

Christ Episcopal Church Cemetery Inventory

State and Water Streets, Dover DE 19903

Lot Number: 110 Space: I (old G-143)

Find A Grave # 263787330

Name: **Osborne, (Alice) Margaret Webb**

Birth date: July 4, 1926 Death date: February 4, 2024 Burial Date: February 9, 2024 Age: 97
b. Milford, DE

Spouse: Robert Earle Osborne Jr. (1919-2008); m. May 31, 1952

Children: Jean *Osborne* Simons (Illinois); Leslie *Osborne* McKernan (Texas)

Parents: Lucius Webb and Alice *Robbins* Webb

Siblings: Kathryn Webb; Mary Orpha Webb; L. "Bob" Robbins Webb

Residence: Dover, DE

Cause of death/Burial/Obituary: Cremains; Obituary - see page 3

Service/occupation information: teacher, community leader

Officiate: Rev. Dennis Lloyd

Lot Owner: Robert E. Osborne G, H, I, J

Inscription:

Margaret Webb Osborne
July 4, 1926
February 4, 2024

DIMENSIONS: H 6" x W 25" x D 12"

STYLE: headstone

No repairs needed



Inventory date: April 29, 2020 Recorder: Ellen Richardson

Marriage announcement and certificate, May, 1952. Retrieved from ancestry.com on January 26, 2021

Plans Completed For Alice Webb's Wedding May 31

She Will Become Bride
Of R. E. Osborne, Jr.,
In Milford
NewsJ.Sat.5.17.1952

Special to the Journal-Every Evening

MILFORD, Del., May 17.—Plans have been completed for the wedding of Miss Alice Margaret Webb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lucius C. Webb, Milford, to Mr. Robert E. Osborne, Jr., Dover, son of Mrs. Robert E. Osborne of Penns Grove, N. J., and the late Mr. Osborne, which will take place at the Avenue Methodist Church, Milford, on Saturday, May 31, at 3 p. m.

The Rev. Roy L. Tawes will perform the double ring ceremony. Mrs. Harry Clark of Frederica will be organist and Mrs. Frank You, Milford, will be soloist.

Mrs. Owen J. Saunders of Wyoming will serve as matron of honor for the bride. Bridesmaids are Miss Kathryn Webb of Philadelphia, Miss Orpha Webb, Milford, sisters of the bride and Mrs. L. Robbins Webb, Lincoln, sister-in-law. Flower girls will be Miss Connie Webb, Lincoln, niece of the bride and Miss Cindy Gannon, Ambler, Pa., niece of the bridegroom.

Mr. Cleveland N. Hastings, Seaford, will serve as best man for the bridegroom. Ushers will be Mr. L. Robbins Webb, Lincoln, brother of the bride; Mr. Jesse Green, Jr., Penns Grove, N. J.; Mr. William Sutton, Jr., Salem, N. J., and Mr. James LeCompete, Rehoboth Beach.

A reception will be held in the social hall immediately following the ceremony.

Miss Webb, a graduate of Milford High School and University of Delaware, is employed as 4-H Club agent in Kent County. Mr. Osborne, a graduate of Penns Grove High School and the University of Delaware, is assistant chemist, State Board of Agriculture, Dover.

Showers for the bride-to-be have been given by Miss Pearl Cooper and Mrs. Hubbard Patterson; Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, Miss Doris Wilkens, hostess; Kent County 4-H Links, and Dover Capitol Grange.

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE FILE NO. **912**
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
STATE OF DELAWARE
BOARD OF HEALTH

REGISTERED NO. _____

1. PLACE OF MARRIAGE: (A) COUNTY Kent (B) CITY OR TOWN Milford

2. DATE OF MARRIAGE: May 31 1952 A. M. 3PM (C) HUNDRED _____

GROOM

3. FULL NAME Robert Earle Osborne Jr.

4. RESIDENCE: STATE Delaware COUNTY Kent
CITY OR TOWN Dover

5. COLOR OR RACE white

6. AGE LAST BIRTHDAY 32 (Year) BIRTH DATE November 1

7. PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS Single
(Single, widowed, or divorced)

8. NUMBER OF THIS MARRIAGE 1st
(1st, 2d, 3d, etc.)

9. BIRTHPLACE New Jersey
(State or country)

10. USUAL OCCUPATION Chemist, Board of Agriculture

11. INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS _____

12. NAME Robert Earle Osborne Sr.

13. NATIVITY New Jersey
(State or country)

14. NAME Edith M. Osborne

15. NATIVITY Conn.
(State or country)

BRIDE

17. MAIDEN NAME Margaret Webb

18. RESIDENCE: STATE Delaware COUNTY Kent
CITY OR TOWN Milford

19. COLOR OR RACE white

20. AGE LAST BIRTHDAY 26 (Year) BIRTH DATE July 4

21. PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS Single
(Single, widowed, or divorced)

22. NUMBER OF THIS MARRIAGE 1st
(1st, 2d, 3d, etc.)

23. BIRTHPLACE Delaware
(State or country)

24. USUAL OCCUPATION 4-H Club Agent

25. INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS _____

26. NAME Lucius Webb

27. NATIVITY Delaware
(State or country)

28. NAME Alice R. Webb

29. NATIVITY Delaware
(State or country)

30. I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE ANSWERS WERE GIVEN TO ME PERSONALLY, AND ARE TRUE TO MY BEST KNOWLEDGE.
(Signature: Roy L. Tawes) Minister
(Name performing ceremony)

31. RESIDENCE: City, Town or Building Milford County Kent State Delaware
NAME Cleveland Hastings RESIDENCE Seaford, Delaware
Mrs. Loris Saunders Wyoming, Delaware

32. WITH OR WITHOUTER (NOT MORE THAN THREE) _____

FILED 6-4 1952 *(Signature: Mrs. J. Lynn Pratt)* DEPT. NO. 5-Kent CO.

