



# Margaret G Tolosa

JAN 21, 1928 - SEP 4, 2019



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**M**ARGARET GRACE TOLOSA, of Largo, Florida, went home to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at 3:20 p.m. on Wednesday September 4, 2019 after an extended illness. Miss Margaret and or Aunt Margaret, as she was affectionately known, was born on January 21, 1928 in Pontiac, Michigan to the late Rev. Ramon and Lula Tolosa. Margaret was preceded in death by a younger sister, Alice, in 1936 and an older sister, Lula Mary, in 2006. She is survived by an older brother, Raymond Tolosa, of Clearwater, Florida, a younger sister, Esther Ramirez, of St. Petersburg, Florida, her caretakers nephew Clifford and Brenda Tolosa of Largo, Florida and numerous nephews, nieces, great nephews, great nieces, and great great nephews and nieces.

Margaret grew up in Saginaw, Michigan where she graduated from Saginaw High School in 1946. She received a BA degree from Central Michigan University in 1950. In 1952 she attended the Spanish Language Institute in San Jose, Costa Rica after which she departed for Venezuela, as a Baptist Mid-Missions missionary, and established Colegio Emmanuel, a primary/elementary private Christian school for families with little financial means. That school is continuing to operate to this very day with many children continuing to receive a solid Christian education along with their regular academic subjects.

In 1955, Margaret returned to the United States and established another private Christian day school (Timothy Academy) in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to help serve the Hispanic community with high academic standards and a goal of teaching English as a Second Language at an extremely affordable cost to families of low incomes. Timothy Academy is a ministry of the Iglesia Evangelica Bautista where Margaret was a member for almost 50 years before retiring and moving to Maranatha Village of Sebring, Florida in 2004. She also served as a volunteer for the Editorial Bautista Independiente (EBI) where she read and edited all materials being printed from English into Spanish while living in Sebring until moving to Largo in 2017.



## Obituary

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A huge God bless and thank you to the Suncoast Hospice of Pinellas County for the superb service they provided to the family during this final chapter of Margaret's earthly journey.

Moss Feaster Funeral Home at 698 South Belcher Road in Clearwater, Florida 33764 ([www.mossfeasterclearwater.com](http://www.mossfeasterclearwater.com)) is handling the arrangements and caring for the family.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday September 7th at 2 p.m. at the New Testament Baptist Church 2050 Belcher Road S. in Largo, Florida 33771. A viewing at the church will begin at 12:30 with the memorial service to follow at 2 p.m. Pastors Matthew Trill, Fidel Echevarria, and Carlos Marquina will be officiating.

Margaret's body will be flown to Michigan where a graveside service is being planned at the Greenwood Cemetery in Birmingham, Michigan for sometime on Monday September 16th with Pastor Mark Tolosa presiding.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Editorial Bautista Independiente of Sebring, Florida at the following address: 3417 Kenilworth Blvd. Sebring, Florida 33870 and which can also be viewed online on their website at: <https://english.ebi-bmm.org/contact:5547>



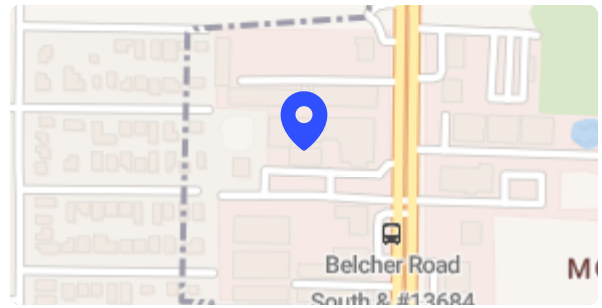
# Events

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## Visitation

- Saturday**, September 7, 2019
- 12:30 AM - 2:00 PM ET
- New Testament Baptist Church**  
2050 S Belcher Rd, Largo FL 33771



## Funeral Service

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## Tribute Wall

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PJ

**Paul Jackson** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I'm very sorry and sad that Margaret has passed, but she passed along so many great memories. Our family met with them for many Thanksgivings and Christmas dinners and great fun. There was a piano in their front room and there wasn't a time when we didn't do singing. About the time I was in High School, I was taking singing lessons, and was always asked to sing a solo at their home. When I was young, ca 10 perhaps when she would be at our home in Ypsilanti and baby-sitting the three of us; she always wanted to kiss me goodnight and I would always try to avoid that, but loved her for that throughout my life. I met up with her one time in 1962, after getting out of the army. I was quite stunned at the progress of the school she was helping to establish, the Timothy Academy. She and her family visited us at our Long Lake Cottage many times. It was always a fun time for our summer vacation. I'm sorry I'm so late to add this, although her nephew had told me about her death. At almost 87, I'm writing memoirs, and collecting so much material, and memories, I hope I live until I can get it all down.



