



Margaret Gotch

February 4, 2019

Margaret Gotch (nee Balderston), 94, of Medford, NJ, passed away peacefully early in the morning on Monday, February 4, 2019. She leaves behind her loving husband of nearly 35 years, William Gotch, son Robert Maxwell Brownell and his wife Tina, son Bart Canby Brownell and his wife Anne, and daughter-in-law Amy Brownell. Margaret, fondly known as Peggy, was predeceased by her first husband Kenneth J. Brownell, brother George Balderston, and her oldest son Eric Kennedy Brownell. She was the proud grandparent of 7 accomplished adult grandchildren: Kenneth, Mathew, Bart Jr., Margaret Ellen, Rose, Alice, and Leigh.

Peggy was born July 21, 1924, in West Chester, PA, later graduating from Upper Darby High School in 1942. At her graduation ceremony at the Tower Theatre, she was presented with "The Alumni Medal," the highest award made to a graduating student. As an excellent student, she won a 4-year scholarship to the Drexel Institute of Technology (now Drexel University) in Philadelphia. She majored in Business Administration and also played varsity basketball, field hockey, and tennis. After graduating Magna Cum Laude from Drexel, Peggy secured a position at the Strawbridge and Clothier department store in Philadelphia, where she met her husband-to-be Kenneth Brownell. They were married in September 1949 in the Presbyterian Church in West Chester, PA. Peggy remarried in February 1984 to William Gotch in the First Presbyterian Church, Moorestown, NJ.

Throughout her life, Peggy was renowned for her entertaining skills, her large holiday gatherings, and her great love of family and friends. Wherever she lived, whether in Malvern, PA, Moorestown, NJ, or in her summer house at the beach, in Cape May Point, NJ, she was a warm and welcoming hostess with a knack for making everyone feel at home.

Peggy was a faithful and active member of the Presbyterian Church, serving in many leadership capacities. She volunteered with the Visiting Nurses Association of Moorestown. Since 1973, she was a member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood, an international philanthropic organization dedicated to providing enhanced educational opportunities for female students worldwide. Peggy served 3 terms as President and once as Parliamentarian of the P.E.O. AF/NJ chapter. Peggy was extremely proud of her family's ability to trace its lineage back to the American Revolution's flag seamstress Betsy Ross.

Funeral service will be Saturday, February 9, 2019, at 11 am at the First Presbyterian Church, 101 Bridgeboro Road, Moorestown, NJ. Viewing 10 - 11 am at the church. Interment Presbyterian Cemetery, Moorestown, NJ

In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Margaret Brownell Gotch/P.E.O. Chapter AF/NJ may be sent to: The P.E.O. Foundation, 3700 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50312. .

Cemetery Details

Presbyterian Cemetery

101 Bridgeboro Rd
Moorestown, NJ 08057

Previous Events

Viewing

FEB 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church
101 Bridgeboro Road
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(856) 235-1688
<http://www.fpcmoorestown.org>

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Tribute Wall



“ *Margaret Gotch*

October 09, 2023 at 03:30 AM



“ *Margaret Gotch*

November 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Margaret Gotch.*



February 07, 2019 at 10:02 PM



“ *Hello Bart , Robert and families, it is Carol Clark from high school- and beyond! I am so sorry for your loss. Your mom was the sweetest and kindest lady always. From way back in the day she enjoyed letting anyone come to your house, we were always welcome ! In our church family at First Pres, , I spent many years in the congregation with her, and what a positive mentor to all of us, she always was!!! Lots of love to all of you at this hard time! Love , Carol and John*

Carol Clark - February 07, 2019 at 02:59 PM

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“ *Our thoughts and prayers to the Brownell & Gotch families. Many fond memories of the Brownell family. RIP Mrs. B.*

Steve & Becky Masters - February 06, 2019 at 10:32 AM