

Margaret Adair Kruse - SUMMARY

Birth Date - June 1, 1921

Birthplace - Redding, Iowa

Father - Earl David Adair (1895-1973)

Mother - Mary Emma Bailey (1894-1975)

Spouse - Margaret Adair (1921-2002)

Children - Thomas, Linda, Richard, Nancy

Sisters - Dorothy (1922-2022), Alice,

Marjorie (1924-1924), Frances (1931-1931)

Brother - John 1(929-2022)


Marriage - August 31, 1946

Died - May 23, 2022 at North Riverside,
Illinois

Buried - May 28, 2092 at Abraham Lincoln
National Cemetery, Elwood, Illinois

Re-buried - July 31, 2018 with husband
Marvin Charles Kruse

Margaret's parents Earl and Mary were married June 10, 1920 in Clinton Township, Ringgold County, Iowa in the presence of Earl's brother Dewey D. Adair and Mary's cousin Marian P. Cartland.

<h1 style="text-align: center;">Certificate of Marriage</h1> 	
<p style="text-align: center;">STATE OF IOWA, POLK COUNTY</p>	
<p>THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that on the <u>10th</u></p>	
<p>day of <u>June</u> A. D., 19<u>20</u>, at <u>Des Moines</u></p>	
<p>in said County, according to and by authority of law, I duly</p>	
<h2 style="text-align: center;">Joined in Marriage</h2>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Earl D. Adair</u></p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">and</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Mary E. Baile</u></p>	
<p>Given under my hand the <u>10</u> day of <u>June</u></p>	
<p>A. D., 19<u>20</u>.</p>	
<p>In the presence of</p>	
<p><u>Dewey D. Adair</u></p> <p><u>Marian P. Cartland</u></p>	<p><u>Edward Pruitt</u></p> <p><u>M. E. Minister</u></p>



*Earl David Adair
Des Moines, Iowa 1920*



*Mary Emma Bailey
Des Moines, Iowa 1920*



Margaret Elaine Adair¹

Margaret was the first born of six children. Two of them Marjorie and Frances died young, each about 1 month old.

Dorothy was born December 27, 1922.

Alice was born January 11, 1926.

John was born March 19, 1929.



¹ Photographs of Margaret here: <https://flic.kr/s/aHsm4MndaQ>

STATE OF
IOWA

DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY OF
RINGGOLD

Certificate of Birth Registration

This is to Certify that
there is recorded in Book No. 5 Page No. 1
in the office of Ringgold County Clerk of District
Court, Mt. Ayr, Iowa, Record of Birth, as follows:

Name MARGARET ELAINE ADAIR Sex F
Born in Clinton Ringgold County, Iowa
On June 1, 1921
Name of Father Earl Davis Adair
Where Born Iowa
Maiden Name of Mother Mary Emma Bailey
Where Born Maine
Date of Filing or Entry 1921

In Witness Whereof: I have hereunto set my hand and affixed
the seal of said Court in my office in Mt. Ayr, Ringgold County,
Iowa, this 27 day of July A. D. 19 21

Wesley J. Osan
Clerk of the District Court
Ringgold County, Iowa

By.....

Deputy

Like most of our family, Earl and Mary celebrated their 50th Anniversary. Their event was at the Redding United Methodist Church, Redding.

Here is the book that was assembled.²

Earl was born in Redding, Iowa in Clinton Township on May 8, 1895.

Mary was born in Durham, Maine on June 7, 1894.

Earl Adair

Every **Federal Census 1910-1950** shows Earl in Clinton Township, Ringgold County, Iowa.

In his **U. S., World War I Draft Registration Card** (dated June 5, 1917) he claims exemption from draft "Need to Farm and care for family"

² <https://adair.family/blog/adair-miller/262-golden-anniversary-earl-mary-adair.html>

Mary Bailey Adair

The **Federal Census 1900** (taken on June 1, 1900) states she was living in Brunswick Township, Maine with her mother Ella and her uncle Frank. Her father died when she was 8 months old.

The **Federal Census 1910** (taken April 15, 1920) states she was living in the household of her uncle Frank Cartland, and his wife Mary, and their children Marian and Laurence in Saco, Maine.

The **Federal Census 1920** (taken on January 12, 1920) states she was living in Des Moines, Iowa with her mother, who, by then, had married Richard Marshall.

The **Federal Censuses 1930, 1940, and 1950** states she was living with husband Earl Adair in Clinton Township, Ringgold County, Iowa.

Here is a tribute to Mary written by her son John.

Mary Cartland Bailey Adair

June 7, 1894 - November 27, 1975

A Redding Iowa Quaker

Mary came to Redding Iowa as a teacher of Home Economics at the Redding High School in 1919. This where she met Earl.

