

A Tribute to Margaret



I was fortunate to have met Margaret over 20 years ago. She had her way of leaving a lasting impression on you... Margaret's determination and quest to be "in the know" was pretty impressive, reading the paper everyday to see who had passed away or gotten married in Great Bend held quite a bit of importance. Anyone that knew Margaret will hold many fond memories of her... Yesterday, I was reminded of Margaret's job application for being my administrative assistant, and looking back, I am not so sure that with just a little bit of help, Margaret could have "run the world", or at least her chunk of it.



Margaret loved being at the ranch, riding horses was something she enjoyed until just the past couple of years...her room was filled with pictures taken at the rodeo and ribbons she had won, she was so proud of them. She enjoyed working...where ever she was...whether it was shredding papers and documents at work, or washing dishes after a church dinner, you could always count on her to be there doing her best.

Almost nineteen years ago when we started Rosewood, Margaret and her sister became two of our first clients, I had the privilege of being trusted by them enough to earn the chance to serve them, and now all these years later, it is difficult to see that chapter come to a close. The memories which were made will last a lifetime for me...and hopefully the story of Margarets life can serve as a lesson of hope and encouragement to many others as well...

Margaret, like most of us, was born with some disabilities...only hers were so complex that her parents were told she probably would not live past childhood... But today, as we honor her 73 years of life, we know without a doubt that Margaret chose to live the life she could, by focusing on her abilities rather than her disabilities... Her life is a reminder that finding a way to help where you can is always good...that winning ribbons for doing things you enjoy is worthwhile...that beating the odds is possible.



Margaret, thanks for sharing part of that life with us.

~ Tammy Hammond