



Mrs. Margaret Ann Cox Ridgway

July 24, 1946 - April 8, 2024

Margaret Ann Ridgway, age 77, of Arab, Alabama passed away suddenly on Monday, April 8, 2024. Margaret was born in Marshall County, AL on July 24, 1946. Her parents were Robert Manley Cox and Pearl Marie Marsh Cox. She was a lifelong resident of the Arab community, homemaker and a member of the Union Hill FCM Church. Margaret married Billy Wayne Ridgway over 57 years ago, December 24, 1966.

Margaret was one of those rare individuals God gave the "Gift of Gab." She had the unique ability to speak easily and confidently. She was never at a loss of words and her ability to flow from one topic to another was remarkable. She also enjoyed ancestry for her family and everyone else's family. Margaret was also a natural born caregiver. She proudly accepted the role and supported and cared for her mother, both brothers, and sister in law during their illness and deaths. She also took great pride in keeping her grandchildren while their parents were at work. She was presently caring for her husband. She loved cooking, enjoyed her garden, flowers, and refused to let anyone kill the wild turkeys and deer in the back field. She enjoyed drawing and was a wonderful artist. Several years ago she decided she wanted to learn piano. She took lessons and got pretty good at it. She loved loved loved her granddaughters, Cynthia and Liza, and was always interested in what was going on in their lives. Margaret and her daughter, Melanie, talked on the phone most every night. Margaret always asked about Travis, Cynthia, Liza and all the cats and dogs.

Margaret is survived by her loving family. Those members include her husband, Billy Wayne Ridgway; daughter and son in law, Melanie and Travis Davison; grandchildren, Cynthia Cheyenne Davison and Liza Ann Davison; sister and brother in law, Betty and Lloyd Sartin; nephews, Steven and Mark Sartin; and niece, Mary Melanie King.

Family preceding Margaret in death include her parents, Robert and Pearl Cox; brothers, Bobby Cox and Vandy Cox; and infant sister, Mary Wanda Cox. The family will receive extended family and friends at a visitation at Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel on Friday, April 12, 2024 between 12:00 noon and 2:00p.m. The funeral service will immediately follow the visitation beginning at 2:00 p.m. Officiating the service will be Brother Randy L. Blakely. Escorting Margaret to her final resting place in Arab Memorial Cemetery will be Travis Davison, Kenny Davison, Ryan Clark, Jacob Black, Steve Sartin, Mark Sartin and Seth Darnell.

Arrangements entrusted to Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel

Cemetery Details

Arab Memorial Cemetery

565 South Main Street
Arab, AL 35016

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 12. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel
1340 North Main Street
Arab, AL 35016
(256) 586-4100

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

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Mary Melanie

Melanie King - April 14, 2024 at 11:22 PM

PK

“ I am so sorry to learn of Margaret’s death this morning. We have been friends since childhood and I loved her dearly. Prayers for the family.

Patsy King - April 13, 2024 at 08:57 AM

DL

“ Debora Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Ann Cox Ridgway



Debora Lewis - April 13, 2024 at 02:13 AM



“ Marsha and I are so sorry to read this. She had asked us to make a bird house with specific details. We didn't get the chance to build it ourselves, but Marsha bought her one from the Amish that seemed to fit the bill. Marsha enjoyed giving it to her. We're shocked to read her obituary. Lovely person. Our condolences to the family.

Johnny Tidmore - April 12, 2024 at 11:21 AM

SG

“ Met this sweet lady when her brother passed away and we talked often at Arab City Cemetery. I also met her mother whom Margaret loved very much. Margaret had a great love for her family. She always had a beautiful smile on her face. She will be missed. Prayers for her family.



Shelia Grace

Shelia Grace - April 11, 2024 at 10:07 PM

CL

“ Catherine L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Margaret Ann Cox Ridgway.

Catherine L. - April 11, 2024 at 07:57 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Margaret Ann Cox Ridgway.



April 11, 2024 at 03:09 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Margaret Ann Cox Ridgway.



April 11, 2024 at 02:39 PM

WF

“ Wayna Esquibel & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Margaret Ann Cox Ridgway.

Wayna Esquibel & Family - April 11, 2024 at 02:39 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Margaret Ann Cox Ridgway.



April 11, 2024 at 01:19 PM

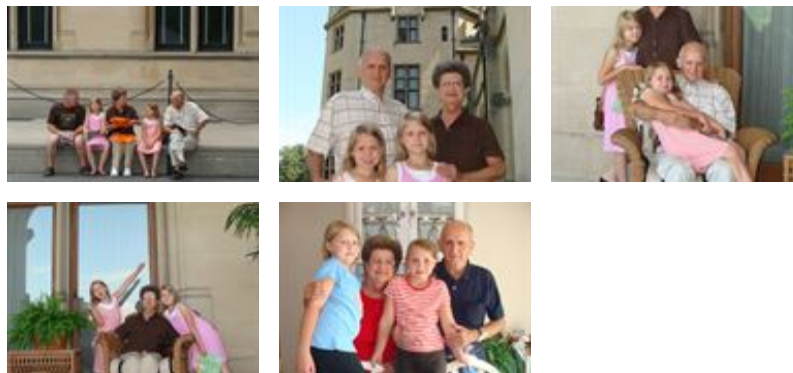
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“ Steve and Doris Johnson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Margaret Ann Cox Ridgway.

Steve and Doris Johnson - April 11, 2024 at 01:19 PM



“ 70 files added to the album Life Tributes



Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel - April 11, 2024 at 12:44 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mrs. Margaret Ann Cox Ridgway.*



April 11, 2024 at 06:59 AM



“ *Curtis and Cynthia Nail planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Margaret Ann Cox Ridgway.*

Curtis and Cynthia Nail - April 11, 2024 at 06:59 AM



“ *It is hard to believe that she is gone. We talked with each other probably a year ago as she was helping me in the Walmart line and realized that we were neighbors. I didn't know her real well but I did think the world of her.*



Polly Jex - April 10, 2024 at 10:51 PM

CT

“ So, many wonderful memories, too numerous to share, due to this small space. She was an amazing Angel on earth, she's just amazing one in Heaven. During my childhood, I remember Margaret Ann and Pearl, hand n hand, shopping, etc, walking down the sidewalks in Arab going toward there home. There are "NO"words to explain Margaret's love for her protector and mother. Many times were not always good for Margaret and Pearl but God gave them the strength to prevail. Resulting in a beautiful, caring, compassionate, humble Margaret and Pearl. Many days, Pearl, Margaret and my mother would travel the back streets for different flowers. Whenever, wherever, you encountered Margaret, she was the same and always had positive interaction and she always cared about you and how you were doing.

Dear Margaret, I'm sure you are with your loving mother Pearl. No pain, worry. Fly high my dear friend, I'll see you down the road. No words can convey my Deepest Sympathy to remaining family.

Carolyn



carolyn thrower - April 10, 2024 at 06:21 PM

SH

Will never forget all the good times we had together! I loved visiting with Margaret and Pear! We grew up as close friends! I have to many memories to post. Saw her and Billy in WalMart a very short time ago. We went through school together. She never met a stranger! Margaret I am really going to miss you my friend! I love you !

Sarah Hazel - April 10, 2024 at 08:52 PM

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