At the end of the year she vowed that she would never come back to Redding and went to teach in Casey, Iowa. After a year of wooing she returned to spend their life together. Her famous saying, "Never say Never".

Mary was born in Lisbon Falls, Maine and the family religious relationship was with the Durham Meeting house of the Society of Friends. The Quaker group.

The Cartlands have a long history within the Quaker faith. Mary had another saying if you hadn't found an answer to a decision, "Let your conscience be your guide."

Education was the DNA of the Cartlands. Education has a universal power to eliminate biases, prejudices and accept that human being as being made in God's image.

Speaking to God directly anywhere was natural and teaching was important to their worthiness. Their word had a tone of gospel, an act of giving a transforming messages to others.

Mary was a perfect fit, never outwardly showing her faith but living it was her life pattern making her a touchstone for

others to come to her for working out what was the right thing to do in situations. Mary always felt that if you could discuss things together openly that a decision could be reached.

Here is an example of her teaching behavior. She was teaching Home Ec. to a group of boys. This day it was pie baking. Some of the boys were acting up. When the pies were finished they got to eat their pie, all except the ones that weren't behaving properly. After that, her class had no behavior problems. They learned that their actions do have consequences.

There are many words that describe Mary; Love, Harmony, Friendship and a trace of Free Spirit. A spirit that is not harnessed to an ideology or human differences, but guided by her conscience to determine the right thing to do.

This philosophy of the Quakers is well represented by their name.

The Society of Friends.

The Proviso Township Senior Citizen Club published an interview for the Melrose Park Herald, December 23, 1987. This is Margaret's story.

Margaret Kruse grew up on a farm in southern Iowa, not far from the Missouri border. There was no electricity or running water on the property the 66-year-old Melrose Park residents' parents owned.

"One Christmas at my school's party, my grab bag gift was both a live chicken and rooster. I took them home and they ruled the roost. I went with my family to church on Christmas Eve, where I got an apple and orange.

"My family had to do all the chores before we could come in and open our gifts. We used to get up around 4 or 4:30 a.m., but we cheated on Christmas Day and got up around 5 a.m. My sister and I would run into the living room and peek under the tree to see where our packages were and then went out to do our chores.

"My job was milking the cows, and I would bundle up and go to the barn with a lantern and milk as many as 10 cows before coming into the house. I'd do it about 45 minutes to one hour, which was much faster than usual. My sister would hand turn the separator, a machine that would separate the milk from the cream. Then we had a big breakfast - sorghum and biscuits and gravy - and then went into the living room and opened our gifts."



She went to grade school and high school in Redding. Her early years include artistry, spelling, sports, and actress.

