



Margaret Louise Wren

July 21, 1919 - September 22, 2010

Margaret Louise Wren, 91, formerly of Murphysboro, passed away in Oklahoma City, OK, on September 22, 2010, of congestive heart failure.

All three of her children were with her and were there when the University of Oklahoma claimed her body as she had donated it to the University of Oklahoma Willied Body Program for medical research.

A memorial service will be held in Oklahoma City when her cremains are returned to the family. She will be buried in Resurrection Memorial Catholic Cemetery in Oklahoma City.

Memorials may be made to the Arthritis Foundation or St. Andrew's Catholic School.

Margaret was born July 21, 1919 to John and Anna Halpin in Murphysboro.

She was one of seven children who attended St. Andrew's Catholic School in Murphysboro. She graduated from Murphysboro Township High School and then attended and graduated from DePaul Hospital School of Nursing in St. Louis, MO as a registered nurse and returned to Murphysboro to work at St. Andrew's Hospital. Three years later, Margaret was appointed an Ensign in the U. S. Navy Nurses Corps during World War II. An article in the Southern

Illinoisan commented that she was "the first local girl accepted by the Navy Nurses Corp." She was stationed at the Naval Hospital in San Diego, CA.

When Margaret returned to Southern Illinois, she accepted a position at Southern Illinois University Health Service where she was employed for 35 years. Margaret moved to Oklahoma City to be near her daughters in 2004.

Mrs. Wren was a member of the DePaul Alumni Association, St. Andrew's Altar Society, and St. Joseph's Hospital Auxiliary.

Margaret leaves behind three children: Jennifer Wren Weinland and Sally Shipley Caldron, both of Oklahoma City, OK, and Christopher Wren of Houston, TX; seven grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

Tribute Wall



“ *Margaret Louise Wren*

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