

Margaret (Marge) Madeline Borglum's history (born Hoss)

Marge grew up in Rochester NY, attended all-girls Nazareth Academy High School. Wore black uniforms with white collars and cuffs and taught by nuns in long black dresses.

Attended Cornell University as freshman & sophomore years majoring in German and Spanish.

Cruised to Southampton on the Queen Mary in August 1947 with a group of 40 college students to spend Junior year abroad at the University of Zurich Switzerland.

Visited Italy, France, Luxemburg, Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Denmark.

Attended the first Winter Olympics after WWII in St Moritz Switzerland.

Spent the summer of 1947 at the University of Heidelberg Germany on a US scholarship as the first students after WWII to encourage friendship between German and American students.

Returned to Cornell University in 1949

Married Carsten Borglum in 1950.

First job was with Ritter Dental Co in Rochester as a German translator for the engineering department.

Second job was as secretary to a Professor of Pharmacology at the University of Rochester School of Medicine & Dentistry. Department was doing independent testing of chlorophyll for use in Colgate toothpaste.

Left job pregnant to start and raise family in Webster NY. First pregnancy miscarried very early. First son born 1951. Worked part time in the Hoss German Sausage Shop owned by her parents. After her father died, family moved one mile to her parent's 40 acre property at 735 Webster Road to live with her mother. Eventually had 6 children.

Family summer vacations were in travel trailer camping from Maine to Florida. Then bought a summer house at Big Moose Lake in the Adirondacks which they kept for 4 years.

After the death of her mother, they sold the Sausage Shop and moved to Utica for 2 years before moving again to Fern Park Florida.

Bought a Bresslers Ice Cream franchise where she learned cake making and decorating. Children worked there when not in school. Sold the business and then she took a part time job as a tour-guide-translator for a travel agency wherein she met German tourist tours at their cruise ship or hotel and escorted them to Disney World, the Space Center, etc. This developed into a travel agent job for many years, taking advantage of travel agent discounts, eventually travelling to 40 countries.

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