

MARGARET WILLIAMS HENDRIX



Margaret Williams Hendrix, known affectionately as Maggie, a longtime resident of Mount Lebanon, passed away peacefully on March 12, 2025, at the age of 97. Born on May 26, 1927, in Worthington, Ohio.

Maggie was the beloved wife of the late James Brooks Hendrix, and together, they built a beautiful and loving family. Her daughters, Holly Hendrix Schneider and Susan Brooke Hendrix Plesset were the pride and joy of her life. Maggie was also a devoted mother-in-law to Tom Schneider, and she cherished her granddogs, Daisy and Jerry, who brought her great comfort and joy.

Maggie was born on the family farm in Worthington, Ohio, in 1927 and attended a one-room schoolhouse before continuing her education in high school. She took great pride in earning her degree in journalism from The Ohio State University in 1949, becoming the fifth member of her family to graduate from OSU and the fourth generation of working women in her family.

Her career was as distinguished as it was varied. Maggie became the editor of American Horseman magazine in Lexington, KY. While in Kentucky, she met and married the love of her life, James Brooks Hendrix. Shortly after, the couple moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, where Maggie worked as a literary critic for Writer's Digest. She provided critiques to young writers and authored several courses for the publication, including their popular short story course.

In 1969, when Jim's work brought them to Pittsburgh, Maggie transitioned into educational publishing with Scholastic Inc., where she worked until her retirement in 1992. A lifelong writer and literary enthusiast, Maggie was also a proud member of the Detroit Women Writers and collaborated for many years with Sam Hazo on the International Poetry Forum in Pittsburgh. In her 32 years of retirement, Maggie gave herself a PhD in American History, continuing her academic pursuits well into her later years.

In addition to her career achievements, Maggie was an excellent cook, a passionate antique collector, and a lover of travel. She also had a deep love for sports. A lifelong Buckeye, Maggie was devoted to her alma mater and spent nearly a century cheering on the Ohio State Buckeyes. Saturdays were for Buckeyes football, while Sundays were reserved for her beloved Pittsburgh Steelers. Maggie's unwavering support for both teams became a beloved tradition within her family. She was also a big fan of March Madness and the Kentucky Derby, hosting legendary Derby parties that drew guests from across the country.

Maggie will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, March 20, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. at Southminister Presbyterian Church, 799 Washington Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15228, where Maggie was a member for over 50 years. **PITTSBURGH CREMATION & FUNERAL CARE**, McMurray, PA, has been entrusted with the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, 800 Waterfront Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, Mt. Lebanon Public Library, 16 Castle Shannon Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15228, Gentle Giants Draft Horse Rescue, 17250 Old Frederick Road, Mt. Airy, MD 21771, or Southminister Presbyterian Church, 799 Washington Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15228.



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