



Margit (Margaret) Hamilton, dedicated wife and loving mother of three children, went to be with her beloved Lord and Savior on December 20, 2020, surrounded by several of her loved ones. “Oma,” as she was called by those who knew her best, lived two days shy of her 91st birthday.

Margit was born in Denmark to parents whose work in cattle genetics brought the family farm and Hvirvelkær name to prominence with the Danish crown, even earning medals from the Danish King. Witnessing such service to others would come to be one of the defining qualities of her life. When the German army invaded her country during WW II, she was encouraged to join the local chapter of the Hitler Youth. Instead, she helped hide (usually bury) silver and other valuables so they wouldn’t be taken from the City of Aarhus. After the war she traveled widely with her father and learned to speak five languages. She took to traveling on her own, later taking a position as a governess in London. After this Margit attended university, earning a baccalaureate degree in dietetics. She then served as a LT in the Danish Army under the auspices of the UN during the Hungarian Revolution, supervising the formation and operation of food kitchens for 3000 refugees; she was so successful she became a published author, having been invited to write an article for a prominent dietetics journal on her experience and techniques for successfully serving massive numbers of people on very limited resources.

Following her war relief efforts Margit pursued graduate studies at Ohio State University as the first Dane to ever be invited to the US on such a scholarship. After completing her graduate studies she moved to Washington, DC, for work. While there she met a tall, dark, handsome young man (as she would often describe him), Mark Hamilton, who would become the love of her life. On June 14th, 1959, the couple was married in Brooklyn, NY, where they settled for work for several years. She worked fulltime as a dietician for the next four years until the birth of their first son. Ever dedicated to giving of herself, Margit became a fulltime mother and homemaker who emphasized the importance of family, religion, and education. The couple brought two more children into the world, first another boy, and then their only daughter. Margit set herself to raising the children in a happy, vital home and everywhere the family settled hers was the home that all the local kids came to “hang out” in. The family finally settled in San Antonio in 1976 and she remained in the same house for 43 years; she then moved in with the caring, nurturing family of her youngest son.

Following Mark’s passing on January 7, 1987, Margit spent her time alternately helping her two youngest children mature to adulthood, enjoying her children’s accomplishments (all three served in the

US Military like their father), hosting family from abroad, and occasionally traveling. Our beloved Oma deeply loved her children's families, and especially enjoyed traveling back to her "old country" as she put it to see beloved friends and family in Denmark. Margit was preceded in death by her husband, mother, father, and older and younger brothers. She is survived by her eldest son, Ian Hamilton (Mandy; daughters Danielle and Tory, son Logan), younger son, Noel Hamilton (Edie; daughters Rachel Munroe (Chris; son Max), Meredith, Bridgitte, Clare, Alannah), and daughter, Nicole Putnam (Flint; son Jackson). She is further survived by her nieces in Denmark, whom she adored: Mary Ann Brunetti (Luciano; daughters Patrizia and Lucrezia) and Renata (Niels, deceased; daughters Anna and Jessica).

Our Oma had a way of making every child that met her – whatever their age – feel like they were the most important person in the room, that she was their champion who dearly loved them. She was easy to love, and loved easily – every child or young adult who met her became her son or daughter. She was a faithful servant of God who will be sorely missed by many.

A rosary vigil will be held at Good Shepherd Catholic Church (1605 E. Live Oak Rd., Schertz, TX 78154) at 7PM on January 7th, 2021. The funeral will be held the next morning at 11:30 AM at the same location. The interment will occur on Monday, January 11th, at 10AM in Shelter #1, Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery (1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd., San Antonio, TX 78209).

