



Marigold "Margot" Angela Wilson McNeely

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Marigold "Margot" Angela Wilson McNeely passed away on Thursday, September 12, 2024. She was born in London, England on April 11, 1926.

She is survived by her loving children, Linda McNeely, Kevin McNeely (Arthemise), Kerry McNeely (Linda), Timothy McNeely, and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 67 years, Capt. Richard Edward McNeely; her parents Joan Holder Wilson and Leslie Bostock Wilson; and sister, Jennifer B. Wilson.

Marigold was born in London, England and grew up in Somerset, England. At age 17, she enlisted in the Women's Royal Naval Service. She was stationed at Bletchley Park during WWII working as a codebreaker, a vital position decoding intercepted Nazi messages.

After the war, she met her husband, Richard, on a ship returning to England after a visit to the US. They quickly fell in love and were married soon thereafter.

The couple lived in New Orleans, Louisiana where Richard became a member of the Crescent River Port Pilots. Marigold was a founding and very active member of the Camelot Chapter of the Daughters of the British Empire. In later life, she was given much recognition for her role at Bletchley Park, including a medal bestowed on her by Queen Elizabeth II.

After Richard's retirement, the couple moved to Covington, Louisiana where they happily lived out their lives raising cattle, Great Danes, and horses.

She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Mrs. McNeely may be made to Bletchley Park.

<https://bletchleypark.org.uk/support-us/donate-form/>.



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All funeral services are private.

E.J. Fielding Funeral Home has been entrusted with funeral arrangements. The McNeely family invites you to share thoughts, fondest memories, and condolences online at E. J. Fielding Funeral Home Guest Book at www.ejfieldingfh.com.



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PV

Paul S Vogt posted:

I do not ever remembering meeting Mrs McNeely. But I did know Capt McNeely from my high school years until his retirement. Not only because of who he was but what the man was made of instilled in others a great respect and a comfort in how he treated you. I can surely see how it became love on crossing of the sea. I am so sorry for the family loss. Paul S Vogt retired bar pilot

September 20 at 4:15 PM

JL

Julie Von Landau January 12 at 10:21 AM

I'm so sorry to hear this news of my lovely Aunt Margot she & her Sister Susan Holder (my grandmother) were both at my Wedding in North Wales, we had a lovely week in Covington meeting my extended family Members and Richard's stories very very funny, Margot was an excellent cook as was my gran she will be missed by all the family in the UK ❤️

HC

Heather Cavanagh September 21 at 6:46 AM

My name is Heather Cavanagh and I have been a DBE member for over 65 years, a member of the former Elizabethan Chapter. I remember Margot well and knew her sister Jennifer. Margot was always a wonderfully supportive member for a very long time. We did some wonderful British teas and pub nights. I did a lot with decorations and held many offices, including National. We had a much larger membership in those days. Margot will be remembered. I am visiting Bletchley Park next month and will bring the write-up with me.

RM

Richard J. Moore September 21 at 6:17 AM

Margot worked with the famous mathematician Alan Turing at Bletchley Park in England. One of our mathematician sons was very interested in Mr. Turing, so my wife and I were very happy that we could arrange a lunch with our son and Mrs. McNeely once, where they could converse and for her to tell our son details of what she remembered about Mr. Turing.

Richard J. Moore



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Marigold "Margot" by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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