



## Marguerite Messick Courtright

September 13, 2011

Marguerite Parker Messick Courtright, 65, of Woodstock, died Monday September 12, 2011, peacefully at home after a nine year battle with breast cancer. Meg was born and grew up in Garden City, NY, the daughter of the late Laurance C. and Augusta P. Messick. She lived briefly in Tallahassee, FL and Camp Hill, Pa before moving to Virginia in 1980. In 1993 she moved to Woodstock, where she has since resided. Meg is survived by her husband Lance Courtright; son Richard V. Tearle Jr. of Warrenton, Va; son David L. Tearle, his wife Gretchen Tearle of Bellevue, WA; daughter Deborah T. Racey and her children Kendra and Cameron Racey of Bremerton, WA; stepson Eric Courtright, his wife Christina, and their daughters Cecilia, Alexis and Molly of Bel Air, MD. She is also survived by her brother, Edward Rhodes Messick of Southport, NC and her sister, Ellen Messick Hollister of Kilmarnock, VA. She is survived by three nieces and two nephews: Margaret Elizabeth Hay of Bellefonte, PA; Laurance Clifton Messick II of Madison, NC; Cynthia Behrer Kawa of Plymouth, WI; Carolyn Augusta Prince of Minden, NV; Scott Behrer of Portland, OR. She is also survived by many grand nieces and grand nephews. She was preceded in death by sister, Laurel Messick Behrer. She was a member of the Woodstock Presbyterian Church and also had been active with St. Luke Lutheran Church, Woodstock Library and a quilting group at Woodstock United Methodist Church. Her Celebration of Life Service will be held at the Woodstock Presbyterian Church at 11 AM on Saturday, September 17th with Pastor Lisa Webb officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial

contributions may be made to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure, PO Box 650309, Dallas, TX 75265-0309; Blue Ridge Hospice, 333 West Cork St, Winchester, VA. 22601 or charity/church of your choice.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Kar Tearl lit a candle in memory of Marguerite Messick Courtright*



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**Kar Tearl** - April 22 at 02:04 PM

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“ *We were HS classmates who didn't know each other there but became friends through correspondence late in her life. 'Can't complain' was her yearbook quote in 1964. It defined her indomitable spirit and continuously positive outlook. She crafted a needlepoint of Ecc. 9:0 for me that reads, 'Whatever your hands find to do, do it with all your might!' ...and she did! Throughout and despite her personal trials she never stopped caring for others. Rest in peace my friend!*

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**Steve Vince** - October 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I've known Meg since we were students at Garden City Sr. High School. Meg always had a smile on her face and a kind word for everyone. She is truly an example of courage and positive thinking. Rest in peace dear friend.*

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**Karen Spurge** - September 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Lorie and I lived next door to Meg and Lance for 10 years. Meg and Lorie communicated regularly. Meg was very kind, loving and caring. Lorie and I will miss her dearly. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families, as I lost my mother the same way and can understand their grief. Meg is in a better place now. With our deepest sympathy, Love, Frank and Lorie

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**Frank Miroballi & Lorie Dodson** - September 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ It has been many years since Meg and I jumped rope together in High School. ...And I regret that we didn't find ourselves closer later in life. Meg was always full of fun and happiness. She was upbeat and cheerful even through all those years of suffering. I hope that Meg's family can find peace and comfort by focusing on the happy times that they had together with such a remarkable woman.

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**Lorna Litton** - September 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ Meg was a great fighter against cancer. Meg had a gift of crafts and making caps for the smallest babies at the hospital. Her spirit has life changing to her friends. REST IN PEACE, AND THERE IS NO MORE PAIN.

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**Cathy Edmonds** - September 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ I will always smile with the memories of Meg's enthusiasm as she planned her home decor, her tulips to plant, her baskets, and her quilting.....ever eager to share her life.

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**Pat Messick** - September 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ I spent 10 great years working with Meg. She was a super colleague. More importantly, she was a friend. I missed her when she moved to Woodstock, but I couldn't have been happier to see Lance come into her life. She is in a better place, but she will be missed.

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**Dick Alderson** - September 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ We loved Meg. She had a spirit that burned bravely. We will miss her but know she has a perfect body now & will greet each of us at the Pearly Gates. Rest In Peace Dear Meg

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**Donna & Ron Snover** - September 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ We will always think of Meg while we enjoy the company of Skipper the dog. She was so courageous when she gave him up to care for herself. When we were discouraged about his learning to live with our cats, she talked us through how to train him with a squirt bottle of water. We love Skipper and consider him a gift from Meg.

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**Carol Rogers** - September 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM