



Margaret Wiggins

October 26, 1958 - November 11, 2019

Mary "Margaret" Hulcy Wiggins, 61, of Cape Girardeau died Monday, Nov. 11, 2019, at Southeast Hospital.

She was born Oct. 26, 1958, in Twenty Nine Palms, California, to the late Zane C. Hulcy and Sharon B. Hulcy Barrows.

Her childhood as the daughter of a Marine was spent traveling and living with the family at various military stations in California, North Carolina, Nebraska and Alaska, arriving back in Cape Girardeau in 1970. She was a 1977 graduate of Cape Girardeau Central High School and attended Southeast Missouri State University.

Her working career started in the payroll department of International Shoe factory, which was situated on the present Isle Casino property on Main Street. She then worked for Payless Shoes the next seven years, managing stores in Manchester and Sikeston, Missouri. Afterward, she came back to Main Street to start a 30-year career with Ole Hickory Pits, just a few blocks south of where her career began. When Margaret began working for Ole Hickory Pits, it was a small, regional manufacturing facility, but it eventually grew to the now multi-million dollar corporation. As sales manager, she worked with customers from all over the world.

She and Tony Wiggins married July 15, 1995.

Margaret was an avid gardener, antique collector and St. Louis Cardinals fan. She enjoyed family gatherings, concerts and spending time with friends.

Loving survivors include her husband; daughter, Madalyn G. Wiggins of Cape Girardeau; brother, David (Laura) Hulcy of Cape Girardeau; aunt, Margaret Spear of Cape Girardeau; uncle, Joe (Debbie) Hulcy of Red Oak, Texas; brother-in-law, John (Debbie) Wiggins of Jackson; sisters-in-law, Tammy (David) Beck of Scott City and Cindy (Paul) Gilliland of Advance, Missouri; nephews, Dr. Matthew Wiggins, Jon and Andy Beck and Curtis Gilliland; nieces, Zane Elizabeth and Gabrielle Hulcy, Amanda Wiggins and Dr. Tori Landing. She is also survived by her beloved dogs, Oskar, Lilley and Boo Boo, and her favorite, Fred the Cat.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at Ford and Sons Mount Auburn Funeral Home, with memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Speaking at the memorial will be Rob Ruessler, a family friend.

The family would like to thank Dr. Rod Crist, and all the doctors and nurses of Southeast Hospital emergency, oncology and ICU departments, who provided such great care for her in her final days. Also special thanks to Maggie Buhs and "The Girls" for their love and support for almost 50 years.

Memorial contributions may be given to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and the Humane Society of Southeast Missouri.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **15**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Memorial Service

NOV **16**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CC

“ When I heard this news my heart ached and I wished it wasn't so. I am an old friend from high school that left Cape over 30 years ago, however any time I was back in town and saw this beautiful funny lady - it was as though no time had passed. She was truly unique and special.

After getting my head and heart around this sad news, I immediately started recollecting wonderful memories of Margaret from our high school days and one that has always cracked me up is the time she gave me makeup advice in the hallway while we were talking before class started. She looked at me very earnestly and said "I can tell you what you need to do to look better." I wasn't offended because it was Margaret and I wanted to know her recommendation because dang it maybe I could look as good as her (I wished!). She very succinctly said: "Quit wearing blue mascara - you should only wear brown or preferably black because people can't see you blue eyes - it all blends in, they need to stand out!". I said "Oh, okay." and that was that. I went to Osco Drug store as soon as I could, bought brown mascara (because I thought black might be a bit daring for me), put it on, looked in the mirror and said "Huh, Margaret is right." Next day before class standing in the hallway talking again - she looked at me and all she said is "I told you so - you look much better." I loved it and her! May she be in peace!

Carla Beaty Collette - November 15, 2019 at 01:17 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Margaret Wiggins.



