

Maggie was born Margaret Ann Jackalone, September 13, 1945 in Rockford Memorial Hospital, Rockford Illinois, the first child born to parents James Vincent and Anne Marie Jackalone (Giacolone in Sicily). Her parents later wrote in her "Babies First Years" book, Marjorie and therefore she was called Margie. She did maintain the official name of Margaret Ann. Maggie always told me she was great in math, but the truth is that her math grades weren't just C's and B's, except for Spanish she excelled in rest of her classes. She spent 1.5 years at the University of Illinois (1964-66). I would have had problems picking her out of the many youthful pictures in her scrapbook because she looked quite different, except for that famous Maggie smile that would light up a room.

Maggie's early jobs ranged from babysitting to grocery checkout girl (where she was loved by customers, who would wait in line for her even when other registers were empty). After some Rockford business school classes (that included accounting) she worked in a lawyer's office. During that time Maggie had somewhat of a wild life according to her. Then Maggie and her best friend Janie Jones decided to move to California, Maggie had met relatives there during a family road trip that included Modesto. Those relatives were very close to the Gallo's. At some point during this time she decided to be called "Maggie". 1973- new location, new name, new life in San Diego.

Maggie and I were both working at Maxwell Laboratories when we met in 1974. The apartment where Maggie first lived was about a block away from my mother's Pacific Beach house. Out of necessity I had bought a house in Clairemont (San Diego), had no money for food, but had a house. After some exciting dates, including a Santana concert, a little hanky-panky, a visit by her father and several months of courting, I asked Maggie to move in. This prompted a letter from her father basically kicking her out of the family. He didn't think I would marry Maggie after she lived with me. It was LOVE and he was sooo wrong.

Maggie and I were married on July 19th, 1975 at St. Brigid's Catholic Church in Pacific Beach (San Diego); with the Reception at the La Mesa American

Legion Hall. A shoestring budget wedding, the silver and turquoise rings were bought in Mexico for a total of \$18. My brother cooked most of the food, Maggie with her natural ability to make friends got a good band at a low cost (a friend's brother, I think).

After working her way up in the Maxwell accounting department, I dragged her to Los Angeles in 1978 & bought a new home. I was asked to come back to Maxwell in 1979, we were happy to be back and bought our present home in Poway at 13% interest. Maggie worked for the San Diego County Employees Association from 1980 until 1989 becoming the Supervisor of Finance. She was one of the last officers to leave following a clandestine takeover by SEIU. After a few years of short time jobs as a full charge bookkeeper, Maggie went to work for Environmental Business Solutions (EBS) (1994 to 2003) becoming the Accounting Manager. While she was there, EBS landed the contract of a lifetime, working on the Ballpark for the City and Padres. Maggie took over as the project accountant, made sure that the millions in dollars of invoices were correct and on time and responded when the project was audited. Maggie was replaced after EBS was purchased by SCS Engineers.

Maggie's weight issues made it difficult to find work so she decided to lose weight by going to the gym regularly and joining Weight Watchers, by 2007 she reclaimed her life by had losing 160 lbs. During that time Maggie kept herself busy by spending more time on her hobbies like knitting & making jewelry that she would sell at craft shows and scrapbooking. Then formally retired in 2007 at 62. To keep her mind active Maggie became an integral part at the Poway Senior Center's volunteer-run Bingo program for 10 years. Maggie was a patriot and in 2010 she started her local

political group the Liberty Tree Patriots, later joined COGG and the Rancho Bernardo Republican Women Federated were she served as Treasurer and 1st VP Programs. And at the same time period Maggie became involved with the Election Integrity Project.

Hopefully there will be lasting memories of Maggie's smile, her laugh, generosity, friendships, hard work, creativity, dependability, dedication, bravery and of course her patriotism.



Maggie's Last Hurrah



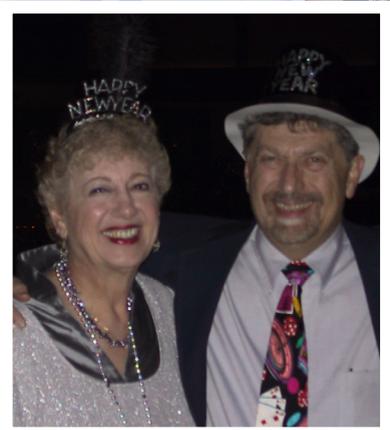
In Loving & Fond Memory of

Margaret Cooper

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The Constitution only gives people the right to pursue happiness. You have to catch it yourself.
~ Ben Franklin



The future doesn't belong to the fainthearted; it belongs to the brave.
~ Ronald Reagan