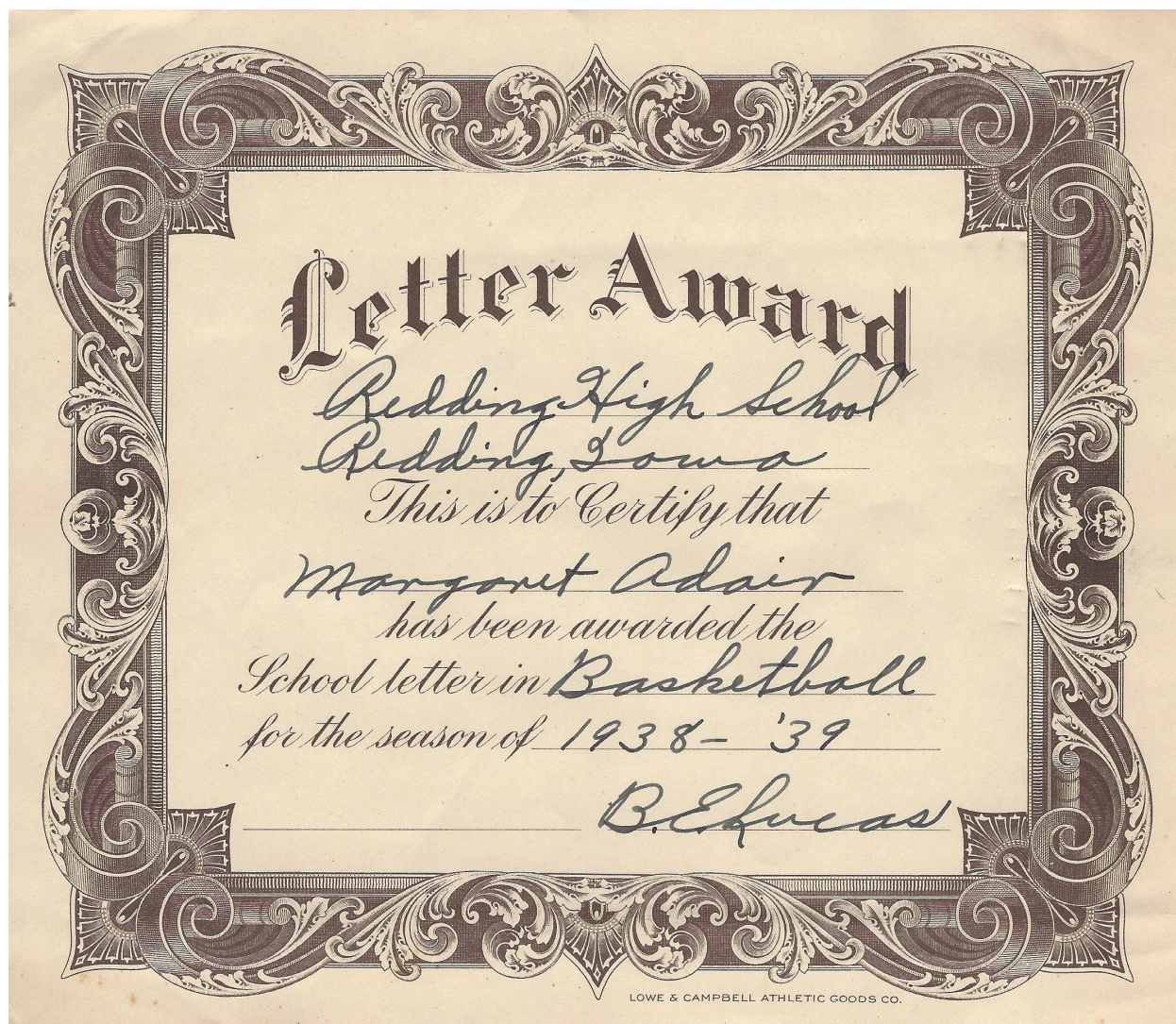


1935 Champion Speller

At age 15, Margaret had a sketch printed in the News-Press Boys and Girls Page in St. Joseph, Missouri.



The Redding newspapers had a Local News and Personal Items mentioning everyone there. Margaret was included several times making 100 in spelling with her sisters.



School letter in basketball 1938-1939.

In The Senior Class (1939) of Redding High School, Margaret was "Mrs. Fanny Farnham" in their play *Here Comes Charlie*.

The Senior Class
OF
Redding High School
will present their annual play
Here Comes Charlie
AT
Redding School Gymnasium
Eight O'clock P. M.
Friday--Saturday
April 28-29

**THERE WILL BE TWO HOURS AND FIFTFEN MINUTES OF
LAUGHTER, THRILLS, EXCITEMENT AND TOUCHES OF
PATHOS IN THIS THREE ACT FARCE COMEDY**

C H A R A C T E R S

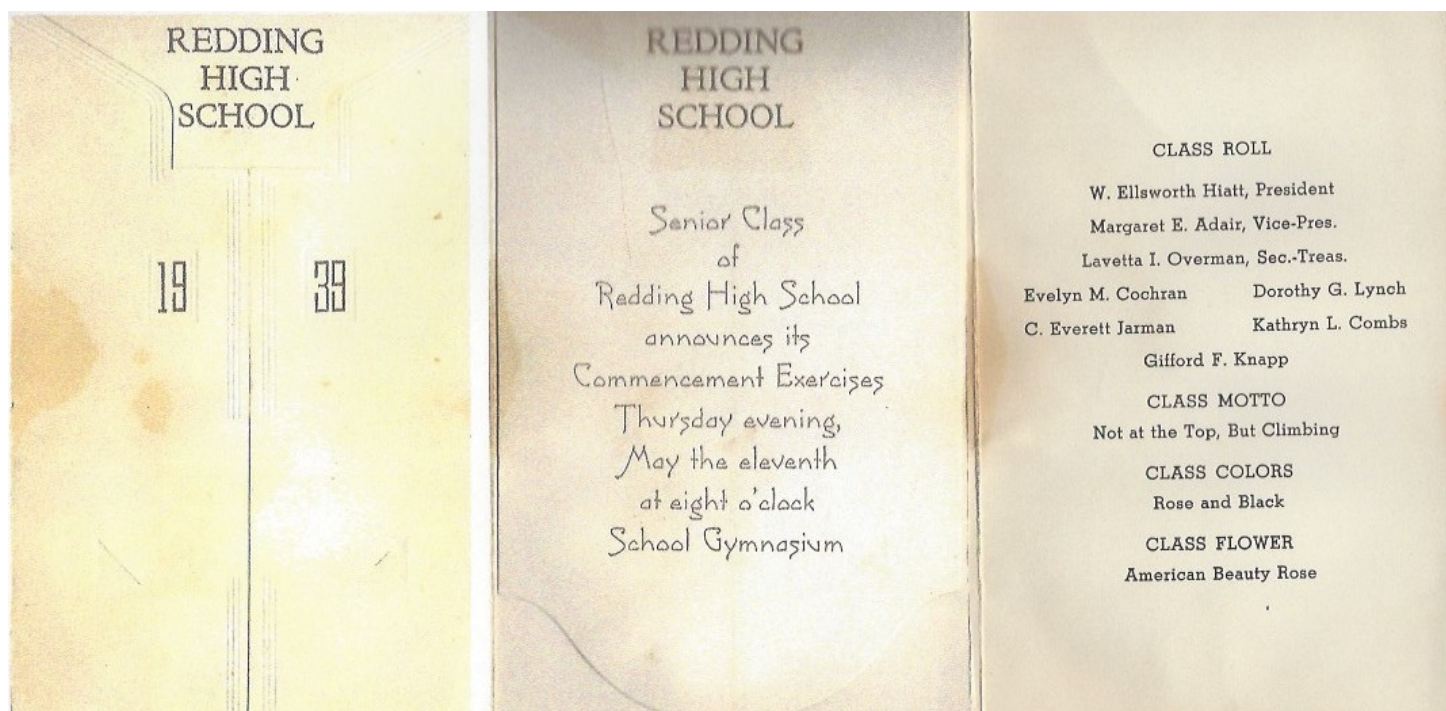
NORA MALONE.....	Cook at the Elliott Home	----KATHRYNE COMBS
OFFICER TIM McGRILL.....	Nora's Sweetheart	----BILL MILLER
MRS. FANNY FARNHAM.....	Larry's Aunt by Marriage	----MARGARET ADAIR
LARRY ELLIOTT.....	A Young Business Man	----JUNIOR HIATT
TED HARTLEY.....	Larry's College Pal	----GIFFORD KNAPP
VIVIAN SMYTHE-KERSEY.....	Larry's Fiancee	----LAVETTA OVERMAN
UNCLE ALECK TWIGGS.....	In Charge of Charlie	----EVERETT JARMAN
CHARLIE HOPPS.....	Larry's Ward	----DOROTHY LYNCH
MRS. CAROLINE SMYTHE-KERSEY.....	Vivian's Mother	----EVELYN COCHRAN
MORTIMER SMYTHE-KERSEY.....	Vivian's Brother	----CARLYLE MILLER

