

# MARGARET DORN

JUNE 10, 1949 (DENTON, TX) –  
JANUARY 30, 2024 (NEW YORK, NY)

Margaret Dorn was a New York City based award-winning singer, songwriter, piano player, arranger and producer whose work includes records, movie soundtracks, commercials, industrials, theater, nightclubs and the concert stage.

“I grew up in a musical family. My mother was a singer and my father a composer. I started at a young age playing the piano and the church organ. I played the flute in marching bands while in school. As a senior in high-school, I played Helen Keller in *THE MIRACLE WORKER*.

My sister Ami Dorn reminded me that I received the award for most talented senior that year. Ami also reminded me that I accompanied her when she was practicing French horn concertos and that I ran a tight rehearsal ship. I would never let Ami go back and do a part again when she made a mistake. I always said ‘Don’t Stop’. One year, our band director needed someone to play the double-bass part which was vacant. He asked me to learn the instrument. And I did as I could already read the bass cleft. All you could see of me was my hand up on the neck of the instrument. I was so small.

My sister Karen Dorn, who resides in London, came to see me when I toured as one of the soloists with *The Manhattan Transfer*. Prior to that, Karen came to see me in London when I acted in Joe Papp’s *Shakespeare in the Park*. Karen reminded me that getting my baby grand piano to the fifth floor of my apartment building was quite an adventure. The movers used a crane to lift the piano all the way up before pulling it into the living room through the window. I was born nearly seven years after Karen. She has fond memories of me as a toddler playing beside a flowerbed of irises in the back garden of our house in Texas. This might explain my love for plants and flowers. I keep quite a lot of them in my apartment...”



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## IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE OF MARGARET DORN



*June 10, 1949 - January 30, 2024*

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK**

OCTOBER 24, 2024

PRELUDE "Air on the G String" J. S. Bach

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN 275 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" EIN' FESTE BURG  
*Please stand in body or spirit.*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

READINGS

Psalm 139:1-6

Isaiah 11:6-9

Romans 8:31-35, 37-39

Psalm 23 (KJV)

SOLO "Clair de Lune" Claude Debussy

REMEMBERANCES

**Jean Blair**

**Emily Bindiger**

**Rosie Vallese**

**Millie Whiteside**

**Deborah Berg McCarthy**

**Janie Barnett**

**Jay Elle aka Jean Louis**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name,**

**thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our debts,**

**as we forgive our debtors;**

**and lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power,**

**and the glory, forever. Amen.**

HYMN 465 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" CONVERSE  
*Please stand in body or spirit.*

COMMENDATION

BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE "Hallelujah, from Messiah" George Friederic Handel  
Hallelujah: for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. The kingdom of this world is  
become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and  
ever. King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.

-Revelation 19:6; 11:15, 19:16

POSTLUDE "Marche Triomphale, Op. 65, No 59" Sigfrid Karg-Elert

*A reception will be held in the Parlor, which can be found  
on the second floor of the 12th Street building.*

PARTICIPANTS

Rev. Dr. Barbara Davis

*Executive Minister*

Michael Shake

*Organist*

Robbie Kondor

*Pianist*

Members of the First Church Choir