



## Margaret Sellers Wooten

August 3, 1935 - July 13, 2021

Margaret Sellers Wooten, 85, of Stone Mountain, GA passed on Tuesday, July 13, 2021. Celebration of Life Services will be held 11:00AM Friday, July 23, 2021. Internment Hillandale Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be held Thursday, July 22, 2021 from 12:00PM-8:00PM. There will be an Omega Omega Ceremony held from 6:30PM-7:00PM, following A Time for Remembrance and Story Sharing with the family of Margaret S. Wooten from 7:00PM-8:00PM at our SOUTH-DEKALB Chapel. Due to COVID-19, a mask must be worn to enter the Chapel.

These services will be recorded and streamed live. In the event the service is interrupted at any time due to technical issues, the entire service will be uploaded and available to view later in the day. Please copy and paste the link to share, or simply click on the link to view the service.

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Please express your condolences here on our website. Services entrusted to Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home, 4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy. Decatur, GA 30034 (404)241-5656.

Margaret Sellers Wooten

Margaret Sellers Wooten was born in Mount Vernon, New York on August 3, 1935 to the late Samuel James Sellers and the late Margaret Phillips Sellers. She was the oldest of three daughters born to this marriage union. Margaret departed this life on July 13, 2021.

Margaret received her secondary education in the Mount Vernon Public School System. M

Margaret entered Clark College, Atlanta GA in August 1953. Margaret enjoyed all aspects of college life and excelled academically. During this time, she joined Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. and met the love of her life. Upon graduating from Clark College in May 1957 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and French Studies, Margaret married Erskine A. Wooten, a Morris Brown graduate, on June 8, 1957.

Margaret's teaching career had four segments before retiring in 1991. The first began in Tifton, Georgia where she taught French to grades 9-12 from August 1957 to March 1958. The summer of 1958 the family moved to Bessemer Alabama. In September 1959 Margaret started her second teaching position at Fairfield Industrial High in Fairfield, Alabama where she taught French to grades 9 – 12. She also was an evening instructor of French at Miles College. In Spring 1962 the family moved to Cedartown in Northwest Georgia and for the next three years Margaret devoted her time to taking care of her daughter, housekeeping and the unfortunate tragedy of the death of an infant son.

In 1965 she restarted her professional career and taught French, Spanish and English to students in grades 8-12 at Elm Street High School in Rockmart, Georgia. She made some lasting friendships as well student relationships which are still intact to this day.

In 1969, the impact of school desegregation brought a different role in her professional career. Her beloved Elm Street became a middle school and she began teaching English solely to seventh graders. She was one of two African-American teachers and taught more Caucasian students than African-American students for the first time in her career. She became the Chairperson of the English department and the school's yearbook 'The Sting' was dedicated to her. At this time, she continued her learning and completed her Masters Degree in Secondary Education with English as the core at West Georgia, now known as the University of West Georgia.

Margaret broadened her social contacts in 1966 and became a charter member of Rome Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She was an active member, serving in many officer positions and committees to promote service in the community. She also was a member of the local branch of the NAACP, serving as secretary for many years and was honored as NAACP Educator of the Year in 2001. She and Erskine were also active members of St. Bernadette Catholic Church in Cedartown. She served as lector and Eucharistic minister, often serving communion to those who were unable to attend church in the community.

Upon moving to Stone Mountain in 2003 her desire to live closer to her daughter and her family became a reality. She also worked part time in the family business allowing her to se

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and his family, which she enjoyed. At the time she also lived close to her best friend of 50+ years and also her line sister who pledged Delta, Dorothy Harris-Burwell. This transition from small town to urban living was made easier with family and friends nearby.

Margaret continued serving in her sorority, church and enjoyed volunteering at her grandchildren's school Wynbrooke Elementary.

Margaret was a Diamond Life Member of Decatur Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., the Dekalb Chapter of CAU Alumni and the National CAUAA Alumni.

She sang in the choir at Corpus Christi Catholic Church where she continued to develop fond friendships. She later joined St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church closer to her residence and in the short time there made an impression on all who met her. Traveling abroad, quilting, crocheting and always sending birthday cards to loved ones and friends brought her joy.

Although her decreased mobility over the years prevented her from attending sorority and church events as often, she maintained her contact via phone and visits from her sorority sisters and the many friends she had made over the years including the many students she had the pleasure of teaching.