Admission, 10 and 20c.

Here is the entire Class of 1939 in Redding, Iowa.



Mrs. Geiger, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Meredith, Miss Barnes, Kathryn Combs, Margaret Adair, Dorothy Lynch, Evelyn Cochran, Lavetta Overman, Junior Hiatt, Everett Jarman, Clifford Knapp



After high school, Margaret attended Capital City Community College (CCCC) business school in Des Moines, Iowa. She found time for basketball.



Margaret worked for *Look Magazine* in Des Moines upon graduation.

STATE OF IOWA
OPERATOR'S LICENSE
Expires
July 5, 1943

1941
1943

LICENSE
NUMBER

714070

Margaret Elaine Adair

FIRST MIDDLE OR MAIDEN LAST

Right Thumb Print

1" x 1 1/4" Photograph

Street No.
or Rural Rt.

City or
Town **REDDING IOWA**

DATE OF BIRTH 6/1/21	SEX F	COLOR OF EYES Blue	HEIGHT FT. IN. 5 4	RACE White
DATE OF THIS APPLICATION 6/23/41	WEIGHT 120	COLOR OF HAIR Lt. Br.	OCCUPATION Stenographer	

USUAL SIGNATURE → *Margaret E. Adair*
(Usual signature)

I hereby certify that all statements on this application are true

Above person is hereby licensed to operate a motor vehicle subject to restrictions hereon.

Harold J. Fisher
Commissioner of Public Safety

714070

RENEWAL STUB FOR USE IN 1943

I hereby apply for renewal of my 1941-1943 Drivers License by the paragraph below marked with an (X).

CHECK ONE

☒ I attach completed renewal application form, showing my CORRECTED address, description, occupation or name.

OR

☐ I certify that my present address, description, occupation and name are as shown on my 1941-43 Drivers License.

