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Harry S Truman National Historic Site Remembers Margaret Truman Daniel

Margaret Truman Daniel, daughter of former President Harry S Truman and First Lady Bess Truman, passed away on January 29, 2008 after a brief illness. She was 83 years old.

Mary Margaret Truman was born during a snowstorm on February 17, 1924 at home at 219 N. Delaware Street in Independence, Missouri. That happy event was one of the most important of her father's life. Margie, as she was called, lived in the home with her parents and her mother's extended family. As a child, Mrs. Daniel enjoyed playing in the large yard and the basement of the house with her friends. Sundays were spent traveling with her parents to the Truman family farm in Grandview, Missouri for the midday meal with her paternal grandmother and aunt.

After her father's election to the U.S. Senate in 1934, Mrs. Daniel regularly returned to the family home in Independence with her parents during congressional recesses and to attend school for fall semesters at Independence public schools. As an adult, she frequently visited Mr. and Mrs. Truman here during the Truman presidency and after they left the White House.

Harry S Truman National Historic Site, which presently includes the home at 219 N. Delaware Street in Independence and the Truman Farm in Grandview, was established in 1983 and was opened to the public in 1984. Mrs. Daniel's contributions and memories have been invaluable in enabling the National Park Service to learn about the private lives of the Truman family and their association with the community of Independence, so that we can properly interpret the lives of the Trumans and furnish and preserve the homes in which they lived. We are grateful for her support.

The staff and volunteers of Harry S Truman National Historic Site and the National Park Service extend their heartfelt condolences to the Daniel family.

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The mission of Harry S Truman National Historic Site is to interpret the broad life experience of President Truman encompassed in the National Park Service resources in Independence and Grandview and to preserve those resources which tell his life story. The park seeks to educate present and future generations about Truman, his role as a citizen and his influence on history. Guided tours of the Truman Home are available between 9:00 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. The home is closed on Mondays from Labor Day to Memorial Day (September through May). There currently are no plans to open the second floor of 219 N. Delaware to public tours. For further information, please visit our website at www.nps.gov/hstr.

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