



## Margaret E. Goodwin

October 5, 1956 - October 9, 2021

Margaret Elizabeth (Watrous) Goodwin, age 65, of Keansburg, NJ, passed away peacefully on October 9, 2021, at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick, NJ, with her family by her side. She was born in New Brunswick and lived in the Cliffwood Beach section of Aberdeen, NJ, for 25 years before moving to Keansburg in 2005.

Margaret worked for Pathmark Stores for ten years before becoming a full-time homemaker. In addition to being a devoted wife and mother, she enjoyed crafting and doll collecting. Margaret was also a talented artist who expressed herself through pencil drawings and nail art. She loved country and rock music, especially Fleetwood Mac. Her favorite activity was spending time with her family revisiting memories of the past, as well as making new ones. She loved boxer dogs and adopted six of them over the years.

Margaret was a brilliant and intuitive woman. She extensively researched her family genealogy. As a feminist, she encouraged civic engagement and political participation among the women of her family. No one could ignore Margaret's presence in a room because her laughter was contagious. Her family will greatly miss her sparkling outfits and beautiful artwork.

Margaret is survived by her two sons, Craig Goodwin-Ortiz de Leon and his husband, Arturo, of Queens, NY, and David A. Goodwin of Keansburg; her stepdaughter, Dennise Romano (the Thelma to her Louise!) and her husband Anthony of Robbinsville, NJ; two grandchildren, Anthony Jr. and Katie; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews. She was preceded in death by her

parents, George W. and Ida M. Watrous; her husband of 36 years, Craig D. Goodwin, Sr.; her brothers, George W. Watrous, Robert A. Beran, and Theodore L. Watrous; her sister, Alberta Bryson, and her recent companion, Henry McCawley.

Visitation will be held at Laurel Funeral Home, 201 Laurel Ave., Hazlet, NJ, from 5 pm – 8 pm on Monday, October 18, and a funeral service will be held on Tuesday, October 19, at 10 am at the funeral home with interment to immediately follow at Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veteran's Memorial Cemetery in Wrightstown, NJ.

The family asks that, due to cemetery restrictions, instead of flowers, please donate to New Jersey Boxer Rescue (<https://njboxerrescue.com/>) in Margaret's memory. Additionally, the family requests that all those who attend the visitation and services wear masks at all times, whether vaccinated or not.

# Cemetery Details

## Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery

Provinceline Rd.  
Wrightstown, NJ 08562

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 18. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Laurel Funeral Home  
201 Laurel Avenue  
West Keansburg, NJ 07734

## Funeral gathering

OCT 19. 10:00 AM (ET)

Laurel Funeral Home  
201 Laurel Avenue  
West Keansburg, NJ 07734

## Service

OCT 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

Laurel Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ My heart goes out to you Craig and David. I will always remember your Mother as a wonderful, compassionate and loving friend. As teenagers, we were avid pen pals writing letters to each other weekly. Texting was not in the world yet. We stayed connected all these years and it was because we were kindred spirits. I have all the photos she sent to me when you were babies, then little boys. I know how much the loss of your Father hurt her, so I am glad she found happiness with Henry. Just remember those we love deeply always remain with us. You both have a beautiful angel on your shoulder forevermore. Until you meet again, live your life and be happy. She wants this for you.



Janet Wells - October 18, 2021 at 12:31 PM



Dear Janet,

This was such a beautiful tribute to my amazing mother. I am so thankful that she had such a devoted friend like you.

Best,  
Craig Jr.

Craig Goodwin-Ortiz - October 08, 2022 at 04:25 PM



“ I know your life was difficult at times. I'm glad you were so happy in your final years and that we could be with you as you transitioned from this life. I love you always. Your son, Craig Jr.



Craig Goodwin-Ortiz - October 14, 2021 at 01:35 PM

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“ My deepest Sympathy to all of you. May you find comfort in the precious memories you and your mother shared and knowing her loving bond you had will live on forever within you. As time goes on it will get easier, but you will always remember. Remember the good times. God bless all of you Chris

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**Christine Armhold** - October 13, 2021 at 06:09 PM

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**Christine Armhold** - October 13, 2021 at 05:58 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Margaret E. Goodwin.



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October 12, 2021 at 06:52 PM



“ Still difficult to digest. You left me with so many good memories that I am grateful for, The Watrous kids have been blessed with good women, and you are right up there with My Grandmother and Mother . Family meant everything to you and our tears today are proof of that. You always bragged of having a elephants memory and you sure did. I will miss you and will speak of you often. I am so glad unlike my Mother you weren't scared of the camera, so many good video's your kids have already shared and so many pictures thank you for that. Until we meet again.



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**George Manning** - October 12, 2021 at 05:03 PM

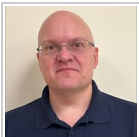


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**Craig Goodwin-Ortiz** - October 12, 2021 at 02:23 PM



“ I will never understand how this could have happened to you. I miss you so much already. You always wanted the best for us and we were so glad that you found such happiness the last few years. May God grant you peace and rest in his eternal light. I love you forever and will see you in Heaven.



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**Craig Goodwin-Ortiz** - October 12, 2021 at 01:50 PM