_____ 1943
Date

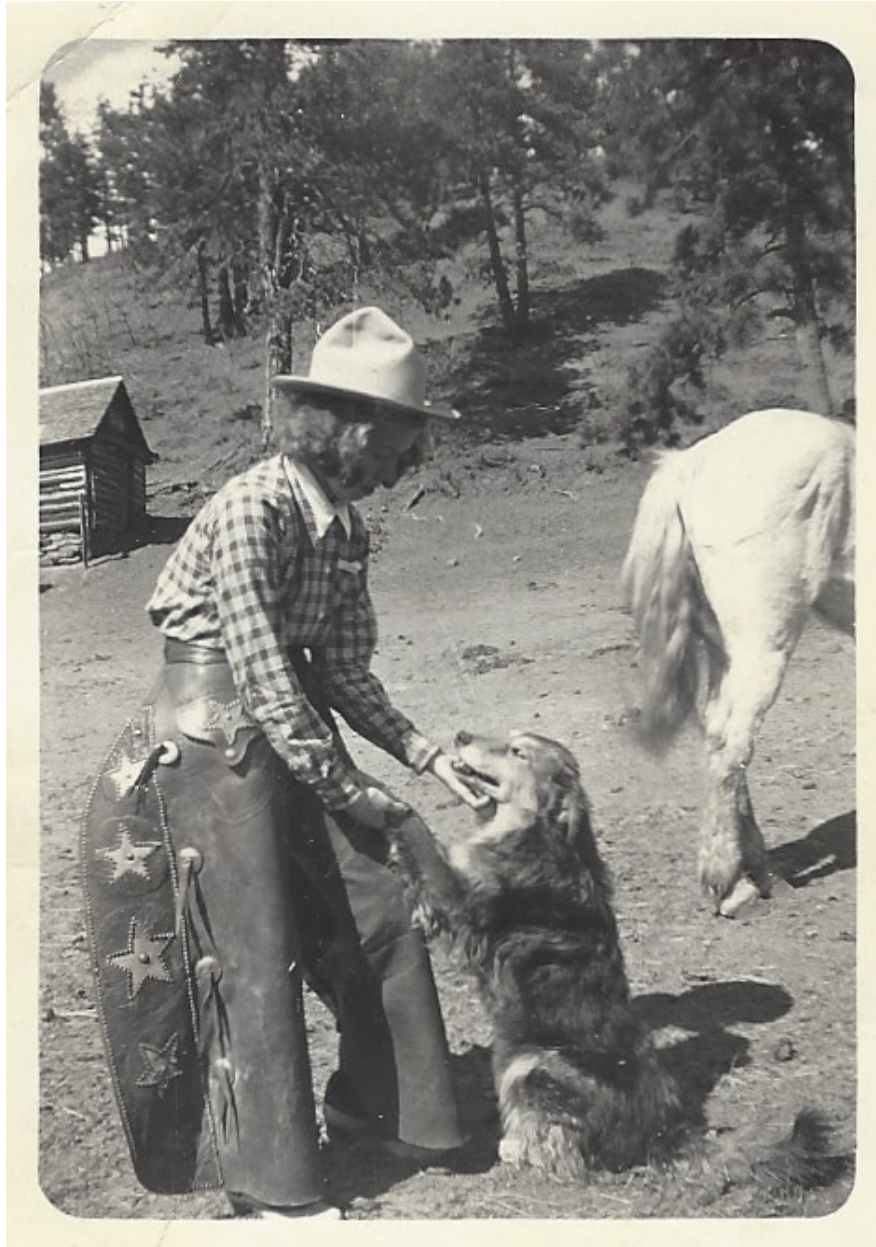
_____ Usual Signature

Present either the (stub, application form and fee) or the (stub and fee) to the State Department of Public Safety's local representative, or mail to the Drivers License Renewal, Post Office Box 1437, Des Moines.

She received her Iowa Operator's License to drive on June 23, 1941.

In 1942 Margaret and her friend Erna Carnot took a trip to Colorado riding horses. You may see photo album here.³

Here is 1 photo of Margaret with dog Goldie and her horse.



³ <https://flic.kr/s/aHskYMJvMT>

Later Margaret moved to Maywood, Illinois living with her uncle Dewey. As part of the war effort, the government encouraged its citizens to plant “Victory Gardens” to provide their own fruits and vegetables. Here is Margaret in May 1944. Photo is labelled *Maywood victory gardeners*. Margaret on left, Leona Beck on right.



Here is another photo album revealing more friends and adventures⁴.

She was maid of honor for Leona Beck at her wedding October 2, 1945 in Maywood.



⁴ <https://flic.kr/s/aHskXeSYEA>

Margaret met Marvin Kruse at a square dance. They married on August 31, 1946 in Maywood, Illinois.

Front row- Dorothy, Margaret, Marvin, Wilbur Kruse and wife Lois behind him at edge

Second row- Mary and Earl Adair (Margaret's parents), Tillie and Pops Kruse

Third row- William Kruse, Lois Kruse

Fourth row- Sophia Seegers Kruse (wife of William), Rudy Kruse, John Adair

Fifth row- Alice Adair, Maggie Miller Adair, John Wesley (JW) Adair

Top right- Dewey Adair and his wife Margaret in front of him and Clyde Adair at far right


Unknown- Three unknowns at back in the center, but one may be Margaret's good friend, Leonta Beck with her husband John Newton



Gentleman at far left is Marvin's grandfather, William Kruse. Between him and Margaret is her sister, Dorothy.





that Mrs. Marvin C. Kruse
 of Des Plaines, Ill.
 and Miss Margaret E. Adair
 of Maywood, Ill.
 were by  me united

in Marriage

according to the Ordinance of God and the
 Laws of the State of Illinois
 at Maywood on the 31st
 day of August in the year of Our Lord,
 One Thousand Nine Hundred and forty six.

