



## Margaret M. Casey (see updated Memorial info below)

August 13, 1949 - January 30, 2022

Margaret “Margo” Mary Casey was born on August 13, 1949, in Bryn Mawr, PA and grew up in nearby Ardmore, PA. She was the much prayed for third child and first daughter of Jack and Margaret Casey, joining her two brothers, John, and Tom. She thrilled the family with her joyous smile and happy disposition. Her big blue eyes and especially, her curly light brown hair, were much appreciated by all.

As a child, Margo was curious, outgoing, optimistic, and found fun and friends everywhere. She stayed that way all her life, seeking out kids all over the neighborhood, at school, college and beyond. She stayed in touch and involved with friends from earliest childhood as she added new friends to love every year in an expanding, inclusive web circle, matrix universe. She loved sports. She played on school basketball and softball teams up until eighth grade. She was always up for a pick-up softball game at least through college. She was a strong swimmer and Girl Scouts was a passion for her. Her summers during college were spent as a camp counselor.

She went to Saint Colman’s Elementary School at the local parish until eighth grade. She attended Archbishop Prendergast High School and went to West Chester University, just outside of Philadelphia, where she obtained a degree in Psychology.

After graduation from college, her first job was with the Philadelphia Girl Scout Council which she enjoyed. After a few years there she changed jobs and worked as a social worker at Lankenau Medical Center outside Philadelphia. As she matured, she sought the opportunity to work more directly with individuals and families at their times of acute need.

Margo moved to Denver in her mid-20's to further her education with a master's degree in Counseling from Conservative Baptist Theological Seminary (now known as Denver Seminary). She sought out this program because it offered a master's degree in counseling with a Christian foundation. After graduation from seminary, Margo's adventurous caring spirit took her to Europe for a time where she worked alongside missionary friends in Austria. On her return to the States, she worked at Rockmont College from 1979-1981 as Director of Student Services where her friendship and ministry deeply touched students' lives. She took on a new role as the Director of Woman's Ministry at South Evangelical Presbyterian Fellowship through 1984. Afterwards, Margo began her own counseling practice, working at the Vernon Grounds Center, as well as teaching classes at Rockmont College during that time. She continued a private counseling practice most of her life.

Margo's heart of service led her to work as a counselor in 1995 at the Inner City Health Center in Denver where she was the Director of Counseling. Earlier on she acted as Chaplain, facilitating Bible studies and caring for those who needed her personal spiritual touch. She was responsible for organizing and facilitating many community events, including bike rallies, concerts, and any event external to clinical care. She worked at ICHC until 2020 when she retired.

Being outdoors in nature nurtured Margo's soul, whatever the activity: hiking, camping, swimming, kayaking, skating, cross-country skiing, stargazing, bird watching, kite flying or taking pictures with her iPad. In her 30's, she

completed a mini-triathlon. She also loved riding King, a friend's horse.

Margo conducted spiritual formation seminars, guiding participants to expand their awareness of God in their spiritual paths. Her gift in spiritual formation facilitation integrated naturally into her teaching. "Where is God in this?" she often asked during hikes, be it with friends or in her classes. All her classes utilized varied artistic or natural mediums to reveal God's character. Margo enjoyed drawing with her own palette of colored chalks as well as painting. One of Margo's far-reaching gifts was her desire and profound ability to connect people together, helping to create close-knit long-term communities of friendship. Those who were fortunate to be in Margo's path could not help but be endeared to her "Margoisms" of wisdom and wit, and her deep love for God.

Margo also loved to travel, touring parts of Europe several times, enjoying a remarkable trip to China, and participating in a mission trip to the Dominican Republic. She especially loved hiking and camping with friends and visited many U.S. campgrounds and nature sites. She bridged her world and love for her family and friends in Pennsylvania with her life in Colorado by making frequent trips back home. Her love of family and friends there, and the ocean visits to the beach at Ocean City, NJ, gave her much joy. She relished eating fresh sea food there. Though Margo's trips home to Philly deepened her connections with her family and Eastern friends, she never wanted to return to live there.

Margo's last home church she attended was St. Brigit's Episcopal Church in Frederick, Colorado whose spiritual personality and faith walk fit hers. She participated with glee in the Celtic Festivals offered every year where she wore her Irish green kilt and hat and danced to her heart's content!

A woman of deep faith, she always sought a deeper connection with God. When her mom and dad both became ill in middle age and died within months of each other around her 21st birthday, her faith was deeply challenged. Her theology changed and evolved, but her Christian faith only grew. Her daily life and her profound connections to the many people she loved in Colorado sustained her when she was healthy and vigorous, as well as with increasing challenges of a chronic illness. She kept her optimism, and her joy even after her health declined. She lived her life in love and service to others, from which she found great happiness and peace.

Margo sought to live a life to exemplify her most treasured verses from the Bible,

Philippians 4:4-8 (New International Version):

(4) Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! (5) Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. (6) Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. (7) And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (8) Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things

Margo is survived by her brother, Thomas Casey (wife Barbara), nephews, Daniel Casey, James Casey, niece, Susan Casey and cousins, Joan McClintock (husband Richard Greenwood) and Theresa Waters (husband John), Kurt Leimbach and Christa Leimbach. Her parents, John F. and Margaret H. Casey, and brother, John C. Casey (wife Ellen) preceded her in death.

\*\*\*MEMORIAL LIVE STREAM UPDATE\*\*\*

Margo's Memorial Service is Saturday, April 23rd, 2022

3:00 PM, MST (5:00 PMEST) in Denver, CO.

The live stream link to her service is:

<<http://dixonchapel.cherryhills.com/>> <http://dixonchapel.cherryhills.com/>

and can be accessed at 2:45PM MST.

The service will also still be available to see about a week later at this same link.

In lieu of flowers... Donations in Margo's honor can be sent to Inner City Health Center, 3800 N. York Street, Denver, CO 80205 or online at <https://innercityhealth.org/> or to St. Brigit's Episcopal Church in Frederick, CO, <https://stbrigit.org/>

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# Previous Events

## Memorial Live Stream

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# Tribute Wall



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Ballard Family Mortuary, LLC - April 18, 2022 at 03:26 PM



“ Margo and I worked together in a "temp" job many years ago. I so enjoyed our lunches and breaks together and still use the cookbook she gave me. I have thought of her often. I remember our conversations about her Grandmother and her love of the Philies. I am so sorry about her passing from this earth; however, I am sure God has many new plans for her.

Vicky Nelson - March 13, 2022 at 04:57 PM