

for Margaret Berry
(by Peggy Mueller, May 2017)

When I think of Margaret Berry, I think of this quote from Maya Angelou: "At the end of the day people won't remember what you said or did, they will always remember how you made them feel."

Margaret always made me feel special - like she really knew me and was proud of me. I was lucky enough to be given several opportunities to hear her speak about campus history and her life on campus: a seminar class for UT's Human Resources which had to be extended to a second session because we asked so many questions and enjoyed her lively presentation; a talk for Littlefield Residence Hall alumni and residents at a reunion; at the dedication of the Student Activities Building atrium, named for her. I always stayed longer for just another minute with this lovely woman and jolly friend; the twinkle in her eyes drew me to her.

When I told Margaret later on that I had been asked to speak for the same Littlefield alumni reunion a few years later, she said, "I'm proud of you; you'll be good."

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Actually I did remember quite a bit of what Margaret said because I led tours of the UT Libraries and campus during new librarian orientations, professional recruitment and other gigs. Every word that came out of my mouth probably came from either Margaret or Jim Nicar.

Margaret gave me the gift of her friendship. I know it is true for so many people Margaret touched and loved. We miss you, Margaret.