



## Margaret Kuchins Elm

February 13, 1919 - September 11, 2021

Margaret Kuchins Elm, age 102, was born on February 13, 1919 in Bessemer, Alabama. She passed away on September 11, 2021. She was predeceased by her mother, Margaret Lewis Kuchins, her father Charles R Kuchins, her husband James Wilmot Elm, and her adopted daughter Mildred (Millie) Elm Price. She is survived by her Son-In-Law, Gwin Price of McCalla, Alabama. Margaret's early education took place in her hometown of Bessemer, Alabama, but her high school graduation happened in Miami, Florida from Miss Harris School for Girls. She attended the University of Alabama but graduated from the University of Southern California with a degree in art and education. She later earned her Master's Degree in education from The University of Alabama.

She served in Bermuda as an American Red Cross aid during World War II, and spent most of her remaining career as a grade school teacher in Jefferson County, Alabama. She became an avid world traveler, and spent a lot of her retirement time living in California as well as her home in Bessemer.

She was a member of the First Church of Christ Scientist in Bessemer and Birmingham, Alabama, where she taught Sunday School and served as a reader. She was also an active supporter of the Trinity Episcopal Church of Bessemer and contributed to various worthy charities and organizations.

Margaret and her family would like to especially thank her multitude of caregivers, friends, and former students who have cared for, visited, and cheered her on during many years of enduring Parkinson's Disease,

Dementia, and other health problems. These individuals have helped to make her later years easier and have added an important enrichment to her long and well lived life.

All COVID19 precautions are requested.

# Tribute Wall

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“ My wife Simone and I met Margaret when she visited 13th Church of Christ, Scientist in Van Nuys, California. She was so friendly and out-going, and interesting to be around. She was a world traveller even at an advanced age, and we talked about her service with the Red Cross in the Bahamas during WWII, and about her trips to Viet Nam and to Easter Island. We know that she continues in God's loving care, and we cherish the memories we share with those who loved her. Eric and Simone Olsen, Winnetka, CA.

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**Galen Eric Olsen** - March 03, 2023 at 12:53 PM

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“ I remember "Miss Kuchins" so well from Vance Elementary School in Bessemer.  
Always smiling and the children just loved her. Patsy Horton Posey

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**Patsy Horton Posey** - September 14, 2021 at 06:44 AM

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“ Margaret Elm was my second grade teacher at West Hills Elementary School. She was my favorite teacher. We formed a sweet friendship that has lasted all these years. What an incredible, precious lady. I am going to miss our conversations and visits. I can see her beautiful, smiling face up there with Jesus. See you again when I get home dear friend. ❤️

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**Nancy Osbourn** - September 13, 2021 at 07:41 PM