"What therefore God hath joined Monson C. Galloway
 together, let not man put asunder" Minister Methodist Church

Witnesses { Ruthy Adair
Wilbur W. Kruse

Marvin and Margaret purchased a house at 2051 Emerson Ave., Melrose Park, Illinois. Since Marvin worked nearby at International Harvester, this home was perfect.⁵ All four children lived here, too.

Homes Near Former Buick Plant



Some of the 50 homes under construction northeast of the International Harvester company plant at Mannheim rd. and North av. Sixty-five more will be built in the spring.

**Open New Homes Project
in Harvester Plant Area**

Formal opening of a three-quarters of a million dollar 40 acre home project in the unincorporated area between Franklin Park and Melrose Park was announced yesterday by Charles G. Reskin, president of Hawthorne Home Development Company, Inc. Of the first 50 homes started, many are completed. Work will begin on 65 more units early in the spring, Reskin said.

The new development was laid out many years ago as Leyden Gardens. The land is bounded on the north by Fullerton av., on the west by Scott av., by Armitage av. on the south, and by Ruby st. on the east. It is half a mile east of Mannheim rd. and is northeast of the International Harvester company's plant at North av. and Mannheim rd.

Homes Priced at \$7,500

The homes, for veterans primarily, have a living room-dinette, kitchen, utility room, two bedrooms and bath. There is no basement. A gas fired forced warm air furnace is in the utility room.

Started under the federal priority system, before restrictions were removed, the homes are to be sold at \$7,500 each. Down payments will be \$500. Financing will be under the G. I. plan thru the Central National bank in Chicago. Mortgages will be for 20 years, at 4 per cent, with monthly payments of \$42.42, including principal and interest. Prices have been approved by the veterans' administration and the federal housing administration, Reskin said.

Plan School Near Site

The first 50 homes are on both sides of Hawthorne av., between Armitage and Fullerton on lots 60 by 186 feet. A new grade school has been authorized for erection at Lyndale st. and Scott av., adjoining the development, Reskin said. Work is scheduled to start March 1 for fall occupancy.

The Hawthorne Home Development company has an office at North av. and Wolf rd., a mile west of Mannheim. Its loop office is at 176 W. Adams st.

⁵ See more details about the house: <https://adair.family/blog/kruse-seegers/216-paperwork-for-building-2051-emerson-history-of-house.html>

Thomas was born August 23, 1947.

Linda was born February 7, 1949.

Richard was born October 7, 1953.

Nancy was born November 3, 1956.

Marvin and Margaret became members of the Resurrection Lutheran Church of Franklin Park, Illinois and brought all the children with them.

RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH
Franklin Park, Illinois

Samuel L. Besecker, Pastor

Mrs. S. Besecker, Organist & Choir Director

Mrs. Lucille McIntosh, Choir Accompanist

HOLY COMMUNION

11:00 A.M.

Silent Prayer
Organ Prelude - "Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring" - Bach
Hymn - "From all that Dwell Below the Skies" - 293
(Congregation standing)
Invocation - "In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."
Response: "Amen"
Confessional Service Page 241
The Introit Page 106
Gloria Patri Page 10
The Collect Page 106
THE EPISTLE Ephesians 3:13 - 21
Response: Sentence for Trinity Season - p. 49
Announcement of Gospel
Response: "Glory be to Thee, O Lord" page 16
THE GOSPEL Luke 7: 11 - 17
Response: "Praise be to Thee, O Christ" - 16
THE NICENE CREED Page 16
Reception of New Members
Hymn - "O Love that wilt not let me go" - 348
MEDITATION
The Offertory Page 18
The Offering
Organ Offertory
Anthem - "Communion Hymn" - Duano
THE PRAYER
Hymn - "Be still, my soul" - 161
THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION Page 21
THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT
The Nunc Dimittis Page 26
THE BENEDICTION
Response: "Amen"
Silent Prayer
Organ Postlude

HOLY COMMUNION

If you are not a member of this Church, but are a member in good standing of some other Church, we invite you to celebrate this Sacrament with us. If you wish a record of your communion sent to your home church, please write the name and address of your church and Pastor on the back of your communion card.

NEW MEMBERS

We are very happy to receive into our fellowship:

Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Kruse, 2051 Emerson, Melrose Park

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Schneider, 2437 Spruce, River Grove

Mr. & Mrs. John Watson, 9964 Schiller Blv'd.

SCHEDULE

Sun. Oct. 2 - 8 P.M. Parish Education meeting in Elmhurst.

Mon. Oct. 3 - 7:30 P.M. Cars leave for leadership school.

8 P.M. Church Council.

Tues. " 4 - 8 P.M. Sunday School Workers meet.

