



## Mrs. Margaret Emerson Foorman

April 22, 1949 - September 14, 2020

Rye, New Hampshire – Margaret Emerson Foorman died peacefully in her sleep on September 14, 2020 at the age of 71 after a long illness.

Margaret was born on April 22, 1949, in Laconia, New Hampshire. She grew up in Somersworth, New Hampshire and Auburn, Maine. She received a BA from Manhattanville College in 1971 and an MSLS from the University of Southern California in 1972. In 1986 she received a Diploma in Archaeology from the Institute of Archaeology at the University of London, England.

Over the years she and her husband, Jim, lived in a variety of places, Los Angeles, Chicago, the Republic of Panama and London. They relocated to Kennebunk, Maine from Winnetka, Illinois in 2019.

Margaret was a Life Member of the Advisory Council of the Oriental Institute at the University of Chicago, as well as a long-time docent at it's museum. She also ran a library there for docents and volunteers, which was recently named for her.

Margaret also was a devoted and active member of The Fortnightly of Chicago, and the Colonial Dames of America.

Margaret is survived by her husband, Jim Foorman, her sister, Elizabeth Bradley, and her brothers, Leslie Emerson, John Emerson, and James Emerson as well as many nieces and nephews. Margaret's and Jim's son, Thomas Emerson Foorman preceded her in death.

In lieu of flowers, donations in honor of Margaret may be sent to The Oriental Institute, Development Office 1155 East 58th Street, Chicago, IL 60637.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions services will be private.

# Comments

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“ I share my wish for peace and healing for Jim and all members of Margaret's family and close friends. I am forever indebted to her for sharing her sheer joy in archaeology, her curiosity of cultures past, with me and many of us. My best memory of her will always be leading me through the halls of the Oriental Institute, which were made more expansive through the infectiousness of her appreciation for it all. She was a force of intellect, grace, and humor and I am privileged to have known her even a bit.

In her memory,  
Erin

**erin baker** - September 21, 2020 at 05:38 PM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you go through the pain of losing a loved one. Sincere condolences to the Emerson & Foorman families.  
With love from: The Beauregard & Frankie families.

**Angelique Frankie** - September 18, 2020 at 05:21 PM

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“ Our deepest sympathy to the Foorman/Emerson families!!  
What a lovely lady!! The world is a sadder place today!!  
Love to all of you!  
Jim and Pandora Lawler

**Pandora Lawler** - September 14, 2020 at 06:10 PM

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**Funeral Staff** - September 14, 2020 at 05:02 PM