



## Margot Rios Millett

November 6, 1936 - October 20, 2019

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, October 24, 2019, at 10:00 AM in the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Lafayette, for Margot Rios Millett, 82, who passed away Sunday morning, October 20, 2019 at Bethany Nursing Home MHS in Lafayette, with the family that she adored and loved at her side.

Interment will be in Fountain Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

The Very Reverend Chester C. Arceneaux, VF, Rector of the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Lafayette, will conduct the funeral services. Jodi Bollich will provide music for the service.

The family requests that visitation be observed in Martin & Castille's DOWNTOWN location on Wednesday from 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM and on Thursday from 8:30 AM until 9:30 AM.

A Rosary will be prayed Wednesday evening by the Catholic Daughters at 6:30 PM in Martin & Castille Funeral Home.

Survivors include her two daughters, Roxie Millett Fontenot and her husband, Kent, and Dr. Alison Rios Millett McCartney and husband, Paul; her son, Paul Millett and wife, Marissa; her grandchildren, Lauren Fontenot, Andrew Fontenot, Rebecca Fontenot, Tyler New, Tucker Comeaux, Jadie Comeaux, Maddie Casterline, Landon Casterline, and newborn granddaughter, Illeayna Millett; her sisters, Lilly Rios Depka and Mary Rios Derman and husband, Rick; and her dear cousin, Lillian Ann Woodhouse.

She was preceded in death by her former husband, Dr. Jeremy Millett; her parents, Margorito Rios and Refugio Cano Rios; her brothers, Cesar Rios and Alberto Rios; her sisters, Norma Rios Fontes and Alma Rios Carter; her godchild, Alma Fontes Maloney; her beloved aunts, Mathilde Cano and Conchita Cano; and her best friend, Jennie Lafosse.

Born and raised in Nogales, Arizona, Margot was the first recipient in her town of a full scholarship to the University of Arizona, where she earned her bachelor's degree in Education. She taught for several years before marrying Jeremy Millett in 1963. She moved to Lafayette with him in 1966 and became a member of the University of Louisiana Women's Club and Beta Sigma Phi, which selected her as Woman of the Year in 1974, and she worked with the charter committee that established the Bishop's Charity Ball. Her community service was extensive, focusing much of her work on the Catholic Daughters of America. She was a member of Catholic Daughters for over 55 years and held a number of offices, including State Secretary, District Deputy, and Court Regent of the Court of Our Lady of the Rosary. She represented Catholic Daughters at many conferences around the country, being well known for her expertise in parliamentary procedure. Margot also established the Junior Catholic Daughters at Our Lady of Fatima and worked with hundreds of girls and young women in the development of their faith, which she considered one of her most precious roles in life.

Margot was an honorary lifetime member of the Krewe of Oberon, where she helped thousands of young girls and boys develop important life skills and participate in the joy of the Mardi Gras season. She is considered the Krewe's matriarch, serving in every office on the board for over 40 years, and a special princess was named in her honor. She developed much of the protocol and parliamentary procedures of the Krewe. Since the 1970s, Margot also was a member of the Order of the Troubadours and a committee chair for over 30 years. A beloved presence at every Troubadour function, she mentored countless girls who became krewe royalty.

A woman devoted to service and bringing joy to everyone she met, she lived a rich and colorful life. Even in her final years, at Bethany Nursing Home, she was the unofficial social director, leading her fellow residents in prayers, singing, and dancing. Miss Margot was a true life force who never met a stranger, but a future friend. She always wanted each individual person to feel loved, valued, and welcomed to join in the festivities.

Pallbearers will be Paul Millett, Kent Fontenot, Paul McCartney, Andrew Fontenot, Tucker Comeaux, Albert Carter, Lionel Fontes, and John Cairns.

Honorary Pallbearers will be Tyler New, John Fruge, Brandon Self, Jack LeBlanc, Julie Pastor, and Nancy Whittington.

The Millett-Rios family would like to extend their deepest gratitude to the nurses and staff at Bethany Nursing Home for their kind and compassionate care. They went above and

beyond to bring her happiness in her final years. An ardent believer in Catholic education, Miss Margot requested in lieu of flowers donations to the Cathedral-Carmel Foundation, for tuition assistance in memory of Margot Rios Millett, sent to: Cathedral-Carmel Foundation, 848 St. John Street, Lafayette, LA 70501 or at [cathedralcarmel.com/giving/foundation/](http://cathedralcarmel.com/giving/foundation/).

View the obituary and guestbook online at <http://www.mourning.com>

Martin & Castille-DOWNTOWN-330 St. Landry St., Lafayette, LA 70506, 337-234-2311

# Cemetery

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## Fountain Memorial Gardens Cemetery

1010 Pandora St.  
Lafayette, LA, 70506

# Events

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**OCT 23 Visitation** 04:00PM - 09:00PM  
Martin & Castille Funeral Home - Downtown  
Location  
330 St. Landry St., Lafayette, LA, US, 70506

**OCT 23 Rosary** 06:30PM - 07:00PM  
Martin & Castille Funeral Home - Downtown  
Location  
330 St. Landry St., Lafayette, LA, US, 70506

**OCT 24 Visitation** 08:30AM - 09:30AM  
Martin & Castille Funeral Home - Downtown  
Location  
330 St. Landry St., Lafayette, LA, US, 70506

**OCT 24 Funeral Mass** 10:00AM - 11:00AM  
Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist  
515 Cathedral St., Lafayette, LA, US, 70501

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Martin & Castille Funeral Home** - October 23, 2019 at 02:06 PM

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“ I was so sorry to hear about Miss Margot. She was such a special lady and played such a important role as a leader and mentor to myself and so many others in JCDA. Thanks for sharing her with us. Peace and prayers to you - Alia Kamel

**Alia Kamel** - December 04, 2019 at 09:06 PM

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“ To the family of Margot Millett  
I am a Catholic Daughter from New Orleans. I first met your mom in 1978 at the first State Catholic Daughter convention that I attended here in New Orleans. I really liked your mom very much. She was so out going and a lot of fun to be around. I will miss her. My condolences go out to all of her family. My she rest in peace.  
Sincerely  
Lodonia Michel.