October 22 at 5:59 PM

AS

**Ada Symonds** posted:

I got to know and admire Margaret when we both lived in Maranatha in Sebring, Fl. She was such a sweet, loving lady. Ada Symonds

September 13 at 7:20 PM



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**Isabel Jackson** posted:

Our family spent every Thanksgiving with Margaret, either at our house in Port Jefferson, Long Island, N.Y.or in her home in Philadelphia. When Aunt Lula was living with her, and once Aunt Grace, she brought them with her to our house. All the women helped prepare the Feast. Aunt Lula was the designated peeler of onions for the cream onion dish that was traditional. I think Margaret did dressing. She loved our visits. She always brought a jigsaw puzzle which took us two or three days to put together. Margaret was really good at those. We always went to church on Thanksgiving morning or Wednesday night.It seems to me there was game night after the evening service. Dominoes -- fun to watch, but played too fast for us "white" folks. We all loved Margaret. She was so nurturing for all. Signed, Isabel Jackson,, and our five children: Walter, (not yet 2 when we began our visits in 1959) Bruce, Marian, Margaret, and Glenn.Other times we visited Margaret in Philadelphia in the summer, and later after 1990 in Michigan--at the Jackson Cottage on Long Lake or our home in St. Joseph. A noble woman of great service and devotion. We loved her.

September 13 at 1:30 PM



**Isabelo Mora** April 25 at 12:45 PM

She was my teacher she taught me to read and the love of it.I was one of her first studentsI went on to have a great carrier with abc World news tonight in nycl loved her and never forgot her she was a great human and the Best teacher i ever had.Will see you soon miss margaret thank you for careing



**Bruce Jackson** posted:

My condolences to Margaret's family. She was an enduring soul who I remember mostly as a child, who we all addressed as "Margaret" . That familiarity translated into an equally comfortable conversation or visit over holidays or other family gatherings.I last saw Margaret too many years ago, when she graciously met me at the airport in Philadelphia during a layover, where we found two rocking chairs and talked and shared some poetry. I will always have fond memories of her as a woman of peace and composure, and full of laughter.

September 7 at 5:57 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Tolosa family.



September 6 at 9:40 AM



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BT

**Beverlie Tuttle** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Tolosa family.



September 6 at 8:41 AM

GE

**Georgina Echevarria** posted:

I had the privilege of knowing Margaret since I was a child at Iglesia Evangelica Bautista in Phila. I admired her, not just for her accomplishments but because she was the most courageous, God loving, and people caring person that I had ever met. She loved me so much that she was always ready to correct me and encourage me when needed. When she heard I got accepted to college, she sat down with me and firmly said, " Georgina, if you have to stay up all night studying to get good grades, do it! "But, don't ever miss from coming to church on Sundays and on Wednesdays! " "God will help you, but only if you put Him first!!" I'm so glad that I listened to her. All my children love her so much too. Debbie still remembers the day that Margaret was leading the choir practice with us( this was in the old church building) and Debbie was very small and left to play with her toys in the kitchen right near our practice area. The kitchen had a high ceiling and water pipes running up the wall, across the ceiling then then down the other wall to the floor. Debbie had climbed up the pipes and was swinging from the ceiling like Tarzan until Margaret caught her. A spanking and a lecture followed. Margaret couldn't imagine how Debbie was able to that. She said, "What a little monkey!!!" That little monkey grew up to love her so much. Last time, we visited Margaret at Sebring, she showed me her favorite mug. It meant so much to her because one day when Debbie was a teenager at Cedargrove School, she walked and walked in a heavy snow storm all the way to Margaret's house ( not close) just to take her a special mug for her birthday. Margaret's response was, " O my Debbie, you came all that way for me?" Margaret knew how to give love and how to receive love. I love you Margaret. I'm glad that you're now enjoying an amazing celebration in heaven with your best friend, Jesus.

September 6 at 6:06 AM



## Media

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October 22 at 5:59 PM



Tolosa family at the cottage- Margaret on left with red sweater



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Margaret by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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