

Margie Bowyer Obituary

Margaret Clarke Bowyer, born July 2, 1935, in Highland Park, Michigan to Thomas Henry Clarke and Isabel Lorna (Hansford) Clarke, died January 12, 2025, at her home in Sandy Springs, Georgia. She grew up in Detroit, Michigan, and Colorado Springs, Colorado, graduating as valedictorian of her class at Cheyenne Mountain High School in Colorado Springs. She was on the school square dance team.

She graduated from the University of Colorado in Boulder in science and education. She was a lifetime member of the Chi Omega sorority.

Margie met her husband, Lloyd Ray Bowyer, at Colorado University, and was married for 68 years.

Ray and Margie lived in New Jersey, where Ray worked for Bell Telephone Laboratories. She loved the New Jersey shore, especially the city of Ocean City, where the Bowyers owned a home.

Ray and Margie lived in Newark, New Providence, Middletown, and Randolph, New Jersey. In 1995, they moved to Big Canoe, Georgia, where they lived for 22 years, moving to Huntcliff Summit in Sandy Springs, Georgia, in 2017.

Margie was a faithful member in several Methodist churches. She loved the Big Canoe chapel, where she was a Stephen Minister and a vacation bible school worker.

Margie was a lifetime member of Girl Scouting, beginning as a Brownie in 1942. As an adult she was president of the Northern New Jersey Council of the Girl Scouts of the USA, a member of the national board of directors of the Girl Scouts of the USA, a member of the board of directors of the World Foundation for Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, and a member of the Olave Baden-Powell Society. She was active in the organization for over 60 years.

Margie was a lifetime member of the American Association of University Women and the Northside Hospital Auxiliary (in Atlanta, Georgia).

Margie volunteered as a docent at the Georgia governor's mansion for 20 years.

Margie was selected as woman of the year of Big Canoe in 1999.

Margie will be buried in the Millbrook Cemetery in Randolph, New Jersey, next to her son, Brian Neil Bowyer.

Margie was also a member of the following, at various times:

- Foundation for the New Jersey Blind board of directors.
- Randolph (New Jersey) Board of Education
- She was a foster parent and an adoptive parent
- New Jersey Child Placement Review Board
- Pickens County (Georgia) Child Placement Review Board
- Big Canoe Homeowners Association Board of Directors, including a term as president.
- Monmouth County (New Jersey) branch of American Association of University Women, including a term as vice president.
- Psi Chi, psychology honorary fraternity.
- Friendship Force of Big Canoe/North Georgia, including a term as president. With this organization, she traveled to many countries and hosted visitors from many countries.
- Lloyd Shaw Foundation, an organization that promotes square dancing. (She is dancing in heaven).

Margie is survived by her husband and by a sister, Janet Bartel, of Sierra Madre, California. She is also survived by daughter Ellen (Scott) Harward, of Marietta, Georgia, sons Andrew (Dolores) Bowyer, of Wayne, New Jersey, and Timothy Bowyer, of Flower Mound, Texas; six grandchildren: Kevin (Lara) Harward, of Boone, North Carolina, Michael (Laura Beth) Harward, of Johns Creek, Georgia, Philip (Shannon) Harward, of Brookhaven, Georgia, Matthew Bowyer, of New York, New York, Clare Bowyer, of Tampa, Florida, and Luke Bowyer, of Cream Ridge, New Jersey. She is also survived by eight great-grandchildren: Will Harward, Hadley Harward, Hazel Harward, and Grady Harward (all of Boone, North Carolina), and Kate Harward, Adelaide Harward, and Andrew Harward (all of Johns Creek, Georgia), and Erin Bowyer (of Cream Ridge, New Jersey). She is also survived by three nieces and a nephew, ten great-nieces and great-nephews, and four great-great nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the World Foundation for Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, Post Office box 6457, Department 276, Indianapolis, Indiana 46206.

