving as Vice-President her senior year.

Upon graduation from OSU she moved to Houston where she worked at TIRR counseling patients with spinal cord injuries. She began work on her Master's Degree in Education guidance and Counseling at UH. She completed the Masters in May of 1972. She later joined her major professor at UH in College Station to get a PhD in Industrial, Organizational Psychology from Texas A&M completing that degree in December, 1993. Armed with her degrees she moved to Philadelphia to teach psychology and statistics at LaSalle University. She achieved tenure at LaSalle and was chair of her department while building a large group of friends and colleagues.

Attending the wedding of her best friend Susan Cook in 2002, she met the man she would marry, Michael Overbey. Leaving her tenure behind, she moved to Houston. She returned to UH to teach statistics until her retirement.

Margaret enjoyed flying. She earned her pilots license in high school and she and Michael shared a passion for flying, spending many hours in the air and around airports. Margaret was a small person physically and the funny story from her early flights was how she had to sit on a phone book when flying in high school.

Margaret and Michael both loved cats almost as much as flying. No conversation with either of them was complete without several anecdotes about their cat adventures.

A come and go visitation will be held on July 1st from 12:00pm-2:00pm. at Dettling Funeral Home 14094 Memorial Dr. Houston, TX 77079. In Lieu of flowers please consider a charitable donation to The Alzheimers Research Foundation
www.alz.org

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

JUL 1. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Dettling Funeral Home
14094 Memorial Drive
Houston, TX 77079
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Tribute Wall



“ Dettling Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Margaret Watson



Dettling Funeral Home - June 27, 2024 at 03:21 PM

WJ

“ Dr Watson was one of my favorite professors as she taught at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Houston Texas in 2007 and 2008. I had her for my statistics, thesis class and as the chair for my Masters thesis. I will miss her greatly. Walter Protheroe

Walter Protheroe Jr - March 20, 2025 at 12:25 AM

SM

“ Margaret will be greatly missed. She had such a beautiful spirit and loving heart. She was a tiny person, always cold and always wore a coat, even in the summertime, but she had a great big warm heart. Love you Margaret. Until we meet again.....

Sharon Mayes - July 03, 2024 at 12:20 PM

SG

“ Sharon G. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Margaret Watson.

Sharon G. - July 03, 2024 at 12:11 PM

MS

“ Margaret and I were part of the new faculty "class of '93" at La Salle University. I always enjoyed her company and insight while serving the University, and was impressed by her leadership in Psychology. After she moved to Houston, we kept in touch via Facebook, and she encouraged my son's flying career. May the angels welcome her and bring comfort to those who knew and loved her.

Mike Smith - July 02, 2024 at 02:14 PM

BW

“ Beverly W. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Margaret Watson.

Beverly W. - June 29, 2024 at 04:24 PM

BW

“ I think when Mike first brought her to meet the Mayes side of the family we all fell in love with her, she was so sweet and kind. I remember she always had her glass of Pepsi with her and loved talking about her cats. She was a tiny woman with a big heart.

Beverly Weygandt - June 28, 2024 at 03:01 PM

JM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



JEFFREY J MESSOCK - June 27, 2024 at 06:58 PM

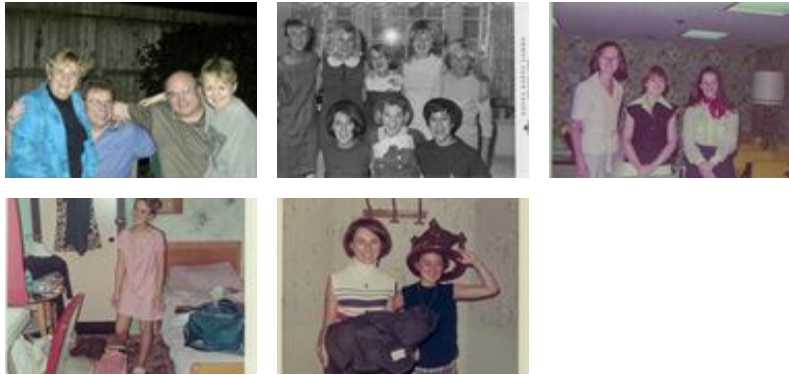
KP

“ Kerry P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Margaret Watson.

Kerry P. - June 27, 2024 at 06:31 PM



“ 111 files added to the album Life Tributes



Detting Funeral Home - June 27, 2024 at 11:16 AM

DS

“ You will be missed. Margaret was a beautiful person with a beautiful soul. I have know Margaret for over 20 years.. Love you Margaret. I will miss you. Fly with the Angels.

Denise Sikorski - June 27, 2024 at 09:24 AM

LR

“ Linda Lou and Robert purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Mary Margaret Watson.



Linda Lou and Robert - June 27, 2024 at 03:47 AM

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Linda Lou and Robert - June 27, 2024 at 03:47 AM

AS

“ Margaret and I were in school from kindergarten through 12th grade. We were in Campfire Girls together. She was a good friend. I remember how kind she was to her exchange student from Brazil.

Antoinette (Toni) Adams Sonnenfeld - June 26, 2024 at 07:29 PM

MM

“ Marc M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Margaret Watson.

Marc M. - June 26, 2024 at 04:41 PM



“ Love from Brazil, Julia and Arthur



Julia GR - June 26, 2024 at 02:24 PM

MC

*Our love and blessings to Michael and family & for her great friends!
Everyone loved Margaret ❤️ Marcia & David*

Marcia Christofferson - June 28, 2024 at 05:10 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Margaret Watson.*



June 26, 2024 at 11:09 AM

JC

“ *1 file added to the album Mags*



John Camp - June 26, 2024 at 09:24 AM