



Margaret Thomas

September 20, 1929 - May 21, 2012

TORRINGTON, WY Funeral services for MARGARET (HUNT) THOMAS, 82, will be held on Saturday, May 26, 2012 at 10:00am at the First Congregational Church with Pastor Matthew Gordon officiating. Burial will follow in the Hillcrest Cemetery in Lingle, Wyoming. Margaret departed this life on May 21, 2012 at the Heritage Estates in Gering, Nebraska. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate memorial contributions directed to either the Torrington First Congregational Church hymnal fund or to the Weston County Senior Center (in appreciation of all their help) c/o Colyer Funeral Home @ PO Box 20, Torrington, Wy 82240. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home and friends are invited to send condolences to the family at www.colyerfuneralhome.com Margaret, the daughter of B. Frederick and Ruth (McCoy) Muscheites was born on September 20, 1929 in Table Rock, Nebraska. While she was young, Margaret lived with her family on a farm a mile north of Table Rock. On April 5, 1933, the family farm house burned to the ground and they moved in to Table Rock. The family then relocated to Pawnee City, Nebraska when Margaret's father, Fred, was elected Pawnee County Clerk in 1935. There she attended Pawnee Grade School and Pawnee High School where she excelled in choir and band. Margaret graduated high school in 1947 and the following fall she attended the University of Nebraska at Lincoln as a vocal music education major. Margaret enjoyed an active campus social life and she joined the Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority and in the fall of 1948 she was selected by her

sorority to represent them in the Miss University of Nebraska beauty pageant. On May 13, 1949, in Sidney, Iowa, Margaret married her first husband and the father of her children, Lee Hunt. Their first child Jennifer Lee was born in Lincoln, Nebraska; Teresa Lee in Laramie, Wyoming; and son Tracy Lee also in Laramie. In 1952, Margaret and Lee moved to Laramie, Wyoming where they owned Hunt's Mortuary and Margaret sang at many of the funerals and belonged to the Rebekah Lodge as well as Eastern Star. She was also the director of the Laramie chapter of the Sweet Adelines, a much celebrated women's barber shop quartet. Margaret, husband Lee and their children moved to Littleton, Colorado, Dallas, Texas, Detroit, Michigan, Downingtown, Pennsylvania, and finally back to Laramie, Wyoming in 1969 where she resumed her music education at the University of Wyoming. Her marriage ended and Margaret went on to finish her student teaching at University Prep High School in Laramie and received her teaching degree in October of 1970. Margaret then accepted a job teaching vocal music at Torrington Junior High and High Schools, a job she held until taking over the vocal music program at the Lincoln Elementary School in Torrington. Margaret will be remembered by many area residents for her dedication to excellence in music and the many musical and choir productions she directed. She retired from teaching in the spring of 1988. On August 12, 1978, Margaret married the love of her life, Bob Thomas. She was a devoted and loving wife, mother, and grandmother. She attended the First Congregational Church in Torrington. Margaret loved her flower gardens, history, music, antique flea markets, and garage sales; but her family was her passion. She is survived by her husband, Bob; her children, Jennifer Hunt (Greg Davidson) of Calgary, Canada; Terry (Alan) Korell of Lingle, Wyoming; and Tracy (Donna) Hunt of Newcastle, Wyoming; a sister-in-law, B. Roberta Muscheites of Sabetha, Kansas; three grandchildren, Michael Morell of New York, NY; Katherine Powers of Portland, OR; Hans Hunt of Newcastle, WY; one great grandchild; and three step daughters, Debbie McCoy, Karen Norris, and Dianna Olson. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, B. Frederick Muscheites, Jr.

Tribute Wall

RW

“ *My condolences to you all. The Lord has called home a beautiful lady. I loved her and admired her greatly. She was very dear to me and to my musical developement. If only I could tell her. I pray she knows how much I loved her and the guidance she gave me in my life.*

God's Blessings on you all during this difficult time.

Robin Walter - May 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WD

“ *My sincere condolences on the loss of Margaret. She was very caring of her family and will, I am sure, be sorely missed. May God bless.*

Wayne Deahl - May 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *Our thoughts are with you in this time of great loss. Bev called Tracy yesterday and told us. We are so blessed to have known her and will cherish all the memories we have of her. Bob, take care and we are thinking of you. Will contact you at a later time.*

The Stromberg Family - May 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ *So sorry for your loss. It doesn't seem that long ago I saw Margaret at the FLAG cafe in Ft. Laramie. She remembered me although it had been several years since I saw her last. My prayers and thoughts are with you during this time.*

Kelea Patton Burns - May 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JC

“Margaret touched so many lives, both through her profession and through a loving and kind heart that embraced other people's children as if they were her own.

She will always hold a special place in my heart, and will be deeply missed by many.

Jane Rock Costanza - May 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CT

“Margaret Hunt Thomas was an outstanding woman with so many talents. I will never forget those wonderful musicals that we did because she believed in each one of us. I want to send my deepest thoughts and prayers to her family. I will always treasure the music knowledge that I received from this beautiful lady. I will always have a great admiration for her. She will be greatly missed, but never forgotten.

Connie Bower Thomas - May 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM