

Margaret L. Button

Margaret Petrein was born December 29, 1920; and grew up in the Ithaca area. From the age of 4 until 17 she was raised by foster parents. After high school she trained as a nurse cadet in Chicago. During W.W.II she worked at war plants in Elmira & Ithaca. Later she worked as a nurses aid at Tompkins County Hospital. Ralph Button proposed to her at Buttermilk Falls during Christmas 1946. They were married April 19, 1947; and spent almost 46 years together.

Crafts were of attended seminars to taught; to friends at her the store her husband important to her. She able quantity of fruit and

She was active in teacher, Children's sionary Prayer Fellow- ways. Her faith in God she was always search- quaintances. Her library methods. She had a driv- with family and friends.

She has four sons, daughters, and one great was most important to supported her own in all mained at home while extra income she took care of other children and later she cared for several elderly through the adult home care program. During her last year there was one special gift from a granddaughter. It was a stuffed animal that she called "Polar Bear". It was a constant companion and a comfort to her.

As she came to understand the diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease she attempted to learn all she could about it. Her primary concern soon became the hardship it would place on her family and on those around her. She never was a burden and she dealt with the disease with style and grace. Finally in January 1992 she entered the Reconstruction Home. Prior to this she was able to travel twice across the country to see family, old friends and to make new friends.

Ralph and Margaret learned early in their marriage that things wouldn't work if each only went halfway. Hands can't be grasped, arms can't be linked until each reaches out past the halfway point. Then they could support each other through the rough difficult times; and yes, there were some. They tried to always walk together, hand in hand, arm in arm; through their married life. On New Year's Day at 10:55 AM; while holding hands she slipped away and into the arms of Our Heavenly Father.



great interest to her. She learn new crafts that she church and to customers in operated. Gardening was also successfully grew a consider- vegetables for many years.

her church as a Sunday School Church leader, Women's Mis- ship leader and in many other was very important to her and ing for ways to witness to ac- had many books with as many ing desire to share her Savior She loved the Lord.

seven grandsons, five grand- granddaughter. Her family her. She enjoyed children and their endeavors. She re- her children were young. For