



## Margaret Royse

October 5, 1931 - June 11, 2016

Margaret Ann Wilson Royse was born in Terrell, TX on October 5, 1931 to Lennie Allen Wilson and Bertha Lee Laman Wilson. Margaret, or Meme, as she was affectionately known, went home to Heaven and met face to face with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on June 11, 2016 from her daughter's home in the Poetry Community where she had lived for the last seven years. Before that, Margaret had lived in her home in Poetry and had been a resident of the Poetry Community since 1946. Margaret and daughter, Rita, had very special times together during the last seven years. Not only did they share a home together, but they were also best friends and had many memorable talks, outings, and several wonderful trips along with other family members. Those years together will always be special memories for Rita and family.

Margaret was dedicated to her Lord and faithfully witnessed His presence in her life and the need for others to give their lives to Christ. Her greatest desire was for all her family to know Christ as their Savior. She was a charter member of Faith Temple Baptist Church. Early meetings which started the church were in her back yard. For many years Margaret was a dedicated Bible teacher at her church, and her family has fond memories of her studying intensely for many hours preparing to teach. Her love of God's Word and teaching it led to her expansive library of theology books. Margaret was also intense in her genealogy study of her family. For years she researched her family's history, even travelling out of state to gain information. She also researched the history of the Poetry Community and even published a book

about the history of Poetry called Poetic Beginnings. A few years ago Margaret was interviewed as part of a documentary authorized by the BBC and produced by poet, author and producer Pejk Malinovsky, entitled Poetry, Texas. It has been translated into several languages and played throughout Europe to packed audiences. She had no idea her words had touched so many in other countries.

Sewing creative clothing for family and others was also a passion for Margaret. She has designed and sewn countless garments for her daughter and grandchildren, and she even made wedding dresses for friends. In later years she designed and sewed many quilts for all her family. These quilts are now lasting evidence of her love for family. Being wrapped in a quilt from “Meme” will comfort family members for a very long time. Photography was also a major part of Margaret’s life, and she took classes to hone her skills. She made sure to record her family’s history in photographs.

Margaret served her community by serving as a board member for the Poetry Water Supply Corporation since its inception in 1966. She was originally involved in its research, planning and acquiring of required members to form the corporation.

Margaret retired from the Terrell State Hospital after 28 years of working there as a clerk, bookkeeper and purchaser. In earlier years she worked for Texas Aluminum Fronts as a bookkeeper. As a young woman she worked for the Ranger Boot Factory in Terrell where she did what was known as the “fancy stitching” for the boots, and she once did the fancy stitching on boots for Roy Rogers.

Of all her accomplishments Margaret will be most remembered as a loving, caring and dedicated mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend who served her Lord and who gave all for her family. She exhibited selfless love beyond measure to her family and was active in all parts of their lives. Many will forever remember her laughter, her joy of living, and her enthusiasm for life, as well as the way she taught and lived joy. Her greatest passion was Christ and then her family. She leaves behind a legacy of love and dedication

to God and family that is an example for all to follow.

Margaret married at a young age to G.V. Royse, Jr. on Sept. 6, 1947, and celebrated 56 years together before his death in 2003. To their marriage was born a son, Gary, and a daughter, Rita, and today she has quite a large extended family including 9 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. The Royse family invited cousin, Debe Burney, to live with them as a foster daughter in 1971, and she became a permanent part of the Royse family. Margaret is survived by her daughter, Rita Royse Scott and husband Darrell, their children Jennifer Jennings and husband, Heath, Whitney Shortt and husband, Kendall, Cody Scott and wife, Whitney, Emily Black and husband, Tyler, Bo Scott and Micah Scott.

The children of Son, Gary, Timothy Royse and wife, Melissa, and Lisa Skurlock and husband, Daniel.

Thirteen great-grandchildren, Katie Royse, Andrew Foster, Hunter, Peyton, Canyon and Kolton Skurlock, Abigail, Beth, Kathrine and Megan Jennings, Caden and Cason Scott, and Shiloh Black.

Foster daughter Debe Burney, husband, Mike, and daughter Kara.

Sister-in-law Margaret Blassius.

Sisters Kay Adkisson, Bonnie Whitley, Alta Morgan and Viola Reyes.

Many nieces, nephews, and a host of friends.

Proceeding her in death are her husband, G.V. Royse, Jr., her son, Gary Lynn Royse, her daughter-in-law, Adela Reyes Royse, her parents Lennie and Bertha Wilson and her siblings Winona Williamson, Robert Wilson and Lennie Wilson, Jr.

Margaret will be greatly missed by family and friends who all rejoice that she now resides in Heaven.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Thursday June 16, 2016 at Faith Temple Baptist Church 11214 F.M. 1565 Terrell interment will follow at Campground Cemetery. Family will receive friends Wednesday June 15 at Max Slayton Funeral Chapel.



