

Maggie Daley hailed as Chicago's 'Mother Superior'

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Margaret Daley, always known as "Maggie," died Thanksgiving Day and was buried Monday after a packed funeral Mass at Old St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Chicago. She was very much a behind-the-scenes wife to former Mayor Richard M. Daley for almost 40 years. Yet her achievements were many in education, culture and the arts.

Her friendliness and cheerful smile also went a long way to soften the harder image of the mayor, who was invariably the subject of controversy as he held sway over City Hall and the direction of the city itself for 22 years. She taught by the way she lived, said Fr. Jack Wall, longtime friend of the family.

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