

# MARGARET ANN CAMPBELL TRAUTMAN



Margaret Ann Campbell Trautman was born January 26, 1934, to William B. and Annette (Brockmyer) Campbell in Oakdale, PA. She grew up at Montours Presbyterian Church, where she met David Trautman. They dated throughout Jr. High and High School. Margaret was valedictorian of her class from West Allegheny High School, and received a full scholarship to attend Pennsylvania College

for Women. She attended one year of college, and then married Dave, the love of her life, on October 4, 1952.

They had four children, Ken, Diane, Karen and Joy. When their youngest started school, Margaret returned to college at the University of Pittsburgh, earning a B.A. in Education in 1972. She was a beloved teacher at West Allegheny (1973-1985). Teaching for Margaret was a calling and a ministry. Her students experienced her care and respect for them, as well as her enthusiasm for learning.

While teaching full-time, she earned her M.Ed. and a PhD. Her dissertation was named Outstanding Dissertation of the Year by the Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development in 1985. It was Margaret's desire to use that time of intensive study in service to the church, focusing on confirmation curriculum and the cognitive levels of confirmands.

In 1985, they moved to New Wilmington, PA, where she became the Curriculum Coordinator for Wilmington Area Schools. Though no longer in the classroom, Dr. Trautman influenced and inspired many teachers. Margaret believed in creating a positive environment for learning, in order to cultivate thoughtful, community-minded citizens. She lived out her core values of peace and justice in her work, church, family, and community.

Throughout her life, Margaret served the church in many ways; singing in the choir, teaching Sunday School and Bible studies, playing handbells, organizing officer trainings for presbytery and teaching workshops for the Synod and for Association of Presbyterian Christian Educators. (APCE) After retiring, Margaret continued to follow her calling, becoming a Certified Christian Educator in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) She served as the Director of the Resource Center for Shenango Presbytery and the Director of Adult Christian Education for New Wilmington Presbyterian Church. In 2009, APCE named her Educator of the Year. She supported the work of international missions of the PCUSA, including traveling with NWPC's mission with the church in Dominican Republic.

Following Dave's death and facing health challenges, Margaret decided to move to Uniontown, OH, in 2019, to be near her daughter. She read avidly, studied Spanish, and completed crossword puzzles daily. She continued to live out her faith, caring for the caregivers and fellow residents of Gables of Green, encouraging and supporting everyone she encountered.

Margaret was pre-deceased by her parents; her husband, Dave; and her brother, Duane Campbell. She is survived by her sister, Norma Lou Thorpe; and brothers, Jerry (Peggy) Campbell, and Dave (Nancy) Campbell; children Ken (Linda Jones) Trautman, Diane (John) Phillips, Karen (Jim) Gay, and Joy (David) Fisher; 11 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at New Wilmington Presbyterian Church in New Wilmington, PA, on Saturday, January 25, 2025, at 2 pm, with visitation at 12:30 pm. The service will be live streamed on New Wilmington Presbyterian Church website. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the New Wilmington Presbyterian Church Memorial Fund in her honor. Arrangements by **SMITH FUNERAL HOME OF NEW WILMINGTON.**

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