**Lodonia Michel** - October 28, 2019 at 05:24 PM

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“ I was deeply saddened to read of Margot's demise. She was such a sweet, loving and giving person. She charmed all those who came into her contact. I thoroughly enjoyed getting to know Margot during her tenure as substitute teacher at S. J. Montgomery Elementary. My prayers are with your family during this difficult time. My sincere condolences - Dr. Sue A. Abshire

**Dr. Sue A. Abshire** - October 25, 2019 at 01:23 PM

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“ Ms. Margot was one of a kind! She was my friend through the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. She as always so positive and had good things to say about everyone. She was always happy and her joy spread throughout the room. She was so loved by not only the members of her court, but also by the Louisiana State Court and National Court. I can see her in Heaven now organizing a court up there. I will be praying for all of her friends and family!

Connie Dronette  
National Director  
Catholic Daughters of the Americas

connie dronette - October 23, 2019 at 03:04 PM

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“ We Love You, The Spence Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Margot Rios Millett.



We Love You, The Spence Family - October 23, 2019 at 02:45 PM

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“ 92 files added to the album LifeTributes



Martin & Castille Funeral Home - October 23, 2019 at 02:04 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Margot Rios Millett.



October 23, 2019 at 09:27 AM

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“ Dear Roxie & Family,

What a beautiful lady who lived a Christ centered life. I will be praying for the repose of her soul & the family who will miss her. Her light will shine brightly forever. God Bless.

Sincerely,  
Liz Webb Pavy  
(from dance days at Gerami's)

**Elizabeth Pavy** - October 23, 2019 at 09:24 AM

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“ Ms. Margot was such a blessing to our family during all our wonderful times in Krewe of Oberon! We always could count on her to lead the Napkin Dance at all our parties! Our son Brandon was Ms. Margot's dancing partner and oh how he loved to dance her around on the dance floor! She was such a genuine and loving lady like no other! She taught Claiborne and I Spanish lessons and boy did we have some fun! She will be greatly missed by us and all that came in contact with her! Heaven did just gain a true Angel!

Cindy Self

**Cindy Self** - October 22, 2019 at 02:57 PM

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“ Roxie and family: What a special angel heaven has gained! My heart is sad and I send my sincere condolences to all of your moms loving family. May God bless & comfort you at this difficult time. May she rest in peace with Jesus! Laura Gerami. I will never forget how she taught Austin (my son) learning tools through tutoring him! What a blessing!

Laura Gerami - October 22, 2019 at 06:00 AM

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“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Margot Rios Millett.



October 21, 2019 at 09:15 PM

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“ Our deepest sympathy goes out to all the family. Ms Margot was a wonderful woman, a great friend and always had a smile on her face. She will be missed. Jane Naomi, Margie Broussard, Brad Menard and Tina Menard

Tina Menard - October 21, 2019 at 09:08 PM



“ I met Margo in 1999 when she contacted my husband and I to offer her prayers and support for his candidacy for Clerk of Court. At that time, she urged me to join Court 1613 Catholic Daughters and when my daughter Annie was in middle school Margo encouraged me to bring her to meetings. Margo's mentor ship of Annie instilled in her a deep love for the unity, faith and charity work. Margo never had a bad thing to say and was driven by her love of family and faith. Annie and I feel blessed to have kissed, touched and prayed over Margot in her last days. We will remember you forever Margo. You touched our lives in such a positive way. May perpetual light shine upon you. We will miss the beautiful tributes you gave at the wakes of so many of our deceased sisters in Christ. May your tribute be as beautiful.

cheryl broussard perret - October 21, 2019 at 11:41 PM

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“ I remember with a smile the time I met up with Ms Margot at St Patrick Cathedral in NYC. She was so sweet and charming. She was such a lovely person!!

Jane McCartney - October 21, 2019 at 07:41 PM



“ A precious child of God who always wanted others to know how much they are loved, Mrs. Margot was always asking about “My Queens”...her Queens. She loved every child she met and wanted the absolute best for each one. During the two years that I served as President on the board of directors for The Krewe of Oberon, she and I had many conversations that lasted hours long and though we debated much, I learned so much from her in many matters of protocol and parliamentary procedures as well as great history on many subjects. She brought so much joy to my life. I am beyond joyful in knowing she is with her maker who she loved absolutely. She is sure to be dancing and singing with all of heaven! What a glorious eternal peace for this amazing woman. My deepest condolences to each of you.

**Angie Young** - October 21, 2019 at 05:03 PM

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“ Ms. Margot was a devout Catholic and generous mentor and friend. She was a beacon in our community and Catholic Daughters group. She always had a smile on her face. I will remember our French and Spanish lessons together. She will be very missed. I am grateful to have known her. Everyone should aspire to be like Margot.

**Annie Perret** - October 21, 2019 at 04:59 PM



“ Our heartfelt sympathy to Margot’s family. A pillar of knowledge, Margot is remembered by our court, Notre Dame de la Paix 2316 in Vacherie, for her many contributions of advice and expertise during the Louisiana State Convention business meetings each year. - - Vice Regent, Karen Savoie

**Karen Savoie** - October 22, 2019 at 09:30 PM