



Margaret E. Melcher

April 12, 1920 - May 31, 2018

Margaret E. Melcher, age 98 of Highland, IL, died Thursday, May 31, 2018, at Hitz Memorial Home in Alhambra, IL.

She was born April 12, 1920, in Parkersburg, WV, the daughter of Earl and Evalena (nee Harris) Martin.

On April 10, 1970 she married Howard R. Melcher. He passed away on May 29, 2008.

She was a member of Highland Hope United Methodist Church. She was also a member of O.W.L.S. at Hope UM Church - Former member of Moose in Parkersburg, WV - Buckeye Trail Association.

Margaret was born in Parkersburg, WV and grew up there. After she completed her education, she worked in a local 5 and Dime Store. She later became a Nurse's Aide and then a Licensed Practical Nurse in the 1960's. She worked at St. Joseph Hospital in Parkersburg and Camden-Clark Hospital. She and her husband enjoyed ballroom dancing, big band music, Indian lore (owned their own teepee) and showed their love of Indian culture with camps and youth organizations including tribes in North Dakota, West Virginia, Ohio and all of the United States. She and her husband were adopted into the Devils Lake Chippewa Tribe on an Indian reservation in North

Dakota in 1977. They traveled to Indian Pow Wows and enjoyed traveling and camping in the U.S. They had a cabin in the wilderness in Canada. She did weaving, bread baking and embroidery. She moved to Highland in 2008.

Survivors include :

Daughter - Rebecca J. "Becky" (Craig) Wheeler, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Steven C. (Sharon L.) Wheeler, Lebanon, IL

Great Grandchild - Andrea M. (Wesley) Freezeland, Worden, IL

Great Grandchild - Eric C. Wheeler, Portland, OR

Great Grandchild - Alesya M. Wheeler, Trenton, IL

Great Great Grandchild - Emilia G. Freezeland, Worden, IL

Great Great Grandchild - Lilith I. Freezeland, Worden, IL

Step Child - Patricia (Bret) Bissell, New Haven, CT

Step Child - Henry (Taun) Melcher, West Hills , CA

Step Grandchildren - Many Survive

Step Great Grandchildren - Many Survive

She was preceded in death by :

Father - Earl Martin - Died 7/25/1971

Mother - Evalena Martin, nee Harris - Died 7/03/1971

Husband - Howard R. Melcher - Died 5/29/2008

Brother - Leland E. Martin - Died 11/10/1978

Infant Granddaughter - Cara Jennifer Wheeler - Died April 1974

Step Grandchild - Preceded by Step Grandchild

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Visitation will be held from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM on Sunday, June 10, 2018, at Highland Hope United Methodist Church in Highland, IL .

Memorial Services will be at 4:00 PM on Sunday, June 10, 2018, at Highland Hope United Methodist Church in Highland, IL, with Rev. Beverly Wilks Null officiating.

Interment will be at Evergreen Cemetery South in South Parkersburg, WV at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to Highland Animal Shelter ; St. Louis Zoo ; or a Charity of the Donor's Choice.

Tribute Wall

AN

“ *I will greatly miss Margaret everyday. She brighten my day with her smile and her stories. How she would tell me good morning and held my hand and walked the halls with me. My heart goes out to Becky and the rest of the family.*

Andy - June 08, 2018 at 03:41 PM

HM

“ *My step mom was someone that brought gentleness and kindness to my dad and their friends. She had a quiet spirit about her. My sympathy goes out to her daughter and family, who had shown they loved her very much. I believe she is with the Lord, and knows Him, His Grace, and His Love.*

Henry and Taun Melcher

Henry Melcher - June 08, 2018 at 02:15 PM

CW

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CJ Winkler - June 04, 2018 at 04:26 PM

RK

“ You have our deepest sympathy for the loss of your mother. While at the Highland Home Robert and I always enjoyed her. She would have us come to her room and she would enthusiastically enjoy showing off her treasures. She was a lovely lady.
Robert and JoAn Kakac

Robert and JoAn Kakac - June 02, 2018 at 08:25 PM

TC

Margaret & Howard were great friends. We had a lot of fun hiking the buckeye trail and taking part in the Native American Culture. I really enjoyed her homemade bread. She will be missed..

Ted & Karen Cox

Ted Cox - June 05, 2018 at 02:53 PM

DS

She was a delight. My late husband, Pat, called her “Sparky” something she always remembered.

Dolores Swan - June 06, 2018 at 03:04 PM