

Though we cannot see you with outward eyes,
We know our soul's gaze is upon your face,
Smiling back at us from within everything
To which we bring our best refinement.

Let us not look for you only in memory,
Where we would grow lonely without you.
You would want us to find you in presence,
Besides us when beauty brightens,
When kindness glows
And music echoes eternal tones.

When orchids brighten the earth,
Darkest winter has turned to spring;
May this dark grief flower with hope
In every heart that loves you.

May you continue to inspire us:

To enter each day with a generous heart.
To serve the call of courage and love
Until we see your beautiful face again
In that land where there is no more separation,
Where all tears will be wiped from our mind,
And where we will never lose you again.

Excerpt from *On the death of the beloved*
by John O'Donohue

Celebrating

T H E L I F E O F



Margaret Atherton

APRIL 29, 1938 - OCTOBER 2, 2024

Margaret "Mrs. A" (Shaffer) Atherton was born in Raymond, WA on April 29th, 1938. Margaret was raised in West Linn, OR, and graduated Salutatorian from West Linn High School in 1956. She went on to earn her degree in education from Oregon State University in 1960 and later moved to Mountain View, CA, where she taught for many years.

Margaret's greatest joy was being a mother to Julie. Her love, warmth, and kindness shaped Julie's life and the lives of everyone around her. Margaret was a passionate teacher who touched the hearts of many students, always going the extra mile with activities like tree plantings and camping trips. She was also a dedicated supporter of local sports and an avid fan of Bay Area teams, especially the 49ers and Giants.

A lover of music, games and family gatherings, Margaret's home was always full of laughter and love. Her wit and generosity made her a friend to all, and she never met a stranger.

Margaret will be deeply missed by her family and friends, but her spirit of kindness and joy will live on in the hearts of all who knew her.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Girls on the Run, an organization dedicated to supporting girls in sports.

Order Of Service

WELCOME
Dominique Fredregill

POEM
Karen Whetstone

EULOGY
Julie Atherton

SPEAKER
Teena Henshaw

SPEAKER
Barbara Jones

INVITATION TO SHARE MEMORIES
Friends and Family

MUSIC

Thank You

Margaret's family would like to thank you all for
your love and support.