



## Margaret Francis Fritz

May 22, 1958 - November 22, 2020

Sheffield, IL - Margaret F. Fritz was born May 22, 1958, to Harriett G. Eitel (Curran) and Loyd E. Eitel, Capt, USAF in Cambridgeshire, Melbourne, United Kingdom.

Margaret was a loving wife, mother, daughter, sister, companion, counsel, scout leader, and who loved helping others. She was always thoughtful of others, and loved children. Margaret's life consisted of being a day care teacher, homemaker, and programs/events coordinator for employment and volunteering. The raising her children gave her the most joy. Also, caring for the family while her husband on many deployments, she was the family matriarch.

Her younger years she grew up as a military dependent, traveled around the US and got to see much of the country, in her early years. As the youngest sibling of her family, she was used to hand me downs and was her Mother's pride and joy. She finally settled with several siblings, in Santa Maria, CA. Her brothers and sister, looked out for their youngest and stubborn sister. Being a true and fiery redhead, she was often direct. She attended catholic school growing up, and finally graduated from Santa Maria High school. Margaret continued her studies at the Santa Maria Community College completing requirements for a Degree in Early Childhood Development. She was passionate in caring for her own and other children. During and after school,

she worked part-time with her mother for a local medical office.

Margaret had her first child Christopher L. Fritz on April 10, 1981. She had met the love of her life, Chester L. Fritz, SSGT, USAF a year earlier and the two were married on April 21st, 1981, in Santa Maria.

From this point, her life changed dramatically. Presented with more traveling now, as the wife of an active duty airman, she was very happy. Her family grew when she gave birth to her second child, Joshua L. Fritz, on March 28, 1986, while living in Oklahoma City, OK. It was there, she became active in her sons' lives as leader in the Boy Scouts. While in scouting she became Den Leader for the boys Cub Scout pack, Webelos Leader, Assistance Scoutmaster, Assistant District Day Camp director, and finally completed the National Scouting Camp Director Certification. She was awarded several honors and was very proud of the work she did in the Scouting Program.

From Oklahoma, Margaret and family ended up in Anchorage, Alaska, where she got to see many sites and experience the great outdoors. She disliked the cold weather, snow, and the trip's travel on a ferry through the inside passage to/from Bellingham, WA. Fearing the open water and cramped quarters, she endured the event as a hero, for her family. Also, in Anchorage, Margaret worked at the Elmendorf AFB Child Care Center, which she energized and was compassionate. One activity she enjoyed during this time was coordinating to support, setting up for the Annual Children's Christmas party, dressing up as a Santa's Helper Elf.

It was from there, Margaret led the family on the next chapter in her life, finally settling down in Sheffield, IL, where she lived until her passing. Margaret, not being from a rural farming community and used to adventure and traveling, after 20+ years, her dream was of moving back to Oklahoma to be with her many family and friends.

Margaret is survived by her loving husband of 39.5 years Chester Fritz of Sheffield, IL; One son, Christopher (Heather Burton) Fritz of Tiskilwa, IL; two grandson's: Dakota J. Fritz (IL) and Sawyer Belleville (AZ), Three siblings; Regina Brown (OK), Joe Eitel (CA), Loyd Eitel (CA); Eight Nieces and Nephews; Patrick Patterson, Ashley Carranzas (Husband Luke), Jordan Eitel, Tom Eitel, John Eitel, David Eitel, Ann Marie (Eitel) Harris (Husband Larry), Reann Emblem (Husband Olaf) ; Eight great Nieces and Nephews.

In this adventure of her life, she is preceded in death by her son Joshua L. who passed away on May 14, 2020, Sister Juliann Thomas, Nephew Michael Patterson, mother and father Harriett and Loyd Eitel, Mother in Law, Viola L. Johnson.

In lieu of Flowers or Donations, may be directed to Margaret's designated Charities in her name; T.A.P.S – Tragedy Assistance Program for survivors or Wounded Warrior Project.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments on Friday, December 11, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. officiated by Pastor Laura Root-Tanner. This service will be live streamed due to the current restrictions due to Covid. Please join our private Facebook group prior to services. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Norbergmemorialhomememorialservicegroup>

Online memorials and condolences may be left at [www.norbergfh.com](http://www.norbergfh.com)

Arrangements by Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

DEC 11. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Norberg Memorial Home, Inc.  
701 E. Thompson Street  
Princeton, IL 61356

# Tribute Wall

SF

“ My prayers and condolences are with her husband and her family. She will be missed but never forgotten. May God be with the family and keep them close and safe.

Sylvia D. Fritz - December 13, 2020 at 07:47 PM

JG

“ I would like to express my sincere condolences to the Fritz family on the passing of their beloved Margaret.

Jon Ganues - December 04, 2020 at 11:00 AM

CF

“ 5 files added to the album Memories Album



Chester L Fritz - December 03, 2020 at 05:47 PM

DA

“ Chester and family - I was so sorry to hear of your loss of Margaret. My heart goes out to you and your family. I'm so saddened by your losses this year. Please know the Ace family is here for you if you need us. Deanna Arndt

Deanna Arndt - December 01, 2020 at 08:47 PM

JA

“ *Jane lit a candle in memory of Margaret Francis Fritz*



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**Jane** - November 28, 2020 at 02:21 PM

BF

“ *Bella Fritz lit a candle in memory of Margaret Francis Fritz*



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**Bella Fritz** - November 28, 2020 at 01:16 PM

RB

“ *I will miss you sister, as the oldest I have many memories of our live together and you will be missed, but never out of our thoughts.*  
*Lover Regina*

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**Regina Brown** - November 27, 2020 at 08:39 AM