Thurs. " 6 - 7 P.M. Cancer dressing at St. Paul's.

8 P.M. CHOIR PRACTICE.

Fri. & Sat. - Brotherhood Convention at Trinity, Chicago

FATHER & SON BANQUET

Secure your reservations from one of these men of the Brotherhood: William Voth, Charles Sandstrom, Roland Duntzman, Herbert Kness, or the Pastor.

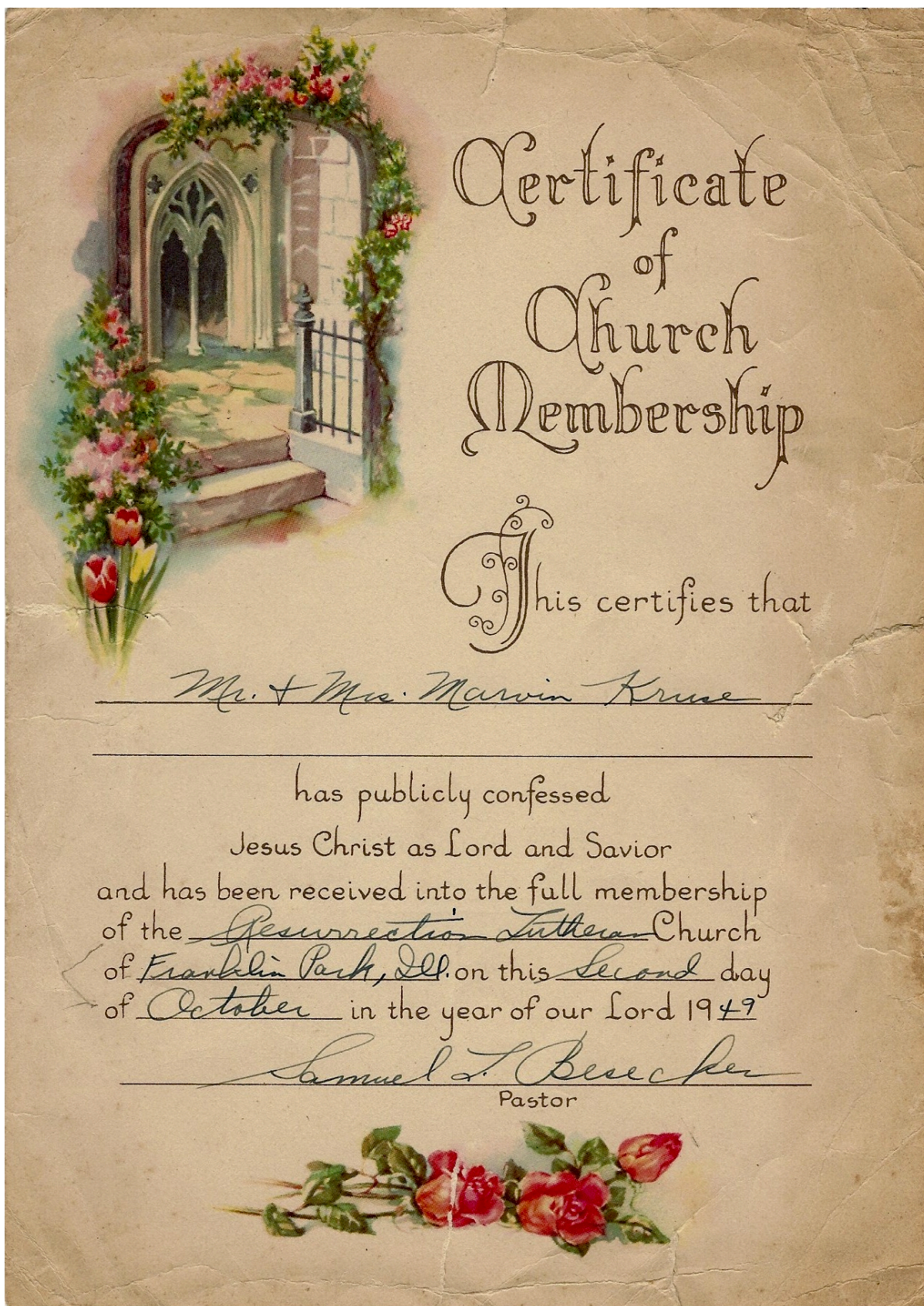
Two short movies, a magician, music, fellowship, and a good meal will be yours Friday, Oct. 14 at 6:30.

CHOIR ELECTIONS OFFICERS

At its monthly meeting last Thursday night the following officers were elected: John Watson, President; Ernest Blomquist, vice-president; Mrs. Olga Blomquist, secretary; Mrs. Marion Burton, treasurer; and Mrs. Helen Christensen, librarian.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKER'S MEETING

Sun. Oct. 2 at 8 P.M. Epiphany Church, Elmhurst. Miss Eleanor Stelzner, Secretary for children's work of the Parish & Church School Board will present the program. Cars will leave the Church here at 7:30 P.M.



