



Margie S. Dechant

April 6, 1940 - October 20, 2015

Margie Stewart Dechant, 75, of Corsica, passed away on October 20, 2015 at her home following a short illness.

Born on April 6, 1940, in Kittanning; the daughter of the late Neil and Lois Mechling Hill.

Margie met the love of her life, Richard Dechant, on April 19, 1985. They lived happily together for 17 years before marrying on April 19, 2002.

She founded Stewart Laboratories in 1976, and it was the first coal laboratory in Pennsylvania certified as a woman- owned business. While Margie was managing Stewart Laboratories, for many years, she was also a member of the Private Industry Council. Her son, Lee Stewart, now owns and operates the business, which continues to be successful today. Margie's employees, many of whom have been with the lab for decades and continue to work under Lee, were very important to her and were like her second family.

Two of Margie's favorite hobbies were antiquing and playing bridge. Her passion for antiques led her into her business of collecting and selling them, and she was a dealer in the Clarion Antique Mall for over 20 years. She loved to spend hours finding special items for her customers and friends. Bridge also became one of the most important aspects of Margie's life. In recent years, she could often be found sitting at a back table in Michelle's café playing and laughing with her friends. The game allowed her to meet some incredible people, who became some of her best friends. Another important part of Margie's personal life were the many weekends that she and Richard

spent going out to eat and socializing with good friends.

Margie is survived by her loving husband, Richard, her loving son, Lee and his wife Pam of Strattanville, grandson, Anthony Stewart of Pittsburgh, a sister, Cindy Schill and husband Joe and their daughter Margie of Shippenville, Cindy's son, Barry Lee and his wife Gretta and their three children of Snyderburg, One brother, Calvin and his daughters, Meredith Brill and husband Downey and Miranda Malarik and husband Shawn all of Pittsburgh, a step daughter, Kristi Gillung, a step great grandson, Calin Carberry both of Brookville, and a step grandson, Matt Moore of Curwensville, and her mother-in-law, Louise Dechant of Clarion.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister-in-law, Mary Louise Hill, and her father-in-law, Raymond Dechant.

Margie was joyed to have love, support, and devotion of her son Lee, her grandson, Anthony, her three nieces, Meredith, Miranda, and Margie, and her nephew, Barry Lee, who all held a special place in her heart. Family and friends were hugely important in her life. A special thank you to her daughter-in-law, Pam for all of the extra tender love and care.

Family will receive friends from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 pm Friday, October 23, 2015 at the Robert V. Burns Funeral Home in Clarion and also from 10- 11 am Saturday in the Funeral Home with Funeral Services at 11 am with the Rev. Dr. David R. Skinner, friend of the family presiding.

Interment will follow in the Clarion Cemetery.

Memorials and donations can be made to Safe, P.O. Box 108, Clarion, PA 16214 or Clarion Forest VNA, 271 T-790, Clarion, PA 16214.

Tribute Wall

LS

“ So sorry Richard. We had a wonderful time talking to her and your Mom this summer. Lots and lots of great memories!!!

Larry & Bonnie Shearer - October 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CV

“ I was shocked and saddened to hear of Margie's passing. I will miss seeing her on her walks and often times her stopping along the way to chat.

Our condolences to the family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Charlie and Rita Ventura - October 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TY

“ We would like to express our deepest sympathy in the death of Margie. We would like to extend our thoughts and prayers to her family and relatives.

Tom & Cindy Yount - October 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ As Margie continues her journey, now back to Source, everyone will mourn the physical loss of her presence, but none of us will ever be without the beautiful energy we were blessed to experience through her. I know you will feel the ragged edges of your heart for long, but soon the lovely memories will help to smooth some of the sharpness. And the loving care of others, the monumental tenderness of her compassion will come to you and help to ease your loss in return. You will always feel her love, and soon it will help lessen the grief.
She will be missed by the many lives she touched.
With love 'n' light
Karen

Karen Dupree - October 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Margie's family. She is one of the most wonderful women we have ever known. Her sweet disposition, caring heart and her kind outspoken opinion was a breath of fresh air. She is loved and remembered by all who knew her. She was beautiful inside and out.

Ron and Carol Harris - October 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ We were saddened to hear of Margie's passing. We met her over 15 years ago while we watched our daughter, Kelsey and her niece, Margie go through beginner's dance class together. She was a kind, funny, and wonderful woman to talk to. We just bumped into her at Cricket Inn not too long ago and enjoyed catching up with one another. Her spunk and charm will indeed be missed. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to her family.

Kathi & David Fagan - October 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ We are very saddened to hear of Margie's passing. Even though we all did not see each other often, when we did it was like no time had passed. I know I don't need to tell you what a remarkable women she was. I will miss her kindness, smile and laugh. May God grant you comfort and peace at this difficult time. She will remain forever in our hearts. Love to you all.

Carol Hickman - October 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Richard, Lee & Family:*
It is with great sorrow that I discovered this sad news. Your wife and mother was one of a kind and truly wonderful person whose friendship I cherished since the early 1970's. Thank God I was able to visit your home and re-establish our friend this summer. God bless your family. God has certainly gained one of the true Angels in life on earth. Margie, I will miss you very much.

D. M. "Bud" Bender - October 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ Margie has left an indelible mark on my heart and mind. She may be physically gone but her spirit and influence will live on. I guarantee you that at bridge a day will not go by when one or more of us will say, " You can't do that! Margie taught us to... " Then we will all laugh just like we did with her.
I am fortunate that Margie passed my way and touched my life. ❤️

Evie Balla - October 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ I know you are all well aware of this, but I will add my voice to the multitudes that have already told you what a magnificent woman Margie was. I visiting with her, seeing her beautiful smile, and feeling her energy. She was a truly classy lady, and I will miss her very much. Please let me know if you need anything. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Sue Schmader - October 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Richard Lee Calvin Cindy and family.. Sending so much love to all of you. I loved Margie like a sister so many laughs and good times so many wonderful memories of and with all of you. She will always hold a very special place in my heart as will you all. May knowing she is not in pain give you comfort and may all your wonderful memories wrap themselves around you like a hug from her. Missing and loving you all.. Steve

Steve Rugh - October 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM