Margaret Elizabeth Topping

DECEMBER 27, 2020

Margaret Elizabeth Topping (nee Feist)

Margaret went peacefully to meet Christ on Sunday, December 27, 2020 with her husband at her side. She was born April 2, 1929 on a beautiful farm near Reward, Saskatchewan. Margaret was the daughter of Odelia and Nick Feist with 5 sisters and 4 brothers.

She shared a wonderful marriage with her best friend of 50 years, Neil, who is left to mourn her passing along with her sister, Minette; her brothers, Linus and John; many nieces and nephews, and many close friends and former students.

Margaret's Dad sent his daughters to Ursuline Boarding School in Prelate, Sask. to get their education. She served in the Ursuline Order for 23 years and taught in many small towns in Sask. and in Viscount, Ab.; often teaching all subjects to five grades. After leaving the community, she finished her Bachelor of Education and received a scholarship to complete her Masters at the University of Alberta.

She came to Calgary and taught at St. Francis & Bishop Carroll High Schools until retiring in 1986. She loved her students and to the end kept in touch with and was friends with many students having coached Volleyball and Debate with winning teams at the Provincial level.

In retirement she volunteered at Church and was active in Speech and Debate. She served as President of the Honorary Society of Canadian College of Teachers and

loved her Golf at Pinebrook Golf Course and Bridge at many institutions.

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, a funeral will not be held. In her memory, donations may be made to a charity of your choice.

Messages of Condolence

Dear Neil,

We are sorry for you loss and send our condolences. We fondly remember the many Feist family get togethers with all the aunts and uncles there to share their stories.

Our thoughts are with you.

David and Lynn

— David and Lynn Feist

Neil I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I have many fond memories of Margaret and our time as colleagues at Bishop Carroll. She was indeed very devoted to her students and I am sure she will be well remembered by them.

— Jeanine Tenove

Margaret was a classy lady to say the least. I taught with her at Bishop Carroll and admired her as a person and teacher.

— Victor Zelinski

A caring teacher and a compassionate person, who lives in the memories of the students she taught. She touched many and brought joy to the world. She was a kind reflection of Christ.

— Bill Dever

Dear Neil
I am so sorry to hear of Margaret's passing. I have so many fond memories of Margaret as we started teaching at Bishop Carroll the same year. She and I were 2 of five new teachers to the school who participated in several after hour orientation meetings. She was even the teacher advisor of my younger brother who attended Bishop Carroll during his graduating year. I will particularly remember her for the special relationships she developed with so many of her students. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

Susan Marasco

— Susan Marasco (Osterkampf)

We extend our condolences to you on the passing of Margaret. Your love and togetherness with Margaret is an example for all of us to follow. All the very best going forward. Your many friends are there to help you through this difficult time.

— Ray and Sandy

I was saddened to learn of Margaret's passing. We worked together on curriculum committees many years ago. I was always so impressed by Margaret's knowledge, insight, and calmness. She made our world a better place. My condolences to her family.

— Lee Hunt

Neil
Our deepest sincere thoughts & prayers are with you. We will cherish our friendship & memories we shared with Margaret & will miss her dearly.
Al & Anne

— Al & Anne Brandon

Dear Neil,

We were so sorry to hear of Margaret’s passing. She was a lovely lady! We enjoyed our years together as part of the Bishop Carroll Community, and in later years, through our participation with the Canadian College of Teachers.
Our sincerest condolences to you at this sad time.

Harry & Barb

— Harry & Barb Morrison

Neil, we are so sorry to hear about your loss. We always enjoyed visiting with you and Margaret. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Kim and Mike

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Dear Neil

Dale and I have fond memories of teaching with Margaret.

Lots of good talks and fun times.

You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Marilyn & Dale Potts

— L. Marilyn Potts

Neil, our deepest sympathy on the passing of Margaret. It’s such a tough time and we wanted you to know you are in our thoughts. As trite as it sounds, we hope happy memories ease the loss. Thinking of you. ♥

— Ivy & Rob Hoffman

Having known her since 1950 there are a lot of stories to recall but now they are just good memories. As a boarder at the same school she went to bat for me several times. She won and I was there until after graduating in 1952. Thanks to Margaret.

We have kept contact over many years . I taught her how to play Bridge and she kept it up until a short time ago.

Now may she rest in peace and be assured that the unfinished will be well taken care of by Neil.

— Dolores Fitzsimmons

In trying to find an updated address for Margaret, her obit column came up.

My deepest condolences , Neil.

Marg was my dear high school teacher and long term friend and mentor.

Her upbeat manner and her joy about life were infectious.

Love and prayers.

Isabel Price

— Isabel Price

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