Certificate of Church Membership

This certifies that

Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Kruse

has publicly confessed

Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior

and has been received into the full membership
of the Resurrection Lutheran Church
of Franklin Park, Ill. on this Second day
of October in the year of our Lord 1949

Samuel T. Beseker

Pastor

Here is a photo of Margaret, Thomas, and Linda shortly after moving into home at 2051 Emerson looking north.



Pinochle was a favorite card game.

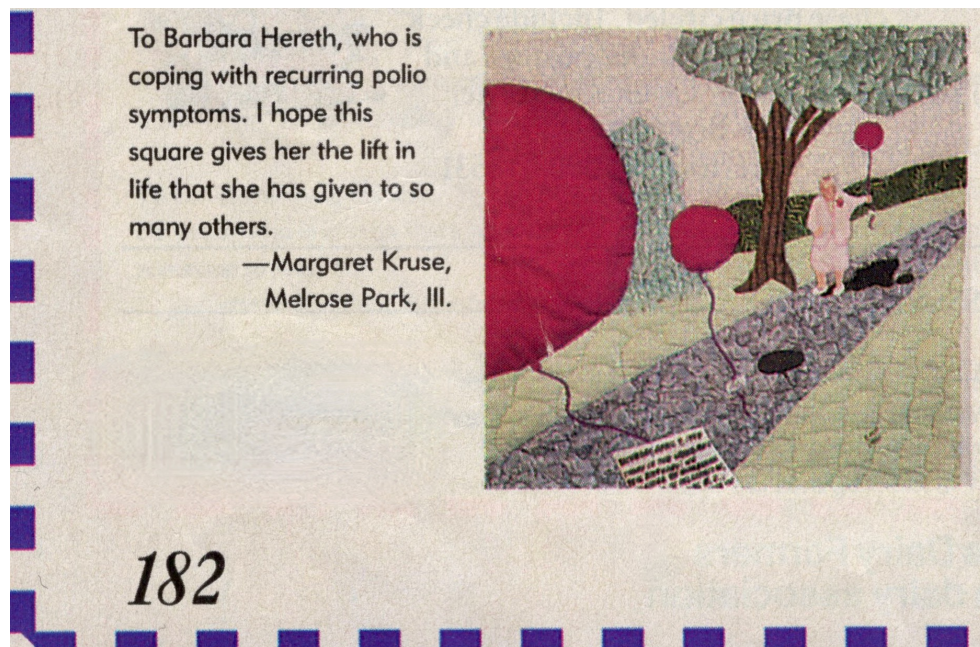
And she obtained her Beauty Operator license.



Continuing her artistry, she sewed and quilted. She quilted a square for the Church display.



There was notice in November 1991 in *McCall's Magazine* of her dedication to a friend.



Another quilt of hers:



Margaret was quite involved with the church encouraging all to attend on Sundays.

Margaret loved caring for all her children. She enjoyed shopping, sewing, and cooking showing skills to her family. And Margaret certainly loved garage sales.

Her parents came to live with the family and took jobs around the corner. They lived in the attic complete with pull-down ladder. The home only had 1 bathroom for 8 householders!

Iris flowers and rainbows were predominant in her life. On her 80th birthday, Richard and wife Natalie hosted the party. See more photos here.⁶



⁶ <https://flic.kr/s/aHsm4MndaQ>

During her life here, she maintained her beauty operator's license while raising her four children, Tom, Linda, Rich and Nancy.



Here is a four generation photo taken with Tom's parents, all grandparents, and 4 great-grandparents.

Back row: Earl Adair, Mary Bailey Adair, Marvin Kruse, Rudolph Kruse, Tillie Rateike Kruse

Front row: John Adair, Maggie Miller Adair, Margaret Adair Kruse (holding Thomas Kruse), William Kruse, Sophia Seegers Kruse



A special love was her grandchildren. There were six.



Richard with Marvin and Margaret and Linda, Alicia, Troy and Ashley



Eric, Nancy, Jason, Margaret, Kristin



Marvin, Linda, Margaret, Nancy, Thomas, Richard

Margaret enjoyed a successful career working at Sears and received Certificates of Appreciation in 1971 and 1972, and Customer Satisfaction Award in 1974. She retired from Sears in 1981 after 15 years of service.

Here are photos of her and siblings.

1930





Alice, Dorothy, Margaret
Grandma Marshall, John

1937



Adairs: back row - Margaret, Dorothy, Alice front row - Earl, Mary, Margaret Jane (Maggie), John Wesley, John

1942



1968



1977



1996



Margaret, Dorothy, Alice, John
at Margaret & Mervin's 50th ann. 1996