



## Margery Peterson Lee

February 7, 1931 - June 18, 2025

Margery Peterson Lee, a resident of Gladwyne, PA, passed away peacefully in her home on June 18. She was 94.

Margery was born in Bronxville, NY, to Ralph and Marjorie Peterson and grew up in Shelter Island, NY. She attended Friends Academy in Locust Valley, NY, for her preparatory education and earned her B.A. in History in 1951 from Bryn Mawr College.

Alongside her late husband, B. Herbert Lee, Margery was renowned for her significant contributions to contemporary art. Together, they amassed a remarkable collection of important pieces, which they generously donated to institutions such as the Philadelphia Museum of Art, Woodmere Art Museum, and the Boca Raton Museum of Art.

Margery's career began in educational administration at the Educational Testing Service in Princeton, NJ. She later served as Director of Scholarships at Vassar College and subsequently as Executive Director of the Alumnae Association of Bryn Mawr College, where she held numerous executive and volunteer roles.

She also served as Chairman of the Advisory Board of the Institute of Contemporary Art at the University of Pennsylvania and was an active

volunteer for the Philadelphia Orchestra. Additionally, Mrs. Lee was a past chairman of the board of the Cosmopolitan Club of Philadelphia and a member of the Acorn Club and the Merion Cricket Club.

Margery is survived by her sister, Ruth P. Barton, her step-children Bradford Adams Lee and Barbara Kingsberry Lee, and many beloved nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Her memorial service will be held at the Church of the Redeemer in Bryn Mawr on September 27 at 11:00 AM.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Mrs. Lee's name may be made to the Philadelphia Museum of Art and the Philadelphia Orchestra.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

SEP **27**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Church of The Redeemer  
230 Pennswood Road  
Bryn Mawr, PA

# Tribute Wall

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“ Both Margery and her late husband Brad made artists believe that Art, in general, and their work, in particular, had value and importance. There was no one like them as ever upbeat cheerleaders for my projects - and the more far fetched the better! Our mutual devotion to animals, especially cats, made for many amusing conversations from which paintings often grew! Margery was an ever loyal friend and an irreplaceable inspiration. Eleanor Hubbard

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**Eleanor Hubbard** - September 27, 2025 at 10:49 AM

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“ We at the Institute of Contemporary Art remember Margery Peterson Lee with deep gratitude for her visionary leadership and support. In her honor, Suzanne Delehanty has made a gift to ICA, a heartfelt tribute to her lasting impact on the arts in Philadelphia.

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**Caroline** - September 03, 2025 at 01:10 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Margery & Brad



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**BARBARA LEE** - June 30, 2025 at 11:25 AM

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*Dearest Margery and Brad, it was such a pleasure to know you and spend time together when you were in Delray Beach. John and I both enjoyed our phone calls and email chats. It was heartwarming to have a true family connection with blood relatives. You both meant so much to us. We wish we had known sooner. All our love, John, Carol, and Scratch*

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**John E Lee IV and Carol Fifer** - November 26, 2025 at 11:19 AM