Known for her impeccable ability to remember and recall people, places, and events she was often sought out to bring the "history". Her vocabulary was infinite! The family joke was she knew all the "big A" words.

Margaret was preceded in death by her late husband of 57 years Erskine A. Wooten Sr, son Erskine A. Wooten Jr. and sister Joan Sellers Mobley. Margaret is survived by her daughter Bonny Wooten Robinson (Michael), Grandsons Stanley Michael & Steven Emmanuel, Grand-Daughter Sydney Michala, sister Louise Sellers Moton (James), brother James Braque' Sellers (Faye) and a host of sister in laws, brother in laws, nieces, nephews and a host of other relatives, family and friends. Margaret made a measurable, impactful and meaningful difference to those she had the pleasure of meeting. She was loved greatly and will be sorely missed.

# Comments

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“ What a dear friend and mother figure Margaret was to me, especially after I lost my own mother as a young teacher at Elm St. Middle School. Margaret was such a bright, engaging, empathetic woman, who served the community with such energy! What a role model! I have such happy memories of Margaret, including when she visited me in Augusta. When my son was little, he called Margaret Mama Wooten. I know God has welcomed her in Heaven by saying, “Well done, my good and faithful servant.”

**Vicki Smith Starcher** - August 12 at 12:43 AM

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“ Margaret,  
I remember the bright sunny day we first met, and like that day, I shall always remember you fondly.

Your sister-in-law,  
Burma (Ann) Wooten-Sims



**Burma Wooten-Sims** - July 23 at 09:14 PM

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“ My Sincere and Heartfelt sympathies go out to Bonnie and family. I remember her as a teacher, and mentor, and most fondly for taking me to some of her Saturday sorority events; which influenced me to become a member of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. The funniest thing I can remember her always saying, if you said you were ‘sorry’ for something...she would always say, ‘I know you are, and lowdown too, now apologize’. Rest Well Soror.



**Thresa Burge Gay** - July 22 at 08:11 PM

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“ Margaret was a fellow parishoner that I knew for many years. We met in the tax line getting our taxes done and hit it off. My condolences to her daughter and family and to the other relatives. . Even though we belong to different parishes now, I will miss her.

Carolyn Rhodes



**Carolyn Rhodes** - July 22 at 07:31 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



**John and Joyce wooten** - July 22 at 05:01 PM

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“ John And Joyce Wooten lit a candle in memory of Margaret Sellers Wooten



John and Joyce wooten - July 22 at 03:43 PM

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“ My Dear Sister Margaret:  
I'm deeply grateful I was able to see and spend time with you before your Heavenly departure.  
We had some wonderful times going to theater shopping trips, whenever you come back home to NY.  
Rest well my sister you have earned your wings.  
Till we meet again.

Delores Louise Sellers Moton - July 22 at 03:13 PM

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“ Mr. and Mrs. Julius Clark & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Margaret Sellers Wooten.



Mr. and Mrs. Julius Clark & Family - July 22 at 01:31 PM

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“ Auntie I will miss our conversations may you Rest In Peace.  
So sorry for your loss Bonny love you.

Norma Rodriguez Moton - July 22 at 09:55 AM

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Margaret Sellers Wooten.



July 22 at 09:37 AM

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“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Margaret Sellers Wooten.



July 22 at 04:28 AM

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“ June Scarbough lit a candle in memory of Margaret Sellers Wooten



**June Scarbough** - July 22 at 02:56 AM

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“ Herman And Rebecca Reid lit a candle in memory of Margaret Sellers Wooten



**Herman and Rebecca Reid** - July 21 at 05:36 PM



“ Congratulations to Margaret Wooten family. It was a privilege to know her when she lived in Cedartown, Georgia. She was a caring and loving friend.

**Herman and Rebecca Reid** - July 21 at 05:39 PM



“ Condolences to the Margaret Wooten family. It was a pleasure to know her and her family when they lived in Cedartown, Georgia. She was a caring and loving friend.

**Herman and Rebecca Reid** - July 21 at 05:46 PM

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“ Calvin and Winston Rollins, Bdge, Ga. purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Margaret Sellers Wooten.



**Calvine and Winston Rollins, Bdge, Ga.** - July 21 at 12:12 PM

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“ We are saddened to learn about your family loss. Continue to rely on God and know that he hears your prayers, because he cares for you. Truly sorry for you loss.