November 14, 2019 at 07:40 PM

TD

“ Margaret was such a fun and funny lady that always brightened up the other end of the phone! I purchased my first pit from her almost a decade ago and she helped get my business off the ground. I've called and spoken to her so many times over ten years and she was always so helpful with just the right amount of sarcasm and sass. Losing Margaret is a huge loss to the BBQ community. Sending love and sympathy from Deets BBQ Toledo OH

Trevor Deeter - November 14, 2019 at 07:40 PM

DH

“ Dave & Pam Hoff purchased the In Memory - Angel Figurine, 8.25 in for the family of Margaret Wiggins.



Dave & Pam Hoff - November 14, 2019 at 03:43 PM

ET

“ Enn Tobreluts purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Margaret Wiggins.



Enn Tobreluts - November 14, 2019 at 03:37 PM

ET

“ *Our deepest sympathies from Estonia, Europe.*

I am so much shoked... It is so sad to hear that Margaret passed away.

Margaret was very dedicated and conscientious person, it was so good to do co-operation with her. She always answered so quickly and clearly, I really enjoyed to do business with her.

It is so sad... My deepest sympathies to her family, friends and to Ole Hickory Team.

*We will light the candles in Estonia and will remember her... R.I.P. ;-
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*Kind regards
Enn Tobreluts
BBQ Entertainment OÜ
EU, Estonia, Tallinn*



Enn Tobreluts - November 14, 2019 at 03:21 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Margaret Wiggins.*



November 14, 2019 at 09:21 AM

RM

“ I called Ole Hickory Pits back in 1998 when I was thinking of starting a barbeque joint. Margaret answered the phone. She treated me with respect and her enthusiasm for the business was infectious. It instilled more confidence in me to start our business.

Our team loved Margaret and she was always there for us.

Our heart felt sympathy and condolences to Margaret's family.

Rick Malir

Founder and CEO, City Barbeque

Rick Malir - November 14, 2019 at 05:41 AM

BL

“ Margaret found me Mr. Wonderful sixteen years ago. He is still the sweetest talking man I have ever had (see picture). I found him on my shelf today and it made me smile. She always had a story to tell to make you laugh. I will miss her comradery and friendship immensely. Will love and carry you in my heart always.



Beverly Looney - November 13, 2019 at 04:17 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Margaret Wiggins.



November 13, 2019 at 01:33 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Margaret Wiggins.*



November 12, 2019 at 06:42 PM



“ *We were friends for almost 50 years! While we didn't talk all the time, just knowing I could call any time, for any reason, made my world better. I could count on Margaret to always be there. I'm not prepared for a world with out Margaret. Love you always, will miss you, always*

Melissa Lamkin O'Connor - November 12, 2019 at 04:50 PM



I have waited on Margaret for years at Schnucks one of the sweetest people I have meet, so sorry to hear this.

laurie powers - November 12, 2019 at 10:04 PM



Maggie was a beautiful lady full of sassy! And that is what everyone loved about her, I am devastated about the sudden news, condolences and love to Tony and Madi, worked with her at Ole Hickory Pits, what a legend you are and I know you will be solely missed in the BBQ world, wow, my heart is sad and heavy, I am glad that I introduced you to Tony! Went camping many times and had a great friendship with you both, nobody will ever fill your shoes at Ole Hickory, I am sure David Knight is beside himself as well, may you dance in heaven pretty lady, my true condolences to family, friends, bbq acquaintainces Love Pamela Sue

Yvette Kidd - November 13, 2019 at 02:27 AM

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don't know what to say when losing such a great and inspiring friend. our time working at OHP was some of the best times I had with any job. The tradeshows, the cook-offs and our personal competitions in sales. I am so sorry for not stopping by to go out to lunch when I was in town. The world will not be the same without you and your powerful presence. I offer my condolences to all of your family. please know you shall be missed by everyone who had touched.

Dave Hoff (aka D6) - November 14, 2019 at 03:27 PM

CH

*So saddened to read of Margaret's death. If Memory serves me Margaret and Tony spent their wedding night at Rivendell, our Bed and Breakfast in downtown Cape.
Prayers and Peace to the family.*

cyndy hall - November 15, 2019 at 07:28 AM