



# Margot K. Martin

MAY 27, 1937 - MAY 21, 2023



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**M**argot Martin unexpectedly passed away from natural causes in her home in Fayetteville on Sunday, May 21, 2023. She led a very active life. Her calendar was filled with social engagements involving dear friends and volunteer work with several organizations whose causes she cared about deeply. She was planning on celebrating her 86 birthday on the weekend.

She was born May 27, 1937 in New Haven, Connecticut. In 1964, after graduating from Vassar and receiving a masters from Yale, she moved to Fayetteville with her husband, Duncan Martin, who had just taken a position with the University of Arkansas as a zoology professor. She worked throughout her life teaching Spanish and Latin at Fayetteville High School, then teaching Spanish to University students at the U of A. Once she retired from teaching, she became a long time volunteer for NW Arkansas CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children). She also served as a program manager for CEO (Community Emergency Outreach) for decades. She has been an active member of St. Thomas's church and a close friend to many members of the community. She provided loving support for her family and many friends. She is survived by her son Ian Martin and his wife Katie Remell, her daughter Siobhan Martin and grandson James Ferlazzo as well as her brother, James Kenefick Jr and many beloved nieces and nephews.

The family is requesting donations to NW Arkansas Casa in lieu of flowers Make A Donation - CASA of Northwest Arkansas ([nwacasa.org](http://nwacasa.org)).

A funeral mass is planned at 11am on Friday, May 26th at St Thomas church.

She will be greatly missed.



# Events

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## Funeral Mass



**Friday**, May 26, 2023

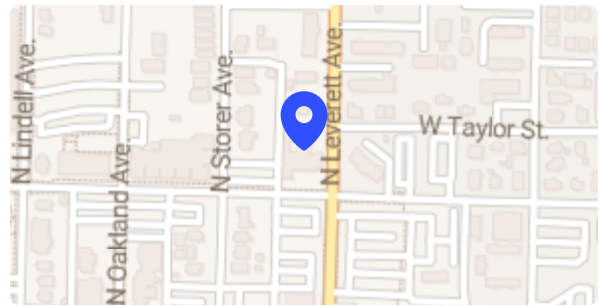


11:00 AM - 12:00 PM CT



**St. Thomas Aquinas**

603 N. Leverett Ave , Fayetteville AR 72701





## Tribute Wall

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BC

**Ben Chapman** posted:

Ms. Martin was my favorite high school teacher. I had her for as much Spanish as possible and also for a year of Latin. She was an outstanding teacher and just a wonderful, steadying influence on me throughout high school. I went on to major in Spanish, heavily influenced by Ms. Martin's love for the language and culture. I am sorry for your loss and hope that your memories of her will be a comfort to you.

June 4 at 4:29 PM

MH

**Margaret Holcomb** posted:

I was in Mrs. Martin's Spanish class at Woodland Jr High during her first year of teaching in the Fayetteville School District. How well I recall the first day of class when she confessed that when her husband came home to tell her they were moving, she had to ask, "Where on earth is Arkansas?" Her innovative teaching methods and insistence that we converse only in Spanish made her class both a delight and irksome (but enjoyable) challenge, and cemented my love of the Spanish language that I continued to study throughout my years at FHS. Though I was only privileged to have been her student for the single year, she never failed to greet me warmly whenever our paths crossed in later years, most often in the last decade at Fayetteville Public Education Foundation events, an organization she strongly supported. The bond of language that she helped so many of us forge with our Latino neighbors is a rich heritage we students will always treasure, as well as the fond memories of a teacher who truly cared.

May 26 at 8:47 PM

NS

**Nancy Sloan** posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. I have always been so impressed with Margot and especially her CASA work. My thoughts are with you at this time.

May 26 at 5:14 PM

CK

**Cathy Knepp** posted:

The largest amount of time I spent with her was walking in the woods talking about the Love of God and the wonders of nature. I am so thankful for those hours that we spent as explorers.

May 26 at 2:24 PM



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JS

**Janice Stanesic** posted:

I thought the world of both Margot and Duncan and it was my pleasure to work with them at Wells Fargo Advisors. Margot loved the symphony as I did so we went together occasionally. And she was just always so cheerful. Janice Stanesic

May 25 at 2:48 AM

TK

**Trudy Karnes** posted:

I loved Margot. She was such a steady, thoughtful person. Her presence in our bookclub will be missed. The last conversation I had with her a few months ago focused on James and her joy at getting to spend some time with him. Wishing you all the peace that passes understanding. Trudy Karnes

May 24 at 4:53 PM

MS

**Margery Shore** posted:

Duncan, her husband, was a potter friend, so I met her because of him. Her care of him through his last days was a testament to her faith. After he passed, she & we potters would get together for coffee for coffee or lunch. She was so very gracious and interesting. We will miss her every day.

May 24 at 2:40 PM



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