**Evans family** - July 21 at 05:15 AM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Margaret Sellers Wooten.



July 20 at 08:34 AM

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“ Had her in 5th grade she punched my cheeks alot but love her so. Great teacher want ever forget her. Praying for the family god bless you all.

**Chant campbell** - July 18 at 11:47 PM



“ Pinched

**Chant campbell** - July 18 at 11:51 PM

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“ Cheeks and palms. RIP my dear.



**Barry Maxwell** - July 18 at 06:51 PM

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“ Leslie Pound lit a candle in memory of Margaret Sellers Wooten



**Leslie Pound** - July 18 at 02:52 PM



“ I have read all of these memories, several were classmates. I never got a cheek pinch, but I'm sure my brother, David, did. Knowing David, he probably got more than one. Since Mom was also a Polk School District employee, at Goodyear Elementary, she knew how outgoing Mrs. Wooten was. When Mom learned I was going to be in Mrs. Wooten's class, she talked with her and asked her to approached me in a different way because I was so shy and withdrawn. Mrs. Wooten was just precious and sweet to me. She certainly understood Mom's concern. This world needs more teachers like Mrs. Wooten.

**Leslie Pound** - July 18 at 02:51 PM

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“ Mrs. Wooten was my 7th grade teacher and lifelong mentor, mother figure and friend. She encouraged me to pursue a career in education and supported my goals by helping me receive a scholarship to Georgia State University from Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. I was blessed to not only join her as a career educator, but also as a member of DST. Her daughter Bonny and I have been friends for over 45 years. Mrs. Wooten always made sure we enjoyed our school years safely by providing transportation or giving her approval for us to ride with someone else. She was definitely one of a kind; even if you never entered her class or appeared on her roll, she was still your teacher. Her hugs were the best—like this one she gave me at my wedding after she led our Sorors in singing the Delta Sweetheart Song. What a legacy!!



**Cheryl Raiford Clemons** - July 18 at 11:40 AM



“ Do a every remember Bonny, Pat, Phil and my dear sister Sheliah - the crew! Blessed beyond measure, we have indeed lost a LEGEND.

**Reggie Roper, Sr.** - July 21 at 09:48 PM

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“ I cannot begin to explain the impact this beautiful and kind woman had on my life as a young man. We had many conversations and she always listened and gave me advise when I was a struggling teenager. I saw her years later and she told me I was one of her favorites. I send love and prayers to the family and she will remain in my memory as long as live. God bless you!

**Jimmy Shanks** - July 18 at 11:21 AM

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“ Mrs. Wooten is the reason I can spell so well. I remember winning a spelling bee in her class and she gave me a chocolate bar. She had a beautiful smile. She was strict but made learning fun. She was one of my favorite teachers. Rest In Peace, Mrs. Wooten  
Delaine Little Pittman

**Delaine Pittman** - July 18 at 10:42 AM

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“ What a wonderful lady and teacher who influenced so many young lives at Rockmart Jr High.....thank you Ms. Wooten for your many years of dedication to us all!

Prayers to her family during this difficult time.

**Gwen Cagle Wambles** - July 18 at 10:32 AM

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“ I had Mrs Wooten in 7th grade at Rockmart Jr High. She was one of those amazing teachers that you never forget. There's no telling how many checks she pinched over the years. I will always remember her as one of my most favorite teachers. Sending prayers for comfort up for her family. RIH Mrs. Wooten!

**Clarissa Crowley** - July 18 at 04:44 AM

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“ Mrs Wooten was my 7th grade teacher at Rockmart Middle school. She was one of a kind!! If someone was in trouble they got their jaws pinch or hand paddled. Everyone respected her & loved her. Prayers for the family.

**jacqueline McDowell** - July 17 at 11:25 PM

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“ I will always remember her getting on to me in the halls of Rockmart jr. High. She was not my teacher but she knew my name and my parents. Lol.

**Marilyn Braziel Pollard** - July 17 at 10:56 PM



“ I had Mrs. Wooten in School. My daughter had her also. She would pinch my cheeks off Then I had the privilege of working with her at school... she still tried to pinch my cheeks Mrs. Wooten is a big part of my Middle School memories. One thing for sure she loved her daughter!

There will never be another Mrs. Wooten. Prayers for her daughter and family.

