

Other Memories about Margaret Mary Barrett (Nee Payne)

20th March 1923 to 9th June 2013

Margaret had a very happy childhood with her four sisters and brother. The girls had a full sized rocking horse that was kept in one of the stables behind the shop, Margaret and her sisters all adored it. Her sisters always looked forward to the Swaffham Carnival, a chance to dress-up and be on one of the floats.

Holidays: Margaret and Arthur spent time in Italy, Germany, France, Belgium, Ireland, Turkey, Malta, and Portugal, sometimes her sister Jean joined them, her best friend Joan Scott went along as well at times. Arthur, Margaret and John spent many holidays when John was young travelling all over the UK, visiting Margaret's four sisters and one brother. We even met up with the Scott family at Paignton, Devon one year.

Margaret always loved being with family, and no one had a birthday without a party cake and the traditional large Trifle. Arthur was always in charge of adding the sherry. Christmas times were so special for all the family, Margarets sister Jean who lived at Fakenham with her husband Harry Moore and their children David, Harry Robert & Jane (H&J Moore Bakers), would invite all the family to join them for Christmas. The house was jam packed with family, sleeping in every room. On Christmas morning whilst the children opened the presents the adults would tuck in to a Gibley Pie for breakfast straight from the oven (Jeans speciality). The lunchtime meal and the traditional turkey and other joints were all cooked in the bake house oven. The afternoon was generally in the form of some entertainment with music in the bake house, it was always an unforgettable event and loved by all the family.

Margaret's pleasure in being with people extended in so many directions.

She became a member of the **King's Lynn Ladies Conservative Association** and together with her closest friend Joan Scott who lived in Tennyson Avenue went almost everywhere. From the week's shopping in town to evening meetings in the King Street club room. On many occasions people thought they were sisters. When Joan's youngest daughter Margaret was born Margaret was asked to be her godmother, she was so thrilled. Sadly Joan Scott died 10th August 1990 and this was a tremendous loss to us all especially Margaret. Margaret would have been so pleased that Margaret Capel (Nee Scott - Joan Scott's daughter) managed the long trip to be at her funeral, together with her brother Alan.

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Many of the ladies from the Conservative club joined the **Lynn Horticultural Society**. Margaret enjoyed entering as many of the competitions as possible from cake making, flower arranging, knitting etc. Margaret received a certificate for her winning flower arrangement at Lynn Horticultural Flower Club's first spring show held in April 1967. Over subsequent years Margaret won many other awards.

The Kings Lynn Flower Club was formed in 1963, mainly again from many members of the Ladies Conservative Club and the Lynn Horticultural Society. This came about after Mrs Myers - sister to King's Lynn Solicitor Kenneth Bush - persuaded him to make a donation to get the flower club started. Mrs Myers was the first President, who with Margaret, Joan Scott, Joyce Ward, Flo Williamson, Edie Stanforth, Mrs Stokes, Mrs Neal, and many others were some of the first members of what is now a very successful club. Margaret was on the committee in 1976. Only last week the club celebrated its 50th year anniversary. How Margaret would have loved to have been present at that event.

Margaret also had success at the **Sandringham Flower show** - flower arranging between 1983-88 with 7 x 1st Prize awards in 1983. Flower arrangements at Docks Exhibition at St Nicholas Hall Aug 1971, Fakenham Flower Club in 1985.

BRIDGE: Margaret first joined the Bridge Club (West Norfolk and King's Lynn Bridge Club) in 1964 when Rubber Bridge was mostly played. She played firstly with Dora Morrison and then Bertha Savage and then John Chase from 1980 to 2009. She was a member of the committee, her main contribution was to do the raffle at club functions. She was club captain in 1985-86 season, a popular player, always courteous and friendly at the table. She also played at Swaffham Club from the late 80s - 2004 and then at the Woottons Club until her illness in 2009. She also took part in County events and over time accumulated enough Master Points to achieve the rank of "Master Player" in March 1983.

John Chase was a true friend to Margaret throughout the good and bad times, visiting her only a few days before her death. John and Jane will always be grateful for his 29 years of support as her Bridge partner.

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St Faith's Church: Margaret's faith never left her, her father was a sidesman at the St Peter and St Paul Church Swaffham and was a regular church attendee himself. His faith was inbuilt into Margaret's life and Margaret made many friends within the church community. She was extremely fond of **Daphne Sampson** who apart from being an excellent taxi driver picking up all the ladies on the way to church, was a true loyal friend to the very end of her life. Through the church and with the help of Daphne, Margaret was able to have a weekend stay at Overstrand at a time she needed a little extra help. She loved attending religious meetings at Dr Peter Tasker's house with the help of Rev Dale Gingrich.

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From John Barrett's website:-

http://www.jcbarrettphotographic.co.uk/abp_obituary-p3.html#3a18b

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