# Cemetery Details

## Campground Cemetery

County Road 326  
Terrell, TX 75160

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **15**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations  
642 N Rockwall Avenue  
Terrell, TX 75160  
(972) 524-0881  
<https://www.maxslaytonfunerals.com>

## Celebration of Life

JUN **16**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Faith Temple Baptist Church  
11214 F.M. 1565  
Terrell, TX 75160

# Tribute Wall



“ Margaret Royse

October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ Margaret held a special place in my heart. Always a smile on her face and a place for everyone. She will be greatly missed. Jeannie Simpson

Jeannie Simpson - September 21, 2016 at 12:14 AM



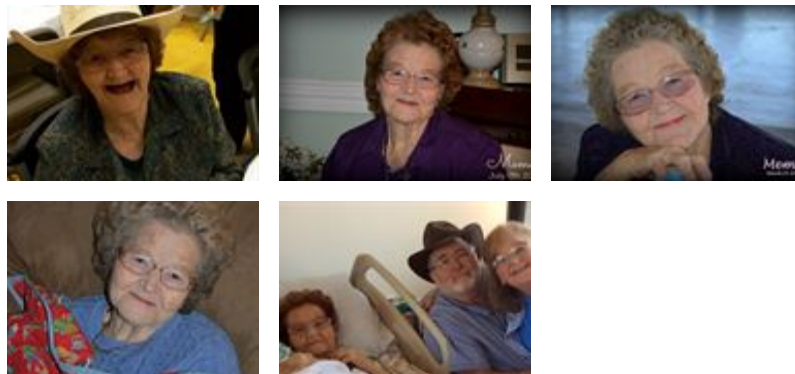
“ Rest in Peace Margret



GLYN FLOWERS - June 23, 2016 at 05:40 PM



“ 116 files added to the album Life Tributes



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - June 15, 2016 at 02:41 PM

GM

“ Rita, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. I still remember to this day when our family met your mother. We had just moved to Poetry in the summer of 67' and your mother along with you and Debbie Keys came to the house to welcome us to the community and to invite us to your church. As you know we became a part of the church and the rest is history. Your mother had a special heart for the youth of the church and would always have something going on for all of us.

Love you, Gene Moore

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**Gene Moore** - June 14, 2016 at 09:49 PM

BS

“ Board of Directors & Staff of Poetry Water Supply purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Margaret Royse.



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**Board of Directors & Staff of Poetry Water Supply** - June 14, 2016 at 05:56 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Margaret Royse.



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June 14, 2016 at 04:17 PM

LG

“Margaret was such a sweet, positive, joy-filled, unselfish person. I never heard her say anything negative about anyone. When she heard some bad news she always found something uplifting or optimistic to say about it or would smile through her tears and tell me that God was in control. She was a Bible scholar & knew all the answers when we played Bible Trivia. She could teach a Bible lesson in such a clear & understanding way. She always had the perfect verse on the top of her tongue to help with any situation. She studied God's Word faithfully and lived it out daily. She was a prayer warrior and when she told me she was praying about something I knew that she really & truly was. I always felt happy and peaceful after a visit or conversation with Margaret. She handled life's disappointments and trials so gracefully. She loved her family, her friends, and her church. I moved from the Poetry community before I had children....but I stopped by her house one day when my children were elementary school age. I wanted Margaret to meet them. She welcomed them just like a grandmother would. They played in the treehouse/fort in her backyard. Before we left, she hugged them and said a special prayer for each one asking God to guide and protect them as they grew. They were only there one afternoon....but when I told them today that my friend Margaret died....they instantly said, "I remember her...she was the sweet lady that let us play in her treehouse." I'm glad they got to meet her....and I'm grateful for the many years' of memories that I have of her. I look forward to seeing her sweet smile again in Heaven one day...and maybe she will have a treehouse behind her mansion! My prayers are with you all....May God comfort and meet your every need.

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Lynda Gatliff - June 14, 2016 at 12:45 PM

GM

“ Gene and Kay Moore purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Margaret Royse.



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**Gene and Kay Moore** - June 13, 2016 at 10:36 PM

NG

“ The dearest friendship I've ever had, and will never forget . Margaret was more of a friend to me, than I was to her. That's because of her "sweet nature" which has been embedded in her because of Jesus Christ. He was her Dearest Friend.

*I loved being with her, and hoped some of her sweetness would "rub off" on me ! We enjoyed each other's company, and liked some of the same things. We would talk about the Lord, and His Bible. Those were precious times.*

*I'm so sorry for the last weeks of struggle, and I know that was so difficult for her, and for you all.. Rita, Darrell, Lisa, Bo, all the family, and her dear friends : you did good. Jesus will say, "Well done".*

*It's such a comfort to know where she is ! She's walking and talking with Jesus. She served Him to the best of her ability, and loved Him supremely. She is loving Him still, and on into eternity.*

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**Narda Gallagher** - June 13, 2016 at 09:50 PM

HR

“ My one hour of week with Ms. Margaret filled me with many, many of her memories. I am so blessed to have had her as a friend with whom to share a laugh or two.

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**Hope Weed R.N.** - June 13, 2016 at 06:13 PM

NG

*So glad to have known you, Hope ! I'd like to stay in touch !*

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**Narda Gallagher** - June 13, 2016 at 09:53 PM

LL

“ *Rita and family my condolences and deepest sympathy to you and family at the passing of your mom. She will be missed and remembered by all. She was a beautiful sweet lady and dear friend. She was funny and never met a stranger. There are many sweet memories in our hearts. She is in the arms of her Lord looking down, smiling. Lynda Land*

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**Lynda Land** - June 13, 2016 at 10:39 AM

JM

“ *Rita, you are in our prayers!*

*I know how you have cared for and loved your mother! Her love and her heart and her memories will live on in you! May God Bless you and your family in these days!*

*Jack Mullins*

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**Jack Mullins** - June 13, 2016 at 09:16 AM

MD

*Rita...your Mother went with us to our Spanish Club convention in Austin when We were in high school. I remember her great sense of humor - she was a lot of fun. Sending prayers to you and your family...Martha Darst*

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**Martha Darst** - June 13, 2016 at 09:36 PM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Margaret Royse.*



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June 13, 2016 at 08:14 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Margaret Royse.*



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June 11, 2016 at 02:18 PM