



Margie Francisco

April 20, 1922 - September 27, 2021

Obituary Margie Francisco:

FRANCISCO, Margie Marie (Brown), 99; born April 20, 1922, Klamath Falls, Oregon; died September 27, 2021, Loma Linda, CA. Surviving sons, Kelly (Gail) Bakersfield, CA; Patrick, Camas, WA.

Margie Marie Francisco was born to Jess and Mamie Brown April 20, 1922 in Klamath Falls, Oregon. Margie came into this world with the capable assistance of her Grandmother Brown who was a well known mid-wife in her local community.

Margie's father Jess had attended business college as a young man. He worked as the supervisor of the US Postal Service's money order window in Klamath Falls, Oregon.

Margie's mother Mamie was a graduate of normal school and was recognized as a teacher for primary grades in this era where she taught part-time as a substitute teacher.

Eventually, the family moved 30 miles south of Klamath Falls to Tulelake, CA where the Brown family purchased a homestead given to a WWI Veteran who fought in the "War to End all Wars".

Margie was the third child, in birth order, of an eventual total of seven children born to Jess and Mamie Brown between 1918 to 1935. Margie is survived by one younger sister Bette Davis who lives in Loma Linda. Two brothers Cooper and Byron Brown predeceased Margie as well as three (3) sisters Iris Olyn Wise , Dorothea Mae Denny-Lefore, and Norma Helen Johnston.

Margie met a battle weary Marine who returned from Guadalcanal to a rest camp in Klamath Falls, Oregon on June 6, 1944; coincidentally the same day as D-Day successfully occurred on the infamous French Normandy beach heads.

Margie's future husband introduced himself simply as 'Frisco' instead of Sylvester Orville Francisco. Frisco was a name actually given during Marine Corps boot camp at Parris Island, South Carolina and lasted a lifetime.

Christmas 1944 Margie received her first gift from Frisco, a Holy Bible with scriptural cross references as well as a note stating, "To my dearest friend Margie Brown, December 25, 1944; a friend with whom I can associate in my choicest thoughts." Signed, "Frisco"

Ironically, the eventual offspring of two sons Kelly and Patrick never knew about this Bible, note, or the importance Christmas 1944 would be on our eventual lives until after our mother's passing when informed of this Bible and note by my mother's much valued and appreciated caregiver Deborah Moor.

This note was the beginning of what eventually became a matrimonial relationship that officially began June 3, 1945. Margie consistently identified she fell in love with Frisco because he had a desire to attend college. Also, from Margie's son Pat's perspective she was ready to leave the harsh Klamath Falls/Tulelake winters so readily experienced at the Brown Family

farm.

Margie attended Walla Walla College and as a college junior she discovered she was qualified to become a credentialed school teacher. Ironically, soon after this discovery was made Margie was teaching school in the Klamath Falls area when Frisco arrived from the South Pacific.

Margie was able to teach public school in Corona while Frisco studied theology at La Sierra College.

Margie's teaching career in the La Sierra area was enhanced by ride sharing with her sister in Iris's Model A Ford. Iris would be dropped off first at the school where she taught and Margie would continue onto her assigned school. My mother paid her sister \$12.00 per month to pay for the extra expense associated with Margie's need to travel a little farther.

Margie enjoyed the life of being a supportive and thriving pastor's wife. An extra special highlight of Margie's life was the opportunity to live with her family in Europe for six thriving years.

The memories of these European years never faded and it brought her so many happy reflections in her later years.

All of the GI's who frequently visited her family home dined well and kept returning for spiritually fulfilling week-ends. She consistently referred to these fellows as 'My Boys' her entire life.

Europe was where Margie was also able to pursue musical and artistic interests as well as extensive travel. In so many ways Margie lived a blessed, fulfilling, and satisfying life.

Margie looks forward to meeting each of you in a new world called Heaven. And she wants you to do your part to receive your passage to the Heavenly's and meet up again and remanence yet again about the best of times.

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Previous Events

Viewing

OCT **28**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (PT)

Emerson-Bartet Mortuary
703 Brookside Avenue
Redlands, CA

Celebration of Life

OCT **28**. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

Riverside National Cemetery
22495 Van Buren Blvd
Riverside, CA 92518

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