



Margot DeMoss

June 27, 1921 - December 9, 2021

Margot Harvey Worthington Veal DeMoss

Margot was born June 27, 1921, in Watertown, MA to Mary Louise Robinson Harvey and William Bradbury Harvey and became the younger sister to William Bradbury Harvey II. She was educated at Dana Hall in Wellesley, MA. Always ready for an adventure, Margot got her private pilot's license in 1943. When the US entered World War (WW) II, the military sought licensed women pilots to ferry military planes in the United States and free up men for combat missions. Margot signed up and trained for 7 months at Avenger Field in Sweetwater, Texas. She graduated in June 1944, and her first assignment as a Women's Airforce Service Pilot (WASP) was to the gunnery squadron at Moore Field in Mission, TX. She towed aerial targets 300 feet behind her plane, while fighter pilots shot live ammunition at the target. An exciting start to a long and meaningful life.

After the war, she married Joseph A. Worthington II and had 2 children, Joseph III, and Ann. Her husband was a fighter pilot and made a career in the United States Air Force. Several years after a divorce, she married William W. Veal in 1968 --who also was a pilot in the US Air Force. (She had this thing about flying and fliers). With that marriage, Margot became the stepmother to Bill's two daughters, Pattie and Melinda.

When Bill and Margot retired, they moved aboard a 40-foot diesel ocean-going boat, The Gemini. They both had that adventurous spirit, traveling and living on their boat and visiting and living in other parts of the world. They lived

in Mexico for 8 months and learned Spanish. They lived in Florida, California, Hawaii, and then returned to California. They bought a house in Poway, CA and sold The Gemini. But the adventurous spirit was still there. Another 40-foot diesel boat called The Last Hurrah was the answer, along with a move to Pt Ludlow, WA. Their last trip on this boat was up the Inward Passage to Alaska with friends who motored along in a sailboat. They were gone for 3 months and had many delightful tales to tell — and Margot was a great storyteller!

In 1999, they moved to Air Force Village in Riverside, California. Bill died in 2005.

Two years later, she married Charles deMoss, who surprisingly enough was a WWII Navy pilot. They traveled together and made wonderful friends. In 2010, the WASPs were finally recognized for their extraordinary service to the nation in WWII and Margot received a Congressional Gold Medal. Charles died in 2019.

A life well lived. She was always interested in learning, making new friends, and traveling. Margot loved people and was a joy to be around.

Margot is survived by her daughter, Ann Worthington Hutcherson (Neil), nieces Sarah Harvey and Mary Harvey Storms (Steve), nephew William Bradbury Harvey III (Laura), stepdaughters, Patricia Schepens (Bill) and Melinda Clune (Mike), seven grand children: Tre Hutcherson (Tiffany), Gregg Hutcherson, Dan Schepens (Ana), Beth Schepens, Amy Fuqua (Gary), Tristan Desaulnier, Jordan Tucker (Claudia) Desaulnier, and 10 great grandchildren. Margot's son Joe died in 2012.

Tribute Wall



“ *Margot DeMoss*

October 05, 2023 at 09:38 PM



“ *What an incredible life she led. I remember her from our Concord stays. She loved telling stories.*

Jay Millard - December 28, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ *I remember Margot with such vibrancy*

Candace Wheeler - December 22, 2021 at 12:00 AM