**j. Pierce** - July 17 at 11:27 PM



“ Margaret was my Little Sister when she pledged Sigma Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta at Clark College (Now Clark-Atlanta University. ) There was nothing "little" about her approach to life. Everything she did was "big". She remembered forever being a Pyramid and refusing to do a task that I assigned to her. We are blessed to have had the experiences of the class of 1957 at Clark/. We celebrated our golden anniversary in style. Only a few of us are still on the planet but we send our love and support to her Family. She will soon take over the Omega Chapter of Delta as she was capable of doing on Earth. Thank you God for sharing Margaret with us. Jennie Johnson Jones cc '57, AU '67

**Jennie Johnson. Jones** - July 20 at 05:13 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Mrs. Margaret Wooten. She was a teacher that will be remembered. I too, remember that “pinch” on the jaw. She taught me when I was in the seventh grade. But I met her long before then, because my mother was a seamstress for her and other African-American teachers before schools was segregated. She would come to my house often after school with some of the other teachers. I remember on one occasion her and some of the teachers eating some of my peanut butter cookies that I baked. My condolences to you, Bonny and family. May God continue to comfort and carry you all. She touched many lives, and help many of us to grow.

**Tressa Tolbert Chubb** - July 17 at 10:19 PM

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“ Yvonne McDowell lit a candle in memory of Margaret Sellers Wooten



Yvonne McDowell - July 17 at 10:19 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Margaret Wooten.



July 17 at 09:58 PM

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“ I have so many memories of this precious lady! Even when she was pinching my cheek. There was no one like her, and there never will be again. Prayers for peace and love going out to her family and friends. Keep them all straight up in Heaven!

Jeannie O'Shields Rains - July 17 at 09:45 PM

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“ Ms Wooten taught me in middle school. We all liked her a lot! She had a great sense of humor!

Dan Simon - July 17 at 09:38 PM

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“ Ms. Wooten was one of my favorite teachers in middle school. My deepest sympathy and prayers for her family.

**Rosaline Peek-Gibbons** - July 17 at 09:07 PM

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“ Ms Wooten was our neighbor in Cedartown, GA. She was a very sweet and encouraging to my brothers and me. She always had a big smile to greet you with. Our Prayers and Thoughts are with Bonnie and Her Family!

**Timothy Davis** - July 17 at 10:27 PM

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“ My deepest condolences to the family She was one of my teachers in the 4th grade when school was segregated so sweet and would pinch the skin off you and laugh. I know she's in heaven with that beautiful smile



**pamela williams** - July 17 at 08:44 PM

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“ Mrs wooten was one of the best teachers in Jr high school I always look forward to going to her class

**Stephen wilson** - July 17 at 08:28 PM

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“ Mrs Wooten was a kind and wise soul. She supported me when I competed in the spelling bee on behalf of our county when I was in elementary school, and I was honored to call her my Soror as an adult.

**Sharon Gipson** - July 17 at 08:20 PM

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“ Traci Pittman lit a candle in memory of Margaret Sellers Wooten



**Traci Pittman** - July 17 at 08:18 PM

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“ Teresa Astin lit a candle in memory of Margaret Sellers Wooten



**Teresa Astin** - July 17 at 07:59 PM

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“ Phyllis Davis lit a candle in memory of Margaret Sellers Wooten



**Phyllis Davis** - July 17 at 07:56 PM

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“ Miss Wooten was a sweet and kind lady. I had her for my teacher in the seventh grade.  
Prayers for her family.

**Randy Bowman** - July 17 at 07:46 PM

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“ Bonnie and Family, I'm so sorry for your loss of Mrs. Wooten. She never taught me, but she is one teacher I will never forget. Every time I saw her she was always so engaging. I know what you are going thru, and will for some time to come. I'm praying for peace and comfort for you. Love Melba Rachel & Family

**Melba Rachel** - July 17 at 12:52 PM



“ Constancia Williams. Bonnie & family please accept my heartfelt sympathy for your loss. I have lost a sister in Christ and a friend, a friend who never forget to ask about my family and how they are doing ,and update me about her family especially her grand children whom she was so proud of. I will certainly miss our monthly chats, and sharing greeting cards for all occasions, but especially our birthdays which is one day apart. S.I. P my dear friend we love you, but Jesus loves you best.

**Constancia Williams** - July 22 at 09:41 AM



“ of.I will certainly miss our monthly chats, greeting cards for all occasions, but especially our birthdays which is one day apart. S.I. P my dear friend and Chiorister we love you, but Jesus loves you best.

**Constancia Williams** - July 22 at 09:51 AM