THIS PART TO BE DEPOSITED WITHIN FIVE DAYS FOLLOWING CEREMONY WITH LOCAL REGISTRAR OF DISTRICT IN WHICH MARRIAGE TAKES PLACE.
(Chap. 69, 799 Sec. 56, Laws of Del. Vol. 44, 1948)

MARRIAGE RESERVED FOR RECORD
Write plainly with Unifiling ink.—This is a Permanent Record
N. B.—Every item of information must be carefully supplied. These statements must be given.

She and Bob traveled to Quebec for their honeymoon, and traveled by train later in their lives across Canada from Montreal to Vancouver. Margaret did not like to fly due to an inner ear problem from an issue with an unpressurized plane cabin when she was young. Doris Saunders, who hosted a wedding shower for Margaret was her matron of honor. They have been friends for over 70 years, and still chat with each other every evening. Doris and her husband Owen were lifelong friends of Bob and Margaret, as were Cleve and artist Hasting.

Margaret stayed home with their 2 infant daughters, and taught for a while at the Little School, where their children had attended. She eventually taught Child Care (early childhood development) at the Kent Co. Vocational School before it became Polytech. Her 2 daughters attended school away from home, and both went to Goucher College in Baltimore, MD.

Jean Webb *Osbourne* Simons, who lives in Illinois, has 2 daughters, and Leslie *Osbourne* McKernan of Texas, 4 years younger, has 2 boys. (Leslie and her husband will be buried next to their parents in 110 G + H.)

Margaret told me that their original burial spaces were in lot 55 next to the Richardsons (Lot 66). But in 1965 Henry Horsey insisted that those spaces belonged to him, and the Osbournes had to give them up. So Rev. Mellick Belshaw gave them 5 spaces that had recently been mapped out close to the church near the Caesar Rodney Monument (Lot 110 F-J). Then in the early 2000's Rev. Driss Knickerbocker (who had been an interim priest at Christ Church) asked if he could have space F to put his marker, as there was not enough room in 109 J, where his partner George Brown was already buried. So the Osbournes have ended up with spaces G,H, I, and J in Lot 110.

(Henry Horsey buried his aunt and uncle from Easton, MD in Lot 55, A + B (Heisler and Edith Harrington). That family buried the Harrington's son-in-law, John Mauldin Watkins, in 55 E on April 28, 2021. They intend to bury his wife in D, and her sister in C.)

As Margaret's eyesight began failing, she decided to move from a cottage into assisted living at Westminster in Dover, where she can receive help in daily living and enjoy the company of others. She has not been able to attend Christ Church, where she is a part of the 8:00 service. The COVID-19 virus brought many restrictions. She does listen to services on TV, and attends services at Westminster when there is a chaplain available.

Official Obituary of

Margaret W. Osborne

July 4, 1926 ~ February 4, 2024 (age 97)

2 New Posts



2 Trees, Flowers, or Condolences have been shared with support of Margaret's family - [View on Tribute Wall](#)

Obituary & Services

Tribute Wall

Margaret Osborne Obituary

Margaret Webb Osborne, age 97, of Dover, passed away on February 4, 2024. She was born July 4, 1926, to Lucius C. and Alice Robbins Webb of Milford, Delaware. After graduating Milford High School in 1944, Margaret earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics from the University of Delaware in 1948. She then served for five years as Kent County 4-H Club Agent for the Delaware Agricultural Extension Service. In 1952 she married Robert E. Osborne, Jr. They enjoyed fifty-five years together.

Margaret later taught kindergarten at the Little School, Dover, from 1962 to 1971, where she introduced and taught the Phonovisual Method of reading. From 1971 to 1981, she taught childcare at Kent County Vocational-Technical School (now Poly-Tech), Woodside. During this time, she served on the Advisory Committee to the Department of Home Economics at Delaware State College (now DSU) and on the Governor's Advisory Council for Education of Exceptional Children. After retirement in 1981, Margaret organized the volunteer program for the Dover Blood Bank. She was a member of Master Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, Milford.

Margaret was a member of Christ Episcopal Church, Dover, where she served as President of the Women of Christ Church, member of the Altar Guild, Needlepoint Guild, Sunday school teacher, and youth advisor.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was predeceased by her sisters, Kathryn I. Webb and Orpha W. Ashton (Grover), and brother, L. Robbins Webb, all of Milford.

She is survived by her two daughters, Jean O. Simons (Howard) of Glenview, Illinois, and Leslie O. McKernan (Stephen) of League City, Texas, two grandsons, A. Levi Simons (Stacie) of Los Angeles, California, and Samuel Z. Simons (Erica) of Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin, two granddaughters, Stephanie G. McKernan and Jennifer A. McKernan, both of Houston, Texas, a great-granddaughter, Eva Roseleigh Simons of Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin, a sister-in-law, Kathryn D. Webb of Milford, and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service is scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Friday, February 9, 2024, at Christ Episcopal Church, 523 S. State Street, Dover, DE. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions to the Friends of Historic Christ Church, Dover, c/o Delaware Community Foundation, P. O. Box 1636, Wilmington, Delaware 19899.

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