Della Margarite “Margie” Reynolds

November 6, 1922 – September 9, 2005



Della Margarite Reynolds died quietly Friday, September 9, 2005 of complications from Alzheimers. Graveside services held at 10:00 A.M. Saturday, September 17, 2005 at the Mountain View Cemetery, San Bernardino with Bobbitt Memorial Chapel in charge of arrangements. Please send donations to Sioux Falls School for the Deaf.

She born November 6, 1922 at home in Trail City, South Dakota to Marie Olive Stayton McDaniel and William Edgar McDaniel. Margie's mother and family built the first church in Dupree, South Dakota which is still holding services today.

At age three, Margie was diagnosed as being deaf and was schooled by her mother until she was able to attend a school for the deaf in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Eventually, she was able to attend regular school and participated in the school band drill team and gymnastics; and in 1941 was graduated from the Eagle Butte High School. Despite her handicap, Margie played piano and the organ. She loved tap dancing and often performed with her father's band, a nearby competitor of Lawrence Welk's band in South Dakota.

In October of 1943, she married Cadet Delbert Miller also from South Dakota. Soon after the wedding, Miller became a bombardier, was captured by the Japanese and was presumed dead. Margie moved to San Bernardino to be with her parents and gave birth to her first child. Miller luckily survived, but after a brief reconciliation, they were divorced in 1946. In May of 1947, she married Ronald Reynolds with whom she had two children; they divorced in 1975. In 1958, Margie was chosen to receive her very first hearing aid among other prizes from the popular TV show, "Queen For A Day". Her name had been submitted to the show by her many friends in San Bernardino. Along with her mother, Marie McDaniel, Margie was a member in long standing as well as a deacon of the First Presbyterian Church on "D" Street in San Bernardino. Some of her most cherished moments were spent in service to the church.

She is survived by her three children, Warren Miller of Indio; Leslie Landon Roberts of Scottsdale, Arizona; Frank Reynolds of Florida; and two grandsons, Christopher Landon and Cameron Landon, both of Scottsdale. Arrangements by: BOBBITT MEMORIAL