



Margaret Seawright Rumph

March 5, 1934 - January 11, 2021

More than an obituary for our sister Margaret Seawright Rumph... it is a tribute of a life well lived...a life of purpose. Margaret passed peacefully on January 11, 2021, at Southern Medical Center, Manahawkin, NJ.

In like a lion and out like a lamb. That pretty much described Margaret's birth. She was born to John and Charlotte Seawright, Sr., a raging flood on March 5, 1934, in New Brunswick, NJ. She enjoyed telling how the doctor arrived in a rowboat. Her dramatic birth earned her the nickname "flood baby".

She was born third of eleven children, to John and Charlotte Seawright, Sr. She was proud of her ancestral roots (Sea Islands, Charleston and Orangeburg), South Carolina. Margaret attended New Brunswick public schools. She married young, and briefly moved to Florida. After her divorce, Margaret returned with her young son to New Brunswick; to raise him among her large and loving family.

She had a strong work ethic (which she credited to her parents). She worked in various vocations to provide for her son. She worked in the high risk baby unit at Middlesex General Hospital. She ultimately went to work at EB Squibb in New Brunswick, NJ. She was proud to be the first woman in a male dominated work unit at Squibb. She had worked at Squibb for over 35 years when she retired.

Margaret had a dynamic personality, direct in her manner and speech. Everyone knew where they stood with her; known for telling it like it is. One nephew called her personality a firecracker. She was outspoken, and did not hold back her opinions. She was sassy and made no excuses for it. Many said you couldn't find a better loving and caring friend.

She was a strong Black woman, with courage and confidence. In her adult life, she was often called "Ms. Diva". Her fashion style was elegant and well put together. She made a classy statement with her color coordinated hats and outfits. She read two newspapers everyday. She loved her two poodles, Chinese food, New York sports teams and talking to great nephew Stefan on FaceTime and the telephone.

Above all else, Margaret loved her church and cherished praising the Lord. She loved to read her bible. She was a life long devoted member of Mt. Zion AME Church, in New Brunswick, NJ. She had a beautiful voice and sung in several church senior choirs (Mt Zion AME and First Baptist). "I Won't Complain" was her favorite spiritual. When asked how she was doing, she'd always reply, "I Won't Complain, the Lord is good to me."

In retirement, Margaret dedicated her free time to the churches and communities of New Brunswick and Franklin Township. She served on numerous committees and boards; Stewards, Usher and Missionary, Nurses Unit and Mt. Zion Seniors. She was an early member of the 78 year old Citizens Club of Franklin Township. She co-founded the Ebony Suburbanites, a debutant organization for young girls. She was a member of the Senior Fellowship Ministry at First Baptist church. She was a long-standing member of the B.P.O.E. Elks in New Brunswick, NJ. She was a soup kitchen volunteer and was generous with her time and loved helping people.

She is survived by: two brothers and one sister: brothers James Seawright of Temple Hills, MD, Joseph (Rosalind) Seawright of Barnegat, NJ, sister Beverley (Blair) Taliaferro of Cleveland, OH, and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She is predeceased by: her parents John and Charlotte Seawright, Sr, son Steven Rumph, and seven brothers and sisters: Rachel McNair, Elizabeth Ransom, John Seawright, Jr., Charles (Seawright) Seright, Micheal Seawright, Lois Brewer, and Joyce Seawright. And her beloved poodles: Pierre and Tiffany.

Born in a storm, and she had that personality, she was called home like a lamb, pain free and peaceful. Margaret was God's awesome gift to us. She was a loving and caring person. She made the world a better place for having been here.

Thank you to the nurses, doctors and staff at Barnegat Rehab and Nursing Center in Barnegat, NJ.

A private cremation was held on January 15, 2021. An Interment ceremony to place her ashes in her son Steven's final resting place, will be announced at a later date.

A Memorial to honor Margaret, will be announced in the very near future.

Tribute Wall



“ Margaret Seawright Rumph

September 22, 2022 at 02:41 PM



“ I am so saddened to read that you have gone to be with the lord... I have been thinking about you for more than 6 months and keep saying I need to see you but time & life keep getting in the way... The many years I spent as your beautician you always brought a smile to my face.. You were a fire ball of wisdom, compassion and Pizazz... Many times you would come in the shop and say, “Girl hook me up, I’m going on a trip with my seniors this weekend”... I will hold you in my heart 💜 forever... Sleep well my Diva

lesha Howard - February 19, 2021 at 11:49 PM



“ Margaret was my first cousin her Dad &my Dad were brothers, Yes she most definitely will be missed I know she always complimented me when she seen me she always had that jazzy elegant look about her and she Loved her family,and belonging to the Elks SUNBEAN TEMPLE #164 IBPOEW, you have completed your journey here WELL DONE REST IN PEACE CUZ 🌹🙏🌹

Louise Seawright - February 18, 2021 at 11:12 AM



Rest Well in paradise cousin Margaret, you are missed

Jacqueline Mapp - February 18, 2021 at 12:51 PM

DS

“ My heart is heavy knowing I will no longer see her face during our family gatherings. When I think of Margarit as a child we lived in 176Memorial Parkway Bldg46A and she lived on the 4th floor Apt 4D. I would visit her she was one of my favorite elder cousins, she use say every time she see me; You sooo pretty get over here and give me a hung! With her Loud n sassy mouth 😂 being quiet was just not her thang. 😂 I could go on about her she was very dear to me. She should have a block on the walk of fame. Love you Cousin Margarit 🤗

dana seawright - February 18, 2021 at 07:01 AM

JP

“ Margaret was a beautiful soul. I enjoyed working with her. She had a great sense of humor and a deep insight to things. May her memory be eternal!



Jay Pelleriti - February 17, 2021 at 09:47 PM

LM

So sorry family for the passing of my cousin Margaret she will be missed GOD be with us all amen.

Lillie mitchell - February 18, 2021 at 12:12 AM

EE

“ So sorry to hear of a good friend, my sincere condolences to the family, I remember we used to chat and sing, will be missed may her soul Rest In Peace

Esther Eagar - February 17, 2021 at 01:35 PM

DB

*When the gates of heaven are open, the saints come marching in.
Margaret had reservations for a place on the street paved with gold,
and will be there to welcome the chosen ones when they arrive. She
lived for this.*

Donald Bowling - February 17, 2021 at 02:45 PM