



Margaret Eualah Baker-Novitske

March 27, 1914 - November 1, 2009

Margaret Eualah Baker-Novitske, died on Sunday, November 1, 2009, at Woodlands Senior Park, Fond du Lac. She was 95 years old. A lifetime resident of Fond du Lac, she was an active participant and supporter of many local and statewide organizations. She was born on March 27, 1914, in Fond du Lac, a daughter of Harry D. and Eualah Nast Treleven. Margaret attended Ripon College and received a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, in 1935. She continued her studies at Northwestern University and Peabody Teachers College. For many years, she taught English and Latin at L.P. Goodrich High School, retiring in 1976. Active in the Fond du Lac County Historical Society, serving as its president in the 1960's, she played a major role in acquiring the Galloway family home and other vintage buildings, developing the village as a major local tourist attraction of the Historical Society. She also served as chair of two state history associations. In 1961, Margaret was the Worthy Grand Matron of the Order of Eastern Star for the State of Wisconsin. A lifelong member of the First Presbyterian Church of Fond du Lac, she was also a member of the American Association of University Women and Daughters of the American Revolution. Following her retirement from teaching, Margaret served several terms on the Fond du Lac County Board of Supervisors. She was an avid reader and traveler, and with her teacher friends, visited many foreign countries, studying their culture and history. She loved quilting, gardening, and antiques. She is survived by a daughter, Jane L. Baker of Evanston, Illinois; two grandchildren;

and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three husbands: John L. Kaestner, Elmer F. Baker, and A.J. "Al" Novitske; a daughter, Margie E. Baker; a brother; and two sisters. The funeral service will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 21, 2009, at First Presbyterian Church, 1225 Fourth Street, Fond du Lac, with Rev. Anthony J. Farina officiating. Burial will be in Rienzi Cemetery. The family will greet friends and relatives at church from 11:00 a.m. until the time of service. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to First Presbyterian Church and the Fond du Lac County Historical Society.

Tribute Wall

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It's been over 10 years since Margaret has passed but I just ran across her obituary today 6/21/21. I went thru school K thru 12 with her daughter Jane (Jefferson to Waters to Goodrich). There were times in grade school that we would have Margaret as a substitute teacher for a short period of time. Other subs meant that we could get away with stuff, but not Margaret, she always knew what to expect and ran a tight ship. I delivered the Baker's daily newspaper for about two years so I had many encounters with Margaret, all very pleasant. Raymond H. Grenier (Goodrich Class of 1956)

Raymond Grenier - June 22, 2021 at 01:10 AM